

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Carrazana Enrique J.

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)
 15 SKYLINE DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/15/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 ____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Medical Officer

HAWTHORNE, NY 10532

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/15/2012		A	(A) or (D) Amount 8,100 (1) Price \$ 0	33,100	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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.35	03/15/2012		A	24,300	(2) 03/15/2022	Common Stock	24,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Carrazana Enrique J. 15 SKYLINE DRIVE HAWTHORNE, NY 10532	Chief Medical Officer

Signatures

/s/ Enrique J.
Carrazana 03/19/2012

____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) Restricted shares issued under the Company's 2006 Employee Incentive Plan. The shares will vest 25% every year for four years with vest dates of December 1, 2012, December 1, 2013, December 1, 2014, and December 1, 2015.
- (2) The shares subject to this option vest in equal quarterly installments over four years beginning on January 1, 2012 with the first quarterly installment vesting on April 1, 2012.

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