STRADER CATHERINE D.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STRADER CATHERINE D.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC [ACOR]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

02/17/2018

420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD (Street)

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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

ARDSLEY, NY 10502

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (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 Security Conversion or Exercise (Instr. 3)

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

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and

(Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| | (Instr. 3, and 5) | 4, | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | | | |

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

(A) or

Disposed of

Common

Stock

4.9

Non-Employee \$25.8 02/17/2018 A 4,974 (1) 05/17/2028

Reporting Owners

Price of

Security

Derivative

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| STRADER CATHERINE D. 420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD ARDSLEY, NY 10502 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Catherine D.
Strader

**Signature of Reporting

Date

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 this option vest in four equal quarterly installments over 12 months with the first quarterly installment vesting on 5/17/2018.

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