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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Johnson Craig A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4939 DIRECTORS PLACE  
(Street)  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/19/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security		or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Code	V (A) (D)				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.42	06/19/2012	D	5,000	(1)	06/09/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.42	06/19/2012	D	25,000	(1)	06/09/2018	Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.16	06/19/2012	D	9,500	(1)	01/01/2019	Common Stock	9,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.16	06/19/2012	D	10,000	(1)	01/01/2019	Common Stock	10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.29	06/19/2012	D	12,500	(1)	01/03/2020	Common Stock	12,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.97	06/19/2012	D	12,500	(1)	01/02/2021	Common Stock	12,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.47	06/19/2012	D	12,500	(1)	01/02/2022	Common Stock	12,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson Craig A 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Craig A. Johnson  
06/20/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) This option was canceled pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 21, 2012, by and among Ardea Biosciences, Inc. ("Ardea"), Zeneca Inc. and QAM Corp. (the "Merger Agreement"), in exchange for a payment in cash, without interest and less the amount of any required tax withholding, equal to the product of: (i) the excess of \$32.00 (the per share merger consideration pursuant to the Merger Agreement) over the exercise price of the option; and (ii) the number of shares of Ardea common stock underlying the option.

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