

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC
Form SC 13G/A
October 05, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 1)*

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

00484M106

(CUSIP Number)

September 29, 2006

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (Entities Only)

Atlas Master Fund, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ..

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

CO

* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT.

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (Entities Only)

Atlas Global, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ..

(b) ..

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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Atlas Global Investments, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ..

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Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Atlas Global Investments II, Ltd.

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(a) ..

(b) ..

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Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

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0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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Visium Balanced Fund, LP

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(a) ..

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Visium Long Bias Fund, LP

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(a) ..

(b) ..

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

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0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Visium Balanced Offshore Fund, Ltd.

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(a) ..

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

CO

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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Visium Balanced Long Bias Fund, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ..

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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Visium Capital Management, LLC

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(a) ..

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (Entities Only)

Balyasny Asset Management L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ..

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES None (See Item 4)

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None (See Item 4)

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (Entities Only)

Dmitry Balyasny

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ..

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

NUMBER OF **5** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES None (See Item 4)

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY **7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH None (See Item 4)

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None (See Item 4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IN

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Item 1 (a) Name of Issuer:

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company)

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

15 Skyline Drive

Hawthorne, NY 10532

Item 2 (a) (c) This statement is filed on behalf of the following:

(1) Atlas Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands corporation (AMF), with its principal business office at c/o Walkers SPV Limited, Walker House, P.O. Box 908 GT, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies.

(2) Atlas Global, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (AG), with its principal business office at 181 West Madison, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602. AG owns 12.11% of the equity interests in AMF.

(3) Atlas Global Investments, Ltd., a Cayman Islands corporation (AGI1), with its principal business office at c/o Walkers SPV Limited, Walker House, P.O. Box 908 GT, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies. AGI1 owns 80.60% of the equity interests in AMF.

(4) Atlas Global Investments II, Ltd., a Cayman Islands corporation (AGI2), with its principal business office at c/o Walkers SPV Limited, Walker House, P.O. Box 908 GT, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies. AGI2 owns 7.29% of the equity interests in AMF.

(5) Visium Balanced Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (VBF), with its principal business office at c/o Balyasny Asset Management L.P., 650 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

(6) Visium Long Bias Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (VLBF), with its principal business office at c/o Balyasny Asset Management L.P., 650 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

(7) Visium Balanced Fund Offshore, Ltd., a Cayman Islands corporation (VBFO), with its principal business office at c/o Morgan Stanley Fund Services (Cayman) Limited, P.O. Box 2681GT, Century yard, 4th Floor, Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies.

(8) Visium Long Bias Fund Offshore, Ltd., a Cayman Islands corporation (VLBFO), with its principal business office at c/o Morgan Stanley Fund Services (Cayman) Limited, P.O. Box 2681GT, Century yard, 4th Floor, Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies.

(9) Visium Capital Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (VCM), with its principal business office at c/o Balyasny Asset Management L.P., 650 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. VCM is the investment advisor to each of VBF, VLBF, VBFO and VLBFO.

(10) Balyasny Asset Management L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (BAM), with its principal business office at 181 West Madison, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602. BAM is the sole managing member of AG, the investment advisor to each of AG, AGI1 and AGI2 and the investment subadvisor to each of VBF, VLBF, VBFO and VLBFO.

(11) Dmitry Balyasny, a United States citizen whose business address is 181 West Madison, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602. Dmitry Balyasny is the sole managing member of the general partner of BAM.

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 Per Share

(e) CUSIP Number:

00484M106

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not Applicable

Item 4 Ownership:

AMF

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

None

(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

AG

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

None

(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

AGII

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

None

(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

AGI2

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

None

(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

VBF

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

None

(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

VLBF

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

None

(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

VBFO

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

None

(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

VLBFO

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

None

(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

VCM

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

None

(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

BAM

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
None
- (b) Percent of Class:
0.00%
- (c) Number of Shares as to which person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:
None
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:
None
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:
None
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:
None

Dmitry Balyasny

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
None
- (b) Percent of Class:
0.00%
- (c) Number of Shares as to which person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct vote:
None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote:

None

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct disposition of:

None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:

None

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not Applicable

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: October 4, 2006.

ATLAS MASTER FUND, LTD.

By: /s/ Scott Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
Authorized Signatory

VISIUM LONG BIAS FUND, LP

By: /s/ Scott Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
Authorized Signatory

ATLAS GLOBAL, LLC

By: /s/ Scott Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
Authorized Signatory

VISIUM BALANCED FUND OFFSHORE, LTD.

By: /s/ Scott Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
Authorized Signatory

ATLAS GLOBAL INVESTMENTS, LTD.

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BALYASNY ASSET MANAGEMENT L.P.

By: /s/ Scott Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
Authorized Signatory

DMITRY BALYASNY

By: /s/ Scott Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
Authorized Representative and Executive Officer
Managing Director of Finance and General Counsel