

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2011

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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):

December 19, 2011

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 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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 19, 2011, Ardea Biosciences, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the start of its Phase 3 clinical trials of lesinurad, the Company's product candidate for the treatment of gout. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

The information in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following material is filed as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

| Exhibit Number/Document Description         |
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| 99.1 Press release dated December 19, 2011. |

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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.

*December 19, 2011*

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 December 19, 2011. |