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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA] **BAKER BROS ADVISORS** (Month/Day/Year) 04/12/2012 LLC 4. Relationship of Reporting (Last) (First) (Middle) 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 667 MADISON AVENUE 21ST (Check all applicable) **FLOOR** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group __X__ 10% Owner _X__ Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person NEW YORK, NYÂ US 10065 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock 0 See footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4)Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security

4. 5. 6. Nature of Indirect
Conversion
Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Warrants	06/17/2009	12/18/2013	Common	0 (1)	\$ 11.14	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BAKER BROS ADVISORS LLC

667 MADISON AVENUE 21ST FLOOR Â X Â X Â

NEW YORK, NYÂ US 10065

Signatures

BAKER BROS. ADVISORS, LLC, Name: Scott L. Lessing, Title: President /s/ Scott L. Lessing

04/24/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

Baker Bros. Advisors, LLC ("the Adviser") serves as the Investment Adviser to Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P. (direct holder of 4,922,226 shares and 147,292 underlying warrants), 14159, L.P. (direct holder of 116,454 shares and 4,023 underlying warrants), 667,

- (1) L.P. (direct holder of 1,646,964 shares and 46,195 underlying warrants), Baker Bros. Investments II, L.P. (direct holder of 65,882 shares and 205 underlying warrants), Baker Bros. Investments, L.P. (direct holder of 60,827 shares), and Baker Tisch Investments, L.P. (direct holder of 99,636 shares and 998 underlying warrants)("the Funds"). In connection with the services provided by the Adviser, the Adviser receives an asset-based management fee that does not confer any pecuniary interest.
- On April 12, 2012 the Adviser, the Funds, and the general partners of the Funds entered into an amended and restated management agreement which gave the Adviser complete and unlimited discretion and authority with respect to the Fund's investments and voting power over investments. The general partners of the Funds relinquished all discretion and authority with respect to the Fund's investments and voting power over investments.
- Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker each may be deemed to control the Adviser and to indirectly beneficially own the shares beneficially owned by it. Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker disclaim beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Felix J. Baker or Julian C. Baker is the beneficial owner of the above referenced securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- The shares over which the Adviser is reporting have already been reported by Felix J. Baker and Julian C. Baker in their own Forms 3 and 4. In the future the Adviser may jointly file Section 16 reports with Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker. Felix J. Baker is a Director of the Issuer.

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Remarks:

For purposes of Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "ExchangeA Comparison of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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