

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *                 |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                     |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  |  |
| <b>Blight Andrew</b>                                      |  | <b>ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC [ ACOR ]</b>                         |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>Chief Scientific Officer</b> |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD</b> |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)<br><b>3/1/2017</b> |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br><b>ARDSLEY, NY 10502</b>                      |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)               |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                      |  |   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|------------|--------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                |                                   | Code                      | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 3/1/2017       |                                   | A                         |   | 2036<br>(1)   | A          | \$0.00 | 78594   | D  |   |

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

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 |          | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|---|----------|---|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |                |                                   | Code                      | V |  | (A)                                     | (D)      | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date |  |  |  |  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)     | \$27.475   | 3/1/2017       |                                   | A                         |   | 5090   | (2)                                     | 3/1/2027 | Common Stock  | 5090            | \$0.00                                     | 5090   | D  |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

( Restricted shares issued under the Issuer's 2015 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. The shares will vest 25% every year for four years with vest dates of  
1) December 1, 2017, December 1, 2018, December 1, 2019 and December 1, 2020.

( The shares subject to this option vest in equal quarterly installments over four years beginning on January 1, 2017 with the first quarterly installment vesting  
2) on April 1, 2017.

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| <b>Blight Andrew</b><br><b>420 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD</b><br><b>ARDSLEY, NY 10502</b> |               |           | <b>Chief Scientific Officer</b> |       |

### Signatures

/s/ Andrew Blight

3/3/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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).

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