ACORDA THERAPEUTICS INC Form 8-K May 20, 2016

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, 2016

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.)

420 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, NY (Address of principal executive offices) 10502 (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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- 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, 2016, Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it will discontinue development of PLUMIAZTM (diazepam) Nasal Spray, an investigational therapy being studied for the treatment of seizure clusters in people with epilepsy. Data from the ongoing clinical trials do not demonstrate its bioequivalence to Diastat® rectal gel, needed to re-file the New Drug Application (NDA) under section 505(b)(2). Specifically, the data demonstrated unexpectedly lower nasal mucosa absorption of diazepam in persons with epilepsy compared to studies in healthy volunteers. 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, 2016

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, 2016 By: /s/ Michael Rogers

Name: Michael Rogers

Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Press Release dated May 20, 2016