

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE  
Form 8-K  
April 14, 2009

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 7, 2009  
Ardea Biosciences, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| <b>Delaware</b>                                   | <b>1-33734</b>              | <b>94-3200380</b>                    |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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|---|--------------|
| <b>4939 Directors Place<br/>San Diego, California</b>                     | <b>92121</b> |
| (Address of principal executive offices)                                  | (Zip Code)   |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: <b>(858) 652-6500</b> |              |

**Not applicable.**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(e) On April 7, 2009, our Board of Directors approved our 2009 Executive Bonus Plan, a summary of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Summary Description of Ardea Biosciences, Inc. 2009 Executive Bonus Plan.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**ARDEA BIOSCIENCES, INC.**

Date: April 13, 2009

/s/ JOHN W. BECK  
John W. Beck  
Chief Financial Officer