

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 07, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 7, 2011

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

000-50513  
(Commission  
File Number)

13-3831168  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

15 Skyline Drive,  
Hawthorne, NY  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

10532  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (914) 347-4300

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 7, 2011, Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey has ruled against it in its patent litigation against Apotex Corporation and Apotex, Inc. The Court held that the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,455,557 covering use of multiparticulate tizanidine compositions are invalid and not infringed by Apotex Corporation and Apotex, Inc. The litigation began in 2007, based on Apotex, Inc.’s submission of an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) seeking marketing approval for generic versions of three dosage strengths of ZANAFLEX CAPSULES® (tizanidine hydrochloride). The Company is evaluating its options, including a potential appeal of the decision. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated by reference into this Item.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description                           |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press Release dated September 7, 2011 |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc.

September 7, 2011

By: /s/ David  
Lawrence  
Name: David  
Lawrence  
Title: Chief  
Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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