

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FRIEDMAN JOHN H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC, 15 SKYLINE DRIVE

(Street)

HAWTHORNE, NY 10532

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common	02/15/2006		C		719,518	A	<u>1</u>	719,518 <u>(1)</u>	I	See Footnote <u>(2)</u>
Common	02/15/2006		C		76,923	A	<u>1</u>	796,441 <u>(1)</u>	I	See Footnote <u>(2)</u>
Common	02/15/2006		C		76,923	A	<u>1</u>	873,364 <u>(1)</u>	I	See Footnote <u>(3)</u>

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 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
Series J Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	02/15/2006		C	935,374	(1) (1)	Common Stock 719,518 (1)
Series K Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	02/15/2006		C	100,000	(1) (1)	Common Stock 76,923 (1)
Series K Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	02/15/2006		C	100,000	(1) (1)	Common Stock 76,923 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRIEDMAN JOHN H C/O ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC 15 SKYLINE DRIVE HAWTHORNE, NY 10532	X			

Signatures

s/ Michelle Meyers, by power of attorney
Date: 02/17/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) All of the outstanding shares of the Issuer's Series J and K Convertible Preferred Stock automatically converted to Common Stock of the Issuer upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering and had no expiration date.

These shares are held by Easton Hunt Capital Partners, L.P. ("EHCP"). According to information provided by EHCP, Mr. Friedman could be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares of stock held by EHCP. However, Mr. Friedman disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that he is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16.
- (2) These shares are held by Easton Hunt Capital Partners, L.P. ("EHCP"). According to information provided by EHCP, Mr. Friedman could be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares of stock held by EHCP. However, Mr. Friedman disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that he is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16.
- (3) These shares are held by Easton Hunt New York ("EHNY"). According to information provided by EHNY, Mr. Friedman could be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares of stock held by EHNY. However, Mr. Friedman disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that he is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16.

Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24: Power of Attorney

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