ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Blight Andrew

(Last)

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

[ACOR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

09/25/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(First) C/O ACORDA THERAPEUTICS.

(State)

INC., 15 SKYLINE DRIVE

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below) Chief Scientific Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

HAWTHORNE, NY 10532

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

Transactionof

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. I Underlying Securities Der

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 8.5	09/25/2006		A	500	<u>(1)</u>	09/25/2016	Common Stock	500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Blight Andrew C/O ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 15 SKYLINE DRIVE HAWTHORNE, NY 10532

Chief Scientific Officer

Signatures

/s/ Andrew 09/27/2006 Blight

**Signature of Date
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).
- (1) The shares subject to these options vest in four equal, annual installments beginning on September 25, 2007.

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