

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 PANEM SANDRA PHD

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/21/2008

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

C/O CROSS ATLANTIC PARTNERS, INC., 551 MADISON AVENUE, 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,630	D	
Common Stock					495,846	I	Cross Atlantic <sup>(1)</sup>

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-employee stock option	\$ 20.16	05/21/2008		A	10,000	08/21/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/21/2018	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PANEM SANDRA PHD C/O CROSS ATLANTIC PARTNERS, INC., 551 MADISON AVENUE, 7TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Sandra Panem 05/23/2008

\*\*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) 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.
  - (2) The shares subject to this option vest in four equal quarterly installments over 12 months beginning on May 21, 2008, with the first quarter fully vesting on August 21, 2008.
  - (3) Pursuant to a contractual arrangement between the reporting person and Cross Atlantic Partners, Inc., the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of 10,000 shares of these securities.

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