

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC
Form 8-K
March 22, 2010

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): **March 22, 2010**

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

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 22, 2010, Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company) announced that the Company has submitted applications to extend patent protection for AMPYRA (dalfampridine) Extended Release Tablets, 10 mg to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). AMPYRA was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on January 22, 2010 and has seven years of exclusivity in multiple sclerosis (MS) based on orphan drug status, which has been confirmed by the FDA. Acorda has applied to extend two AMPYRA patents listed in the FDA Orange Book based on provisions in the Hatch Waxman Act that allow for up to five additional years of patent protection based on the development timeline of a drug. These patents currently expire on December 6, 2011 and July 30, 2013. If both are granted, the Company will need to select one patent for extension. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference into this item.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 22, 2010

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.

March 22, 2010

By:

/s/ David Lawrence

Name: David Lawrence

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated March 22, 2010 |