

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE  
Form 8-K  
October 07, 2010

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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): October 1, 2010  
Ardea Biosciences, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**

**1-33734**

**94-3200380**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4939 Directors Place  
San Diego, California**

**92121**  
(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(858) 652-6500**

**N/A**

(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 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.**

On October 1, 2010, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, Stonefield Josephson, Inc. ( Stonefield ), combined its practice with Marcum LLP (the Merger ) and began practicing in California and Hong Kong as MarcumStonefield, a division of Marcum LLP ( MarcumStonefield ). Accordingly, effective October 1 2010, Stonefield effectively resigned as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and MarcumStonefield became the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. This change in the Company's independent registered public accounting firm was approved by the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors on October 1, 2010.

The principal accountant's reports of Stonefield on the financial statements of the Company as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 and through the effective date of the Merger, there were no disagreements with Stonefield on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which if not resolved to Stonefield's satisfaction would have caused it to make reference thereto in connection with its reports on the financial statements for such years. During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 and through October 1, 2010, there were no reportable events of the type described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 and through October 1, 2010, the effective date of the Merger, the Company did not consult with Marcum LLP or MarcumStonefield with respect to any of (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed; (ii) the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements; or (iii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K) or an event of the type described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Company provided Stonefield with a copy of the foregoing disclosure and requested Stonefield to furnish the Company with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with the statements made therein. A copy of such letter, dated October 7, 2010 is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**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:

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| 16.1                  | Letter from Stonefield Josephson, Inc. to Securities and Exchange Commission dated October 7, 2010. |

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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: October 7, 2010

/s/ CHRISTIAN WAAGE  
Christian Waage  
General Counsel

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