

POYHONEN JOHN  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
POYHONEN JOHN

(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)  
05/19/2009

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/19/2009		M	5,000 A \$ 5.85	5,000	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2009		S	5,000 D \$ 15.34	0	D	
Common Stock	05/20/2009		M	3,000 A \$ 5.85	3,000	D	
Common Stock	05/20/2009		S	3,000 D \$ 15.0033	0	D	

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 Derivative Security	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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.85	05/19/2009		M	5,000	<u>(1)</u> 06/14/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.85	05/20/2009		M	3,000	<u>(2)</u> 06/14/2017	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ John Poyhonen 05/21/2009

\*\*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) Immediately exercisable, subject to a right of repurchase on behalf of the Issuer that lapsed on January 2, 2008.  
 (2) Immediately exercisable, subject to a right of repurchase on behalf of the Issuer that lapses three years from the grant date.

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