Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE Form 4 May 06, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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Common

Stock

05/06/2011

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A DAVIS STI	g Person <u>*</u>	Symbol		d Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
					ces, Inc./DE [RDEA]	(Chec	ck all applicable	e)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	f Earliest T	Transaction					
4939 DIRECTORS PLACE (Street)			(Month/D 05/06/20	• 1		Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
			4. If Ame	ndment, D	Pate Original					
		Filed(Mor	nth/Day/Yea	ar)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person					
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da	ite 2A. Deei	med	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature o		
Security	(Month/Day/Yea	r) Executio	n Date, if	Transact	ion(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any		Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		

(Instr. 8)

 $F_{\underline{(1)}}$

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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Owned

Following

Reported

19,623

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

(D)

D

Price

27.45

Amount

190

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

D

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAVIS STEPHEN 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

EVP & COO

Signatures

/s/ Stephen
Davis
05/06/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Represents vested shares of restricted stock that were withheld by the Issuer to satisfy the tax liability associated with the 520 shares that vested on May 6, 2011.

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