

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE  
Form 8-K  
May 30, 2012

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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):

May 30, 2012

Ardea Biosciences, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-33734

94-3200380

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4939 Directors Place, San Diego, California

92121

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

858-652-6500

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)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On May 30, 2012, Ardea Biosciences, Inc. (the "Company") issued the press release that is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and that is incorporated by reference into this Item announcing that the Company has earned a \$7.5 million milestone payment from Bayer HealthCare under the terms of their April 2009 global license agreement to develop and commercialize the Company's mitogen-activated ERK kinase inhibitor compounds for cancer and other indications.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit Number/ Exhibit Description

99.1/ Press Release dated May 30, 2012.

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**SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Ardea Biosciences, Inc.

*May 30, 2012*

*By: /s/ Christian Waage*

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*Name: Christian Waage*

*Title: General Counsel*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press Release dated May 30, 2012. |