

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC
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RIDGEBACK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP

FORM 3
(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ridgeback Capital Investments Ltd.	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/3/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC [ACOR]
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 PARK AVENUE, 12TH FLOOR	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10022	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	3328762 (1)	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Wayne Holman and Ridgeback Capital Management LLC ("RCM") do not own any shares of common stock directly. Pursuant to an investment management agreement, RCM maintains investment and voting power with respect to the securities held by Ridgeback Capital Investments Ltd. ("RCI"). Wayne Holman controls RCM. Both Wayne Holman and RCM disclaim beneficial ownership of any of the securities covered by this statement, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ridgeback Capital Investments Ltd. 430 PARK AVENUE				

12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
Holman Wayne George 430 PARK AVENUE 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
Ridgeback Capital Management LLC 430 PARK AVENUE 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		

Signatures

/s/ Bud Holman, Attorney-in-Fact

10/5/2006

** 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 5(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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints, as of the date hereof, Bud Holman, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power of substitution, resubstitution and revocation, for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, including, but not limited to, the undersigned's individual capacity and the undersigned's capacity as a member of each of Ridgeback Capital Investments Ltd., a Cayman limited company ("RCI") and Ridgeback Capital Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("RCM"), to execute all agreements, certificates, forms, instruments, or other documents, and to take any action, necessary to file: (i) beneficial ownership reports on Schedules 13D and 13G and Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto, and including any beneficial ownership reports which may in the future be required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be filed provided that the purpose and form of such reports is substantially similar to Schedules 13D or 13G or Form 3, 4 or 5) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any stock exchange or similar authority, in connection with any equity investments in Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. and (ii) all filings under or pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including but not limited to the filing of any Notification and Report Form required to be filed thereunder and any affidavits and notices or other documents required to be delivered in connection therewith, by the undersigned in his individual capacity and by each of RCI and RCM.

In connection with the appointment of such attorney-in-fact, the undersigned hereby grants unto said attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be requisite, necessary, proper or of benefit to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, thereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact (or attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes), may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his own discretion. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming any of the undersigned's or RCI's or RCM's responsibilities to comply with Section 13 or Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Dated as of: September 27, 2006

/s/ Wayne Holman

Wayne Holman

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that statements on Schedules 13G and/or 13D and Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the shares of common stock of Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. and any amendments thereto signed by each of the undersigned shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The undersigned hereby further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement may be included as an exhibit to such statements or amendments. This Joint Filing Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Dated: As of September 27, 2006

*
Wayne Holman, individually

Ridgeback Capital Investments Ltd.

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By: -----
Name: Wayne Holman
Title: Director

Ridgeback Capital Management LLC

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By: -----
Name: Wayne Holman
Title: Managing Member

*By: /s/ Bud Holman

*Bud Holman, Attorney-in-Fact
Power of attorney filed as an exhibit hereto*