

# ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

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## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Industry	Biotechnology & Drugs
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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)		
<b>LAWRENCE DAVID</b>			<b>ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC</b>			____ Director                      ____ 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			_X_ Officer (give title below)      ____ Other (specify below)		
<b>15 SKYLINE DRIVE</b>			<b>3/5/2008</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>HAWTHORNE, NY 10532</b>						_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 (1)	3/5/2008		A		12400	A	\$0	16416	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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$19.81	3/5/2008		A		31000 (2)		4/1/2008	3/5/2018	Common Stock	31000	\$19.81	31000	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Restricted Shares issued under the Company's 2006 Employee Incentive Plan.  
(2) The shares subject to these options vest in equal quarterly installments beginning on January 1, 2008.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>LAWRENCE DAVID</b> <b>15 SKYLINE DRIVE</b> <b>HAWTHORNE, NY 10532</b>			<b>Chief Financial Officer</b>	

#### Signatures

/s/ David Lawrence

3/7/2008

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).

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