

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

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SABELLA LAUREN M

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Telephone	914-347-4300
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Symbol	ACOR
SIC Code	2836 - Biological Products, Except Diagnostic Substances
Industry	Biotechnology & Drugs
Sector	Healthcare
Fiscal Year	12/31

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)		
Sabella Lauren M			ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC			____ Director ____ 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			_X_ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)		
15 SKYLINE DRIVE			3/15/2012			Exec. VP-Commercial Dvlpmnt		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
HAWTHORNE, NY 10532						_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ 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	3/15/2012		A		9000 (1)	A	\$ 0	36016	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$26.35	3/15/2012		A		27000		(2)	3/15/2022	Common Stock	27000	\$ 0	27000	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, 2012, December 1, 2013, December 1, 2014, and December 1, 2015.
- (2) The shares subject to this option vest in equal quarterly installments over four years beginning on January 1, 2012 with the first quarterly installment vesting on April 1, 2012.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sabella Lauren M 15 SKYLINE DRIVE HAWTHORNE, NY 10532			Exec. VP-Commercial Dvlpmnt	

Signatures

/s/ Lauren Sabella

3/19/2012

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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