

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

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PANEM SANDRA PHD

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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FORM 4

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

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Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

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)		
PANEM SANDRA PHD			ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC [ACOR]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)		
15 SKYLINE DRIVE			6/22/2009					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
HAWTHORNE, NY 10532						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(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								1630	D	
Common Stock								420846 ⁽¹⁾	I	Cross Atlantic

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Non-Employee Stock Option	\$25.45	6/22/2009		A		10000	9/22/2009 ⁽²⁾	6/22/2019	Common Stock	10000	\$0.00	10000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Includes 369,188 shares beneficially owned by Cross Atlantic Partners IV, K/S and 51,658 shares owned by Nordea Bank Danmark, A/S. Sandra Panem, PhD, is a partner of Cross Atlantic Partners and exercises voting and investment power over these shares. Dr. Panem disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of her pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) The shares subject to this option vest in four equal quarterly installments over 12 months beginning June 22, 2009, with the first quarter fully vesting on September 22, 2009.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PANEM SANDRA PHD 15 SKYLINE DRIVE HAWTHORNE, NY 10532	X			

Signatures

/s/ Sandra Panem

6/23/2009

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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