

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 3

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**FORM 3****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer ☐ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Chief Medical Officer6. 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 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 <sup>(1)</sup>

25,000

D

W

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

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required to respond unless the form displays a  
currently valid OMB control number.****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  
ExercisableExpiration  
Date3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or  
Number of4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative  
Security5. 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 <sup>(2)</sup>	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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