

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 01, 2016  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): July 1, 2016

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-50513 (Commission File Number)	13-3831168 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
	420 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, NY (Address of principal executive offices)	10502 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (914) 347-4300

Not Applicable  
Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On July 1, 2016 Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that Burkhard Blank, M.D. has assumed the role of Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the Company, effective immediately. Dr. Blank was appointed as the Company's interim CMO in January 2016, and previously served as CMO for several biopharmaceutical companies, including Boehringer Ingelheim.

Dr. Blank has more than 25 years of industry experience, holding senior leadership positions with responsibility for managing international clinical trial programs, as well as heading regulatory affairs, statistics, drug safety and related departments. As CMO of Boehringer Ingelheim, Dr. Blank oversaw the submission of five New Drug Applications (NDAs) and had direct responsibility for all aspects of presenting at two U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Advisory Committee Meetings; subsequently, all five NDAs received FDA approval.

Dr. Blank has also served as a strategic advisor to several biotechnology companies, leading the submission process for multiple Investigational New Drug Applications (INDs), successfully developing protocols for clinical trial programs, and overseeing communications with regulatory agencies. Dr. Blank received his medical degree from Universitaet Marburg, Germany.

A copy of the press release announcing Dr. Blank's employment as CMO is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated by reference into this Item.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated July 1, 2016

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc.

July 1, 2016 By: /s/ Michael Rogers

Name: Michael Rogers

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated July 1, 2016