

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)**

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

<b>4939 Directors Place 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