LAWRENCE DAVID

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Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LAWRENCE DAVID

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC [ACOR]

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD

12/07/2012

below) Chief Financial Officer

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

3.

Director

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ARDSLEY, NY 10502

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any

(Month/Day/Year)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Amount (D) Price

5.85

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

12/07/2012

M $1^{(1)}$

17,937

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)

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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. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.85	12/07/2012		M	1 (1)	(2)	03/17/2016	Common Stock	1 (1)	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAWRENCE DAVID 420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD ARDSLEY, NY 10502

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ David
Lawrence

**Signature of Date

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- The reporting person exercised an option for one share, as reported on this form, and paid the exercise price therefor in cash, solely to cover the settlement of the sale of one share, on December 3, 2012, granted under the restricted stock award held by the reporting person, but which share remained subject to restrictions on that date and, therefore, could not be delivered in settlement.
- (2) The shares subject to these options vested in installments and were fully vested on February 10, 2010.

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