

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Sabella Lauren M                        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC [ACOR]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |         | 01/28/2010                           |  |  |
| 15 SKYLINE DRIVE                          |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| HAWTHORNE,Â NYÂ 10532                     |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | Exec. VP-Commercial Dvlpmnt  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 25,000  | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of  |   |

|   |            |            |                 |                       |          |            |   |
|---|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|---|
|   |            |            |                 | Shares                |          | (I)        |   |
|   |            |            |                 |                       |          | (Instr. 5) |   |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | 01/22/2011 | 01/22/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 50,000 <sup>(2)</sup> | \$ 28.12 | D          | ^ |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Sabella Lauren M<br>15 SKYLINE DRIVE<br>HAWTHORNE, NY 10532 | ^             | ^         | ^ Exec. VP-Commercial Dvlpmnt | ^     |

## Signatures

/s/ Lauren Sabella  
02/02/2010

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 33.3% every year for three years with vest dates of December 1, 2010, December 1, 2011, and December 1, 2012.
- (2) Twenty-five percent of the options will vest after the first year and quarterly thereafter for three years.

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