ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PANEM SANDRA PHD Issuer Symbol ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC (Check all applicable) [ACOR] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 15 SKYLINE DRIVE 02/26/2009 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HAWTHORNE, NY 10532 Person (City) (State) (Zin)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit for Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of		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	02/26/2009		M	1,923	A	\$ 2.6	3,553	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2009		S	1,923	D	\$ 23.7558 (1)	1,630	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2009		S	50,000	D	\$ 23.6291 (2)	420,846 (3)	I	Cross Atlantic

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Common

Stock

1.923 09/18/1999 06/18/2009

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying	7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
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Reporting Owners

\$ 2.6

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PANEM SANDRA PHD 15 SKYLINE DRIVE HAWTHORNE, NY 10532	X					

02/26/2009

Signatures

Non-Employee

Stock Option

/s/ Sandra
Panem

**Signature of Panem
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).
- The price reported represents the weighted average sales price of shares sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$23.72 to (1) \$23.82 per share. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.
- The price reported represents the weighted average sales price of shares sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$23.55 to (2) \$23.81 per share. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.
- Includes 369,188 shares beneficially owned by Cross Atlantic Partners IV, K/S and 51,658 shares owned by Nordea Bank Danmark, A/S.

 (3) Sandra Panem, PhD, is a partner of Cross Atlantic Partners and exercises voting and investment power over these shares. Dr. Panem
- (3) Sandra Panem, PhD, is a partner of Cross Atlantic Partners and exercises voting and investment power over these shares. Dr. Panem disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of her pecuniary interest therein.

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