

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC  
Form SC 13G/A  
July 17, 2007

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G/A**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 3)\***

**ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

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(Name of Issuer)

**COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**00484M106**

(CUSIP Number)

**July 5, 2007**

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

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

Visium Balanced Fund, LP

**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

**6** SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

430,363 (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

**7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

**8** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

430,363 (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

430,363 (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)**

1.78%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\***

OO

**\* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT.**

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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

Visium Long Bias Fund, LP

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

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

170,066 (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

170,066 (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

170,066 (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)

.70%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

OO

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**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

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Visium Balanced Offshore 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 POWERSHARES None  
**6** SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY 689,755 (See Item 4)

OWNED BY **7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWEREACH None  
**8** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 689,755 (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

689,755 (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)**

2.86 %

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\***

CO

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Visium Long Bias Offshore 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

566,501 (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

**7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

**8** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

566,501 (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

566,501 (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)**

2.35%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\***

CO

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**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

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Visium Capital Management, LLC

**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

**6** SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

600,429 (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

**7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

None

**8** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

600,429 (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

600,429 (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)**

2.49%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\***

OO

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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

Visium Asset Management, LLC

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 1,976,379 (See Item 4)

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None

OWNED BY 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH 1,976,379 (See Item 4)

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING None

PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,976,379 (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)

8.19%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

OO

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**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

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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 (See Item 4)

BENEFICIALLY **6** SHARED VOTING POWER

None

OWNED BY 119,694 (See Item 4)

EACH **7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING (See Item 4)

PERSON **8** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

None

WITH 119,694 (See Item 4)

**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

119,694 (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)**

.05%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\***

CO

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**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

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

Jacob Gottlieb

**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 1,976,379 (See Item 4)

**6** SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None (See Item 4)

OWNED BY

**7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

1,976,379 (See Item 4)

**8** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON

WITH

**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

1,976,379 (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)**

8.19%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\***

IN

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**Item 1** (a) Name of Issuer:

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc

(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) Visium Balanced Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ( VBF ), with its principal business office at c/o Visium Asset Management, LLC, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

(6) Visium Long Bias Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ( VLBF ), with its principal business office at c/o Visium Asset Management, LLC, 950 Third 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies.

(9) Visium Asset Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ( VAM ), with its principal business office at Visium Asset Management, LLC, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. VAM is the investment advisor to each of VBF, VLBF, VBFO and VLBFO.

(10) Visium Capital Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ( VCM ), with its principal business office c/o Visium Asset Management, LLC, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. VCM is the General Partner of VBF and VLBF.

Atlas Master Fund, Ltd., ( AMF ) 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.

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock,

(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:VBFB(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

430,363 shares

(b) Percent of Class:

1.78%

(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:

430,363 shares

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

None

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

430,363 shares

VLBF(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

170,066 shares

(b) Percent of Class:

.70%

(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:

170,066 shares

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

None

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

170,066 shares

VBFO(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

689,755 shares

(b) Percent of Class:

2.86%

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

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

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None

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

689,755 shares

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

None

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

689,755 shares

VLBFO

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

566,501 shares

- (b) Percent of Class:

2.35%

- (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:

566,501 shares

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

None

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

566,501 shares

VAM

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

By virtue of its position as investment advisor to each of VBF, VLBF, VBFO and VLBFO as well as managing an account for AMF, VAM may be deemed to beneficially own the 1,976,379 shares of the Company's Common Stock beneficially owned by VBF, VLBF, VBFO and VLBFO as well as the shares of the Company's Common Stock in the AMF managed account.

- (b) Percent of Class:

8.19%

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

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

1,976,379 shares

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

None

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

1,976,379 shares

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

None

VCM

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

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By virtue of its position as General Partner to each of VBF and VLBF, VCM may be deemed to beneficially own the 600,429 shares of the Company's Common Stock beneficially owned by VBF and VLBF.

(b) Percent of Class:

2.49%

(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:

600,429 shares

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

None

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

600,429 shares

Jacob Gottlieb

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

By virtue of his position as the principal of VAM and the sole managing member of VCM, Dr. Gottlieb may be deemed to beneficially own the 1,976,379 shares of the Company's Common Stock beneficially owned by VAM.

(b) Percent of Class:

8.19%

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

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

1,976,379 shares

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

None

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

1,976,379 shares

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

None

Ownership:

AMF

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

119,694 shares

(b) Percent of Class:

.50%

(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:

119,694 shares

(iii) sole power to dispose or 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: July 5, 2007

**VISIUM ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC**

By: /s/ Mark Gottlieb  
Mark Gottlieb  
Authorized Signatory

**VISIUM LONG BIAS FUND, LP**

By: /s/ Mark Gottlieb  
Mark Gottlieb  
Authorized Signatory

**VISIUM BALANCED FUND, LP**

By: /s/ Mark Gottlieb  
Mark Gottlieb  
Authorized Signatory

**VISIUM BALANCED OFFSHORE FUND, LTD.**

By: /s/ Mark Gottlieb  
Mark Gottlieb  
Authorized Signatory

**VISIUM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC**

By: /s/ Mark Gottlieb  
Mark Gottlieb  
Authorized Signatory

**VISIUM LONG BIAS OFFSHORE FUND, LTD.**

By: /s/ Mark Gottlieb  
Mark Gottlieb  
Authorized Signatory

**JACOB GOTTLIEB**

By: /s/ Mark Gottlieb  
Authorized Signatory

**ATLAS MASTER FUND, LTD.**

By: /s/ Matthew Siclari  
Authorized Signatory