

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Wessel Thomas

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/11/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC [ACOR]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Chief Medical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

15 SKYLINE DRIVE

(Street)

HAWTHORNE, NY 10532

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. 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 ⁽¹⁾

25,000

D

W

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/03/2009	11/03/2018	Common Stock ⁽²⁾	50,000	\$ 21.42	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wessel Thomas 15 SKYLINE DRIVE HAWTHORNE, NY 10532	Â	Â	Â Chief Medical Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ Thomas Wessel 02/12/2009

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Restricted Shares issued under the Company's 2006 Employee Incentive Plan
- (2) Twenty-five percent of the options will vest after the first year and quarterly thereafter for three years.

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