

# ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

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**LAWRENCE DAVID**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD ARDSLEY, NY 10502
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SIC Code	2836 - Biological Products, Except Diagnostic Substances
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) 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)		
<b>LAWRENCE DAVID</b>			<b>ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span>		
<b>420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD</b>			<b>12/7/2012</b>			<b>Chief Financial Officer</b>		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
<b>ARDSLEY, NY 10502</b>						<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	12/7/2012		M		1	(1)	A	\$5.85	17937	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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.85	12/7/2012		M	1	(1)	(2)	3/17/2016	Common Stock	1	(1)	\$0.00	21499	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The reporting person exercised an option for one share, as reported on this form, and paid the exercise price therefor in cash, solely to cover the settlement of the sale of one share, on December 3, 2012, granted under the restricted stock award held by the reporting person, but which share remained subject to restrictions on that date and, therefore, could not be delivered in settlement.
- (2) The shares subject to these options vested in installments and were fully vested on February 10, 2010.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>LAWRENCE DAVID</b> <b>420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD</b> <b>ARDSLEY, NY 10502</b>			<b>Chief Financial Officer</b>	

#### Signatures

/s/ David Lawrence

12/11/2012

\*\* 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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