

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**PHILLIPS BARCLAY A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC  
 [ACOR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/21/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**15 SKYLINE DRIVE**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**HAWTHORNE, NY 10532**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					543,801	I	See Footnote (1)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-employee stock option	\$ 20.16	05/21/2008		A	10,000	08/21/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/21/2018	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PHILLIPS BARCLAY A 15 SKYLINE DRIVE HAWTHORNE, NY 10532		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Barclay Phillips  
Date: 05/23/2008

\*\*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).
  - (1) Includes 407,854 shares held by Vector Later-Stage Equity Fund II (QP), L.P. ("Vector QP") and 135,947 shares held by Vector Later-Stage Equity Fund II, L.P. ("Vector"). According to information provided by Vector QP and Vector, Mr. Phillips could be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares of stock held by Vector QP and Vector. However, Mr. Phillips disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
  - (2) The shares subject to this option vest in four equal quarterly installments over 12 months beginning on May 21, 2008, with the first quarter fully vesting on August 21, 2008.
  - (3) Mr. Phillips is required by contractual agreements governing the limited partnerships (the "Partnerships") with which he is affiliated, to remit any and all compensation received by him, from entities in which the Partnerships are investors, to the Partnerships for benefit of all limited partners.

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