

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

Reported by
LAWRENCE DAVID

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Address | 420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD ARDSLEY, NY 10502 |
| Telephone | 914-347-4300 |
| CIK | 0001008848 |
| Symbol | ACOR |
| SIC Code | 2836 - Biological Products, Except Diagnostic Substances |
| Industry | Biotechnology & Drugs |
| Sector | Healthcare |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31 |

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|-------------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| LAWRENCE DAVID | | | ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief of Business Operations | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | |
| | | | 3/4/2015 | | | | | |
| 420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| ARDSLEY, NY 10502 | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 3/4/2015 | | A | | 5573 (1) | A | \$0.00 | 16619 | D | |

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

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$35.74 | 3/4/2015 | | A | | 31577 | | (2) | 3/4/2025 | Common Stock | 31577 | \$0.00 | 31577 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Restricted Shares issued under the Company's 2006 Employee Incentive Plan. The shares will vest 25% every year for four years with vest dates of December 1, 2015, December 1, 2016, December 1, 2017 and December 1, 2018.
- (2) The shares subject to this option vest in equal quarterly installments over four years beginning on January 1, 2015 with the first quarterly installment vesting on April 1, 2015.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LAWRENCE DAVID 420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD ARDSLEY, NY 10502 | | | Chief of Business Operations | |

Signatures

/s/ David Lawrence

3/6/2015

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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