ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC Form 8-K May 20, 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): May 20, 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, 10532
Hawthorne, NY
(Address of principal (Zip Code)

executive offices)

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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- 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 May 20, 2011, Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. ("Acorda") issued a press release announcing that the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicine Agency (EMA) has recommended conditional marketing authorization of FAMPYRA® (prolonged-release fampridine 10 mg tablets) for the improvement of walking in adult patients with multiple sclerosis with walking disability (Expanded Disability Status Scale of 4-7). This oral therapy was developed and is commercialized by Acorda in the United States under the trade name AMPYRA® (dalfampridine) Extended Release Tablets, 10 mg. FAMPYRA is being developed and marketed by Biogen Idec outside the United States under a licensing agreement from Acorda. 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 May 20, 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.

May 20, 2011 By: /s/ Jane Wasman

Name: Jane Wasman

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate

Secretary

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99.1 Press Release dated May 20, 2011