ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LAWRENCE DAVID			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC [ACOR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 420 SAW MII	(First) (Middle) MILL RIVER ROAD		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2015	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief of Business Operations		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ARDSLEY, NY 10502				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/18/2015		M	17,527 (1)	A	\$ 6	26,729	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2015		M	21,499 (1)	A	\$ 5.85	48,228	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2015		S	38,506 (1)	D	\$ 40.6206 (2)	9,722	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2015		S	520 (1)	D	\$ 41.06 (3)	9,202	D	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6	12/18/2015		M	17,527 (1)	<u>(4)</u>	02/15/2016	Common Stock	17,527
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.85	12/18/2015		M	21,499 (1)	<u>(5)</u>	03/17/2016	Common Stock	21,499

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAWRENCE DAVID 420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD ARDSLEY, NY 10502

Chief of Business Operations

Signatures

/s/ David Lawrence 12/22/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

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Reporting Owners 2

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Exercise and sales pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan. The exercised options were scheduled to expire in 2016 on the expiration date reported within Table II unless exercised.

- The price reported represents the weighted average sales price of shares sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$40.0400 to (2) \$41.0319 per share. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.
- The price reported represents the weighted average sales price of shares sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$41.0500 to \$41.0700 per share. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.
- (4) The shares subject to these options vested in installments and were fully vested on February 15, 2010.
- (5) The shares subject to these options vested in installments and were fully vested on February 10, 2010.

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