

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Ridgeback Capital Investments Ltd. | | | 10/03/2006 | | ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC [ACOR] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 430 PARK AVENUE, 12TH FLOOR | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | |
| NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 3,328,762 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ridgeback Capital Investments Ltd. 430 PARK AVENUE 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Holman Wayne George 430 PARK AVENUE 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Ridgeback Capital Management LLC 430 PARK AVENUE 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

/s/ Bud Holman,
Attorney-in-Fact

10/05/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) Wayne Holman and Ridgeback Capital Management LLC ("RCM") do not own any shares of common stock directly. Pursuant to an investment management agreement, RCM maintains investment and voting power with respect to the securities held by Ridgeback Capital Investments Ltd. ("RCI"). Wayne Holman controls RCM. Both Wayne Holman and RCM disclaim beneficial ownership of any of the securities covered by this statement, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

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