ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC Form 8-K April 19, 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): April 19, 2011

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

Delaware 000-50513 13-3831168
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) 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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- o 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 April 19, 2011, Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. issued a press release announcing that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has allowed U.S. Patent Application No. 11/010,828 entitled "Sustained Release Aminopyridine Composition." 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 April 19, 2011

### **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.

/s/ David April 19, 2011 By:

> Lawrence Name: David Lawrence Title: Chief

Financial Officer

## Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated April 19, 2011