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- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010
OR
 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission File Number 000-50513

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

13-3831168
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

15 Skyline Drive
Hawthorne, New York 10532
(914) 347-4300
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number,
Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes
o No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Outstanding at July 31, 2010
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	38,875,714 shares

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This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements relating to future events and our future performance within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Stockholders are cautioned that such statements involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industry and markets in which we operate and management's beliefs and assumptions. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this report regarding our strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenues, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. The words "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "plans," "projects," "will," "would," expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations disclosed in the forward-looking statements we make. We have included important factors in the cautionary statements included in this report and in the "Risk Factors" section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, that we believe could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements that we make. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures or investments that we may make. We do not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

PART I

Item 1. Financial Statements

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Balance Sheets

	June 30, 2010 (unaudited)	December 31, 2009
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$75,668,846	\$47,314,412
Restricted cash	301,657	301,160
Short-term investments	140,769,863	224,778,023
Trade accounts receivable, net	17,925,573	5,739,013
Prepaid expenses	5,524,663	4,274,625
Finished goods inventory held by the Company	17,858,618	4,497,533
Finished goods inventory held by others	2,156,037	2,394,980
Other current assets	3,574,901	3,980,601
Total current assets	263,780,158	293,280,347
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	2,787,706	1,891,321
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization	22,657,254	17,148,631
Non-current portion of deferred cost of license revenue	6,380,001	6,710,001
Other assets	382,443	440,318
Total assets	\$295,987,562	\$319,470,618
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$7,124,717	\$11,613,434
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	17,351,673	14,975,794
Deferred product revenue—Zanaflex tablets	8,631,675	9,214,742
Deferred product revenue—Zanaflex Capsules	20,534,231	21,489,081
Current portion of deferred license revenue	9,428,571	9,428,571
Current portion of revenue interest liability	6,551,524	6,178,697
Current portion of convertible notes payable	1,144,275	—
Total current liabilities	70,766,666	72,900,319
Non-current portion of deferred license revenue	91,142,856	95,857,142
Put/call liability	318,500	637,500
Non-current portion of revenue interest liability	4,982,260	5,630,862
Non-current portion of convertible notes payable	6,078,761	7,112,027
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value. Authorized 80,000,000 shares at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009; issued and outstanding 38,352,505 and 37,935,075 shares as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively	38,353	37,935
Additional paid-in capital	578,845,193	565,503,101
Accumulated deficit	(456,194,336)	(428,316,881)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	9,309	108,613

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Total stockholders' equity	122,698,519	137,332,768
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$295,987,562	\$319,470,618

See accompanying Unaudited Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(unaudited)

	Three-month period ended June 30, 2010	Three-month period ended June 30, 2009	Six-month period ended June 30, 2010	Six-month period ended June 30, 2009
Revenues:				
Gross product sales	\$ 43,443,024	\$ 14,753,702	\$ 60,696,572	\$ 29,371,645
Less: discounts and allowances	(2,964,594)	(2,204,243)	(4,827,899)	(4,353,108)
Net sales	40,478,430	12,549,459	55,868,673	25,018,537
License revenue	2,357,143	—	4,714,286	—
Total net revenues	42,835,573	12,549,459	60,582,959	25,018,537
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	7,831,972	2,951,489	10,907,918	5,510,426
Research and development	6,595,638	7,867,398	14,657,868	15,784,334
Selling, general and administrative	34,111,818	23,925,585	60,825,506	43,947,289
Total operating expenses	48,539,428	34,744,472	86,391,292	65,242,049
Operating loss	(5,703,855)	(22,195,013)	(25,808,333)	(40,223,512)
Other expense (net):				
Interest and amortization of debt discount expense	(1,194,261)	(1,507,059)	(2,408,330)	(2,999,323)
Interest income	135,171	367,776	339,208	1,164,995
Other income	—	5,365	—	5,365
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	—	—	—	15,400
Total other expense (net)	(1,059,090)	(1,133,918)	(2,069,122)	(1,813,563)
Net loss	\$ (6,762,945)	\$ (23,328,931)	\$ (27,877,455)	\$ (42,037,075)
Net loss per share—basic and diluted	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.62)	\$ (0.73)	\$ (1.12)
Weighted average common shares outstanding used in computing net loss per share—basic and diluted	38,306,305	37,708,252	38,164,385	37,675,753

See accompanying Unaudited Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(unaudited)

	Six-month period ended June 30, 2010	Six-month period ended June 30, 2009
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$(27,877,455)	\$(42,037,075)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Share-based compensation expense	7,770,256	5,702,877
Amortization of net premiums and discounts on short-term investments	2,073,544	1,724,784
Amortization of revenue interest issuance cost	57,875	63,994
Depreciation and amortization expense	1,780,774	1,398,449
(Gain) loss on put/call liability	(319,000)	75,000
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	—	(15,400)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in accounts receivable	(12,186,560)	(708,404)
Increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets	(844,338)	(1,999,998)
(Increase) decrease in inventory held by the Company	(13,361,084)	1,829,776
Decrease in inventory held by others	238,943	97,220
Decrease in non-current portion of deferred cost of license revenue	330,000	—
Decrease in other assets	—	6,369
Decrease in accounts payable, accrued expenses, other current liabilities	(2,018,727)	(210,526)
Increase in revenue interest liability interest payable	560,133	821,293
Increase in non-current portion of deferred license revenue	(4,714,286)	—
(Decrease) increase in deferred product revenue—Zanaflex tablets	(583,067)	347,642
(Decrease) increase in deferred product revenue—Zanaflex Capsules	(954,850)	2,167,810
Restricted cash	(497)	(2,137)
Net cash used in operating activities	(50,048,339)	(30,738,326)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,374,225)	(1,288,344)
Purchases of intangible assets	(6,794,660)	—
Purchases of short-term investments	(124,664,688)	(135,325,495)
Proceeds from maturities of short-term investments	206,500,000	169,650,000
Net cash provided by investing activities	73,666,427	33,036,161
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock and option exercises	5,572,254	1,662,100
Repayments of revenue interest liability	(835,908)	(875,677)
Net cash provided by financing activities	4,736,346	786,423
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	28,354,434	3,084,258
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	47,314,412	29,612,916
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$75,668,846	\$32,697,174
Supplemental disclosure:		
Cash paid for interest	1,737,189	2,074,458

See accompanying Unaudited Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

(1) Organization and Business Activities

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. (“Acorda” or the “Company”) is a commercial stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the identification, development and commercialization of novel therapies that improve neurological function in people with multiple sclerosis (MS), spinal cord injury (SCI) and other disorders of the central nervous system (CNS).

The management of the Company is responsible for the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the related information included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, including normal recurring adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of the Company’s financial position and results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009 included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for such year, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”).

The Company finances its operations through a combination of issuance of equity securities, revenues from Zanaflex Capsules and Ampyra, loans, collaborations, and, to a lesser extent, grants. There are no assurances that the Company will be successful in obtaining an adequate level of financing needed to fund its development and commercialization efforts. To the extent the Company’s capital resources are insufficient to meet future operating requirements, the Company will need to raise additional capital, reduce planned expenditures, or incur indebtedness to fund its operations. The Company may be unable to obtain additional debt or equity financing on acceptable terms, if at all. If adequate funds are not available, the Company may be required to curtail its sales and marketing efforts, delay, reduce the scope of or eliminate some of its research and development programs or obtain funds through arrangements with collaborative partners or others that may require us to relinquish rights to certain product candidates that it might otherwise seek to develop or commercialize independently.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and include the results of operations of the Company and its majority owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management of the Company to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amount of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include research and development and share-based compensation accounting, which are largely dependent on the fair value of the

Company's equity securities. In addition, the Company recognizes Zanaflex revenue based on estimated prescriptions filled. The Company adjusts its Zanaflex inventory value based on an estimate of inventory that may be returned. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

Zanaflex

The Company applies the revenue recognition guidance in Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 605-15-25, which among other criteria requires that future returns can be reasonably estimated in order to recognize revenue. The amount of future tablet returns is uncertain due to generic competition and customer conversion to Zanaflex Capsules. The Company has accumulated some sales history with Zanaflex Capsules; however, due to existing and potential generic competition and customer conversion from Zanaflex tablets to Zanaflex Capsules, we do not believe we can reasonably determine a return rate at this time. As a result, the Company accounts for these product shipments using a deferred revenue recognition model. Under the deferred revenue model, the Company does not recognize revenue upon product shipment. For these product shipments, the Company invoices the wholesaler, records deferred revenue at gross invoice sales price, and classifies the cost basis of the product held by the wholesaler as a component of inventory. The Company recognizes revenue when prescribed to the end-user, on a first-in first-out (FIFO) basis. The Company's revenue to be recognized is based on (1) the estimated prescription demand, based on pharmacy sales for its products; and (2) the Company's analysis of third-party information, including third-party market research data. The Company's estimates are subject to the inherent limitations of estimates that rely on third-party data, as certain third-party information was itself in the form of estimates, and reflect other limitations. The Company's sales and revenue recognition reflects the Company's estimates of actual product prescribed to the end-user. The Company expects to be able to apply a more traditional revenue recognition policy such that revenue is recognized following shipment to the customer when it believes it has sufficient data to develop reasonable estimates of expected returns based upon historical returns and greater certainty regarding generic competition.

The Company's net revenues represent total revenues less allowances for customer credits, including estimated discounts, rebates, and chargebacks. These allowances are recorded for cash consideration given by a vendor to a customer that is presumed to be a reduction of the selling prices of the vendor's products or services and, therefore, should be characterized as a reduction of revenue when recognized in the vendor's statement of operations. Adjustments are recorded for estimated chargebacks, rebates, and discounts. These allowances are established by management as its best estimate based on available information and are adjusted to reflect known changes in the factors that impact such allowances. Allowances for chargebacks, rebates and discounts are established based on the contractual terms with customers, analysis of historical levels of discounts, chargebacks and rebates, communications with customers and the levels of inventory remaining in the distribution channel, as well as expectations about the market for each product and anticipated introduction of competitive products. In addition, the Company records a charge to cost of goods sold for the cost basis of the estimated product returns the Company believes may ultimately be realized at the time of product shipment to wholesalers. The Company has recognized this charge at the date of shipment since it is probable that it will receive a level of returned products; upon the return of such product it will be unable to resell the product considering its expiration dating; and it can reasonably estimate a range of returns. This charge represents the cost basis for the low end of the range of the Company's estimated returns. Product shipping and handling costs are included in cost of sales.

Ampyra

Ampyra is available only through a network of specialty pharmacy providers that provide the medication to patients by mail. Ampyra will not be available in retail pharmacies. The Company applies the revenue recognition guidance in Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) 104 and does not recognize revenue from product sales until there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, delivery has occurred, the price is fixed and determinable, the buyer is obligated to pay the Company, the obligation to pay is not contingent on resale of the product, the buyer has economic substance apart

from the Company, the Company has no obligation to bring about the sale of the product, the amount of returns can be reasonably estimated and collectability is reasonably assured. The Company recognizes product sales of Ampyra following shipment of product to a network of specialty pharmacy providers. As of June 30, 2010, we believe that inventory levels at specialty pharmacy providers that distribute Ampyra represented one month or less of their anticipated usage. We expect that they will generally continue to maintain similar inventory levels in the foreseeable future.

The Company's net revenues represent total revenues less allowances for customer credits, including estimated rebates, discounts and returns. Product shipping and handling costs are included in cost of sales. These allowances are recorded for cash consideration given by a vendor to a customer that is presumed to be a reduction of the selling prices of the vendor's products or services and, therefore, are characterized as a reduction of revenue. At the time product is shipped to specialty pharmacies, an adjustment is recorded for estimated rebates, discounts and returns. These allowances are established by management as its best estimate based on available information and will be adjusted to reflect known changes in the factors that impact such allowances. Allowances for rebates, discounts and returns are established based on the contractual terms with customers, communications with customers and the levels of inventory remaining in the distribution channel, as well as expectations about the market for the product and anticipated introduction of competitive products.

Based on the Company's specialty distribution model where it sells to only 12 specialty pharmacy distributors, the data it receives from these distributors, and returns experience of other specialty products with similar selling models, the Company has been able to make a reasonable estimate for product returns. At June 30, 2010, the Company believes that inventory levels at the specialty pharmacy distributors represent one month or less of their anticipated usage. The Company expects that these distributors will generally continue to maintain similar inventory levels in the foreseeable future, as they have contractually agreed to hold no more than 30 days worth of product stock. The Company will accept returns of Ampyra for two months prior to and six months after the product expiration date. The Company will provide a credit to customers with whom we have a direct relationship. Once product is prescribed, it cannot be returned. The Company does not exchange product from inventory for the returned product.

Collaborations

The Company recognizes collaboration revenues and expenses by analyzing each element of the agreement to determine if it shall be accounted for as a separate element or single unit of accounting. If an element shall be treated separately for revenue recognition purposes, the revenue recognition principles most appropriate for that element are applied to determine when revenue shall be recognized. If an element shall not be treated separately for revenue recognition purposes, the revenue recognition principles most appropriate for the bundled group of elements are applied to determine when revenue shall be recognized. Payments received in excess of revenues recognized are recorded as deferred revenue until such time as the revenue recognition criteria have been met.

Ampyra Inventory

Prior to regulatory approval of Ampyra, the Company incurred expenses for the manufacture of bulk, unpackaged product of Ampyra that ultimately became available to support the commercial launch of this drug candidate. Until the necessary initial regulatory approval was received, we charged all such amounts to research and development expenses as there was no alternative future use prior to regulatory approval. As a result, our initial sales of Ampyra will result in higher gross margins than if the inventory costs had not previously been expensed. Upon regulatory approval of Ampyra, the Company began capitalizing the commercial inventory costs associated with manufacturing with Elan and its second manufacturer, Patheon.

Concentration of Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of investments in cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and accounts receivable. The Company maintains cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash with approved financial institutions. The Company is exposed to credit risks and liquidity risks in the event of default by the financial institutions or issuers of investments in excess of FDIC insured limits. The Company performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of these financial institutions and limits the amount of credit exposure with any institution.

Earnings per Share

Net loss per share is computed by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding. The Company has certain options, restricted stock and a convertible promissory note which have not been used in the calculation of diluted net loss per share because to do so would be anti-dilutive. As such, the numerator and the denominator used in computing both basic and diluted net loss per share for each year are equal.

Segment Information

The Company is managed and operated as one business. The entire business is managed by a single management team that reports to the chief executive officer. The Company does not operate separate lines of business with respect to any of its product candidates. Accordingly, the Company does not prepare discrete financial information with respect to separate product candidates or by location and does not have separately reportable segments.

(3) Share-based Compensation

During the three-month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the Company recognized share-based compensation expense of \$4.6 million and \$3.0 million, respectively. During the six-month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the Company recognized share-based compensation expense of \$7.8 million and \$5.7 million, respectively. Activity in options and restricted stock during the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 and related balances outstanding as of that date are reflected below. The weighted average fair value per share of options granted to employees for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were approximately \$19.12 and \$16.21, respectively. The weighted average fair value per share of options granted to employees for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were approximately \$19.36 and \$14.03, respectively.

The following table summarizes share-based compensation expense included within our consolidated statements of income:

(In millions)	For the three-month period ended June 30,		For the six-month period ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Research and development	\$1.4	\$0.9	\$2.2	\$1.7
Selling, general and administrative	3.2	2.1	5.6	4.0
Total	\$4.6	\$3.0	\$7.8	\$5.7

A summary of share-based compensation activity for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 is presented below:

Stock Option Activity

Number of Shares	Weighted Average	Weighted Average Remaining	Intrinsic Value
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		Exercise Price	Contractual Term	
Balance at January 1, 2010	3,711,778	\$15.25		
Granted	1,053,973	32.57		
Cancelled	(39,532)	21.31		
Exercised	(407,430)	13.81		
Balance at June 30, 2010	4,318,789	\$19.56	7.3	\$51,903,639
Vested and expected to vest at June 30, 2010	4,208,166	\$19.30	7.3	\$51,569,218
Vested and exercisable at June 30, 2010	2,293,991	\$12.99	5.9	\$41,671,823

Restricted Stock Activity

Restricted Stock	Number of Shares
Nonvested at January 1, 2010	203,776
Granted	334,178
Vested	(10,000)
Forfeited	(4,580)
Nonvested at June 30, 2010	523,374

As of June 30, 2010, there was \$41.4 million of total unrecognized compensation costs related to unvested options and restricted stock awards that the Company expects to recognize over a weighted average period of approximately 2.7 years.

(4) Income Taxes

The Company had available net operating loss carryforwards (NOL) of approximately \$282.9 million and \$249.5 million as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively, for federal and state income tax purposes, which are available to offset future federal and state taxable income, if any, and expire between 2019 and 2030. The Company also has research and development tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$1.6 million as of both June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, for federal income tax reporting purposes that are available to reduce federal income taxes, if any, and expire in future years beginning in 2020.

At June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company had a deferred tax asset of \$157.4 million and \$147.2 million, respectively, offset by a full valuation allowance. Since inception, the Company has incurred substantial losses and expects to incur substantial losses in future periods. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 (the "Act") provides for a limitation of the annual use of NOL and research and development tax credit carryforwards (following certain ownership changes, as defined by the Act) that could significantly limit the Company's ability to utilize these carryforwards. The Company has experienced various ownership changes as a result of past financings. Accordingly, the Company's ability to utilize the aforementioned carryforwards may be limited. Additionally, because U.S. tax laws limit the time during which these carryforwards may be applied against future taxes, the Company may not be able to take full advantage of these attributes for federal income tax purposes. Because of the above mentioned factors, the Company has not recognized its gross deferred tax assets as of and for all periods presented. As of June 30, 2010, management believes that it is more likely than not that the gross deferred tax assets will not be realized based on future operations and reversal of deferred tax liabilities. Accordingly, the Company has provided a full valuation allowance against its gross deferred tax assets and no tax benefit has been recognized relative to its pretax losses.

(5) Fair Value Measurements

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The following table presents information about our assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2010 and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques utilized to determine such fair value. In general, fair values determined by Level 1 inputs utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs utilize data points that are observable, such as quoted prices, interest rates and yield curves. Fair values determined by Level 3 inputs utilize unobservable data points for the asset or liability. The Company's Level 1 assets consist of time deposits and investments in a Treasury money market fund and high-quality government bonds. The Company's Level 3 liability represents our put/call liability related to the Paul Royalty Fund (PRF) transaction. No changes in valuation techniques or inputs occurred during the three months ended June 30, 2010. No transfers of assets between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value measurement hierarchy occurred during the three months ended June 30, 2010.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets Carried at Fair Value:			
Cash equivalents	\$63,362,829	\$—	\$—
Short-term investments	140,769,863	—	—
Liabilities Carried at Fair Value:			
Put/call liability	—	—	318,500

The following table presents additional information about assets and/or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and for which the Company utilizes Level 3 inputs to determine fair value.

	Balance as of December 31, 2009	Realized (gains) losses included in net loss	Unrealized (gains) losses included in other comprehensive loss	Balance as of June 30, 2010
Liabilities Carried at Fair Value:				
Put/call liability	\$ 637,500	\$(319,000)	\$ —	\$318,500

We estimate the fair value of our put/call liability using a discounted cash flow valuation technique. Using this approach, expected future cash flows are calculated over the expected life of the PRF agreement, are discounted to a single present value and then exercise scenario probabilities are applied. Some of the more significant assumptions made in the present value calculations include (i) the estimated Zanaflex revenue forecast and (ii) the likelihood of put/call exercise trigger events. Realized gain and losses are included in sales, general and administrative expenses.

Our put/call liability has been classified as a Level 3 asset as its valuation requires substantial judgment and estimation of factors that are not currently observable in the market due to the lack of trading in the security. If different assumptions were used for the various inputs to the valuation approach including, but not limited to, assumptions involving the estimated Zanaflex revenue forecast and the likelihood of trigger events, the estimated fair value of these investments could be significantly higher or lower than the fair value we determined. We may be required to record losses in future periods.

(6) Short-Term Investments

The Company has determined that all of its short-term investments are classified as available-for-sale. Available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value with interest on these securities included in interest income. Available-for-sale securities consisted of the following:

Amortized	Gross	Gross	Estimated
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	Cost	unrealized gains	unrealized losses	fair value
June 30, 2010				
US Treasury bonds	\$ 140,760,554	\$ 12,825	\$(3,516)	\$ 140,769,863
December 31, 2009				
US Treasury bonds	224,669,409	126,169	(17,556)	224,778,023

The contractual maturities of available-for-sale debt securities at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are within one year. The Company has determined that there were no other-than-temporary declines in the fair values of its short term investments as of June 30, 2010. Short-term investments with maturity of three months or less from date of purchase have been classified as cash equivalents, and amounted to \$63,362,829 and \$43,471,757 as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

(7) Collaboration Agreement

On June 30, 2009, the Company entered into an exclusive collaboration and license agreement with Biogen Idec International GmbH (Biogen Idec) to develop and commercialize Ampyra (known as fampridine outside the U.S.) in markets outside the United States (the "Collaboration Agreement"). Under the Collaboration Agreement, Biogen Idec was granted the exclusive right to commercialize Ampyra and other products containing aminopyridines developed under that agreement in all countries outside of the United States, which grant includes a sublicense of the Company's rights under an existing license agreement between the Company and Elan Pharma International Limited, a subsidiary of Elan Corporation plc (Elan). Biogen Idec will have responsibility for regulatory activities and future clinical development of Ampyra in ex-U.S. markets worldwide. The Company also entered into a related supply agreement with Biogen Idec (the "Supply Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company will supply Biogen Idec with its requirements for the licensed products through the Company's existing supply agreement with Elan.

Under the Collaboration Agreement, the Company was entitled to an upfront payment of \$110.0 million as of June 30, 2009, which was received on July 1, 2009, and will be entitled to receive additional payments of up to approximately \$400 million based on the successful achievement of future regulatory and sales milestones. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the achievement of the future regulatory and sales milestones, these payments will not be recognized as revenue unless and until they are earned. The Company is not able to reasonably predict if and when the milestones will be achieved. Under the Collaboration Agreement, Biogen Idec will be required to make double-digit tiered royalty payments to the Company on ex-U.S. sales. In addition, the consideration that Biogen Idec will pay for licensed products under the Supply Agreement will reflect the price owed to the Company's suppliers under its supply arrangements with Elan or other suppliers for ex-U.S. sales, including manufacturing costs and royalties owed. The Company and Biogen Idec may also carry out future joint development activities regarding licensed product under a cost-sharing arrangement. Under the terms of the Collaboration Agreement, the Company, in part through its participation in joint committees with Biogen Idec, will participate in overseeing the development and commercialization of Ampyra and other licensed products in markets outside the United States pursuant to that agreement. Acorda will continue to develop and commercialize Ampyra independently in the United States.

As of June 30, 2009, the Company recorded a license receivable and deferred revenue of \$110.0 million for the upfront payment due to the Company from Biogen Idec under the Collaboration Agreement. Also, as a result of such payment to Acorda, a payment of \$7.7 million became payable by Acorda to Elan and was recorded as a cost of license payable and deferred expense. The payment of \$110.0 million was received from Biogen Idec on July 1, 2009 and the payment of \$7.7 million was made to Elan on July 7, 2009. The granting of the sublicense to Biogen Idec and the Company's continued activities under the Collaboration Agreement are treated as a single unit of accounting for revenue recognition purposes. As a result, the Company will recognize the non-refundable upfront payment from Biogen Idec as revenue and the associated payment to Elan as expense ratably over the estimated term of regulatory exclusivity for the licensed products under the Collaboration Agreement. The Company recognized \$4.7 million in license revenue, a portion of the \$110.0 million received from Biogen Idec and \$330,000 in cost of license revenue, a

portion of the \$7.7 million paid to Elan during the six-month period ended June 30, 2010. The Company currently estimates the recognition period to be approximately 12 years from the date of the Collaboration Agreement.

(8) Commitments and Contingencies

A summary of the Company's commitments and contingencies was included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2009. The Company's long-term contractual obligations include commitments and estimated purchase obligations entered into in the normal course of business.

The Company may be, from time to time, a party to various disputes and claims arising from normal business activities. The Company accrues for loss contingencies when information available indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated. The Company believes that the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or liquidity. However, adjustments, if any, to the Company's estimates could be material to operating results for the periods in which adjustments to the liability are recorded.

(9) Intangible Assets

The Company acquired all of Elan's U.S. sales, marketing and distribution rights to Zanaflex Capsules and Zanaflex tablets in July 2004 for \$2.0 million plus \$675,000 for finished goods inventory. The Company was also responsible for up to \$19.5 million in future contingent milestone payments based on cumulative gross sales of Zanaflex tablets and Zanaflex Capsules. As of December 31, 2009, the Company made \$19.5 million of these milestone payments which were recorded as intangible assets in the consolidated financial statements.

In connection with this transaction, the Company acquired the rights to the trade name "Zanaflex®", one issued U.S. patent and two patent applications related to Zanaflex Capsules, and the remaining tablet inventory on hand with Elan. Additionally, the Company assumed Elan's existing contract with Novartis to manufacture Zanaflex tablets and entered into a separate contract with Elan to manufacture Zanaflex Capsules. The Company separately launched Zanaflex Capsules in April 2005. The Company did not acquire any receivables, employees, facilities or fixed assets. The Company allocated, on a relative fair value basis, the initial and milestone payments made to Elan to the assets acquired, principally the Zanaflex trade name and the capsules patent. There is no expected residual value of these intangible assets. The Company amortizes the allocated fair value of the trade name and patent over their estimated future economic benefit to be achieved. The Zanaflex trade name was fully amortized as of December 31, 2008.

On January 22, 2010, the Company received marketing approval from the FDA for Ampyra triggering two milestone payments of \$2.5 million to Elan and \$750,000 to Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center (Rush). As of June 30, 2010, the Company made or accrued these milestone payments totaling \$3.25 million and they were recorded as intangible assets in the consolidated financial statements. The payment to Elan was made during the three-months ended June 30, 2010.

In 1990, Elan licensed from Rush know-how relating to dalfampridine (4-aminopyridine, 4-AP, the formulation used in Ampyra), for the treatment of MS. The Company subsequently licensed this know-how from Elan. In September 2003, the Company entered into an agreement with Rush and Elan terminating the Rush license to Elan and providing for mutual releases. The Company also entered into a license agreement with Rush in 2003 in which Rush granted the Company an exclusive worldwide license to its know-how relating to dalfampridine for the treatment of MS. Rush has also assigned to the Company its Orphan Drug Designation for dalfampridine for the relief of symptoms of MS.

The Company agreed to pay Rush a license fee, milestone payments of up to \$850,000 and royalties based on net sales of the product for neurological indications. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had made an aggregate of \$100,000 in payments under this agreement. The FDA approval of Ampyra triggered the final milestone of \$750,000 which was paid during the three-months ended March 31, 2010. As of June 30, 2010, the Company made or accrued

royalty payments totaling \$620,000.

In August 2003, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated License Agreement with the Canadian Spinal Research Organization (CSRO). Under this agreement, the Company was granted an exclusive and worldwide license under certain patent assets and know-how of CSRO relating to the use of dalfampridine in the reduction of chronic pain and spasticity in a spinal cord injured subject. The agreement required the Company to pay to CSRO royalties based on a percentage of net sales of any product incorporating the licensed rights, including royalties on the sale of Ampyra and on the sale of dalfampridine for any other indication. No royalty payments have been made to date. During the three-months ended March 31, 2010, the Company purchased CSRO's rights to all royalty payments under the agreement with CSRO for \$3.0 million. This payment was recorded as an intangible asset in the consolidated financial statements.

Intangible assets also include certain website development costs which have been capitalized. The Company has developed several websites, each with its own purpose, including the general corporate website, product information websites and websites focused on the MS community.

The Company continually evaluates whether events or circumstances have occurred that indicate that the estimated remaining useful life of its intangible assets may warrant revision or that the carrying value of these assets may be impaired. The Company evaluates the realizability of its intangible assets based on profitability and cash flow expectations for the related assets. As of June 30, 2010, the Company does not believe that there are any facts or circumstances that would indicate a need for changing the estimated useful life of the Zanaflex or Ampyra patents.

Intangible assets consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2010	December 31, 2009	Estimated remaining useful lives as of June 30, 2010
Zanaflex patents	\$ 19,350,000	\$ 19,350,000	11 years
Zanaflex trade name	2,150,000	2,150,000	0 years
Ampyra milestones	3,250,000	—	7 years
CSRO Royalty Buyout	3,000,000	—	7 years
Website development costs(1)	2,320,367	1,444,749	3 years
Website development costs – in process websites (2)	451,573	782,531	3 years
	30,521,940	23,727,280	
Less accumulated amortization	7,864,686	6,578,649	
	\$22,657,254	\$ 17,148,631	

(1) Represents capitalized website development costs for fully developed and launched websites.

(2) Represents websites in development which have not been completed and therefore have not been launched as of June 30, 2010.

The Company recorded \$1,286,037 and \$794,513 in amortization expense related to these intangible assets in the six-month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Estimated future amortization expense for these intangible assets subsequent to December 31, 2009 for the next five years is as follows:

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2010	\$2,713,960
2011	3,018,865
2012	2,836,384
2013	2,250,426
2014	2,182,817
	\$13,002,452

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our consolidated financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Background

Since we commenced operations in 1995, we have devoted substantially all of our resources to the identification, development and commercialization of novel therapies that improve neurological function in people with MS and other neurological disorders. Ampyra, the first product for which we completed clinical development, was approved by the FDA in January 2010 for the improvement of walking in people with MS. This was demonstrated by an increase in walking speed. To our knowledge, Ampyra is the first and only product approved for this indication. Efficacy was shown in people with all four major types of MS (relapsing remitting, secondary progressive, progressive relapsing and primary progressive). Ampyra was made commercially available in the U.S. in March 2010. Gross sales of Ampyra were \$29.7 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2010.

Our other marketed drug, Zanaflex Capsules, which we began marketing in 2005, is FDA-approved as a short-acting drug for the management of spasticity. Gross sales of Zanaflex Capsules, together with the generic version of tablets sold by us, were \$58.3 million in 2009 and \$27.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. We expect that our gross sales of Zanaflex Capsules for 2010 will decline, principally due to increasing managed care pressure, among other factors. Managed care organizations have increasingly established plans and programs to drive utilization of low-cost generic tizanidine tablets over higher-cost Zanaflex Capsules including by making it more difficult for patients to obtain Zanaflex Capsules through restrictions and higher out-of-pocket (co-pay) costs.

Ampyra is being marketed in the U.S. through our own specialty sales force and commercial infrastructure, which is also responsible for sales and marketing of Zanaflex Capsules. We completed the expansion of our sales force in March and currently have 100 sales representatives in the field calling on approximately 10,000 physicians, 5,500 of whom are high priority targets. We also have established teams of Regional Scientific Managers and Managed Markets representatives who provide information on Ampyra to physicians and payors.

Ampyra is available only through a network of specialty pharmacy providers that provide the medication to patients by mail and is supported by Ampyra Patient Support Services (APSS), a dedicated resource for healthcare providers and people with MS. This distribution process is well established within the MS community, and physicians and patients are familiar with this model. Prior to the launch of Ampyra, we contracted with a third party organization with extensive experience in coordinating patient benefits to run Ampyra Patient Support Services. The customer care agents at Ampyra Patient Support Services are responsible for helping healthcare professionals process prescriptions, working with insurance carriers to facilitate coverage, and directing patients to available co-pay and patient assistance programs. The process begins when a prescription is submitted by a physician to APSS. Once this process is completed, the prescription is sent to a specialty pharmacy, which confirms the benefits and mails the prescription directly to the patient. In some cases, the specialty pharmacy rather than APSS performs the benefits investigation.

A prescription request backlog was experienced at APSS early in the launch due to pent-up demand, but it has been cleared based on process improvements and staffing adjustments. Processing of most incoming requests for prescriptions now begins within 24 hours of receipt. Patients will still experience a range of times to receive their first shipment based on their insurance requirements. As with any new prescription product, patients who are members of benefit plans that have restrictive prior authorizations may experience delays in receiving their prescription.

Currently, approximately 10% of shipped product is for no-cost use by patients enrolled in the Ampyra patient assistance program.

Our managed markets representatives continue to meet with payors to provide information on Ampyra and discuss patient access. Currently, a majority of insured individuals have no or minimal restrictions to access. Consistent with our internal pre-launch projections, a significant minority are subject to more restrictive prior authorization requirements. We estimate that a mid-single digit percentage of patients are currently blocked from receiving reimbursement for Ampyra, in some cases because their plans have not yet formally reviewed the medication.

As of June 30, 2010, we believe that inventory levels at specialty pharmacy providers that distribute Ampyra currently represent one month or less of their anticipated usage. We expect that they will generally continue to maintain similar inventory levels in the foreseeable future.

The FDA granted Ampyra orphan drug status, which will provide seven years of market exclusivity for the drug. In addition, we have issued patents that cover the formulation and use of Ampyra. We filed for patent term extension for Ampyra pursuant to the provisions of the Hatch-Waxman Act that allows for up to five additional years of patent protection based on the development timeline of a drug. Although we have applied to extend both Ampyra patents listed in the FDA Orange Book, we will ultimately need to select only one patent for extension, if granted. We received non-final rejection letters from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on two patent applications for Ampyra filed in late 2004 and early 2005. We have six months from the date of issue to respond to the letters.

In June 2009, we entered into the Collaboration Agreement with Biogen Idec. In January 2010, Biogen Idec announced that it submitted a centralized Marketing Authorization Application (MAA) to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and a New Drug Submission (NDS) to Health Canada for Ampyra, which is known outside the U.S. as fampridine.

We have three preclinical programs focused on novel approaches to repair damaged components of the CNS. We believe all of our preclinical programs—neuregulins, remyelinating antibodies and chondroitinase—have broad applicability and have the potential to be first-in-class therapies. While these programs have initially been focused on MS and spinal cord injury (SCI), we believe they may be applicable across a number of CNS disorders, including stroke and traumatic brain injury, because many of the mechanisms of tissue damage and repair are similar. In addition, we believe that these programs may have applicability beyond the nervous system, including in such fields as cardiology, oncology, orthopedics and ophthalmology.

In March, we submitted an Investigational New Drug (IND) application for GGF2 as a therapy for heart failure and announced its acceptance by the FDA on April 20, 2010. In 2008, we began to work with a contract manufacturer to develop larger scale manufacturing and purification processes for GGF2, one of the neuregulins, under cGMP (good manufacturing practices) in preparation for our IND application to support human clinical trials for the treatment of heart failure. If we are able to establish a proof of concept for treatment of heart failure through human clinical studies, we may decide to develop the product either by entering into a partnership, most likely with a cardiovascular-focused company, or developing it on our own. There was a delay in completing production of GGF2 clinical study medication due to deficiencies in the vial filling process. These are being remediated, but there will be a consequent delay in the start of the Phase 1 trial, which was originally targeted for mid-2010. We and Vanderbilt University received a \$1 million Cardiac Translational Research Implementation Program (C-TRIP) grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) to support research on GGF2. If these studies are successful, Acorda and Vanderbilt will be eligible to apply for a second phase C-TRIP grant of at least \$7.5 million. We began work with a contract manufacturer in 2009 to scale up manufacturing and purification processes for one of the remyelinating antibodies, rHIgM22, under cGMP for preparation for a future IND application. These manufacturing processes have been completed and we are now in formal preclinical safety and toxicity studies. If rHIgM22 proves to have a satisfactory preclinical safety profile, we expect to file an IND for the treatment of MS. We also are continuing research on the potential use of chondroitinases for the treatment of injuries to the brain and spinal cord. The

chondroitinase program is in the research and translational development phases and has not yet entered formal preclinical development.

We have had significant operating losses since inception as a result of our focus on clinical and preclinical development activities and our goal of building an internal sales, managed markets and marketing organization in the U.S. We may incur losses for the next several years as we continue to support an expanded sales and marketing organization and other activities in connection with the commercial launch of Ampyra and the advancement of our clinical and preclinical development programs. We expect that our sales and marketing, general and administrative expenses in 2010 will increase substantially over 2009 levels, primarily due to launch costs and sales and marketing expenses for Ampyra, including increases in sales, managed markets and medical affairs staff and the implementation of the work needed for certain FDA post-marketing study commitments for Ampyra, but this increase will vary based in part on our expectation of the level of future Ampyra sales. We further expect that our research and development expenses in 2010 will increase over 2009 levels, principally in connection with completion of our GGF2 pre-IND toxicology studies, IND filing and, potentially, initiation of a Phase 1 GGF2 study, and implementation of our post-marketing study commitments to the FDA for Ampyra.

We will also continue to explore opportunities to expand our pipeline through the potential in-licensing and/or acquisition of select products and technologies in neurology, with a particular focus on Phase 2 and Phase 3 product candidates. We do not currently plan to acquire a marketed product for launch during the first calendar year of Ampyra's commercial launch.

In August 2007, the Company received a Paragraph IV Certification Notice from Apotex Inc. advising that it had submitted an ANDA to the FDA seeking marketing approval for generic versions of Zanaflex Capsules. In October 2007, the Company filed a lawsuit against Apotex Corp. and Apotex Inc. (collectively, Apotex) for patent infringement in relation to the filing of the ANDA by Apotex. The defendants answered the Company's complaint, asserting patent invalidity and non-infringement and counterclaiming, seeking a declaratory judgment of patent invalidity and non-infringement. The Company denied those counterclaims. In March 2008, Apotex filed a motion, which the Company opposed, for partial judgment on the pleadings dismissing the Company's request for relief on the ground that the case is "exceptional" under U.S.C. §§ 271(e)(4) or 285. The court ruled in the Company's favor and denied Apotex's motion in December 2008. Fact discovery in the case has been completed. On July 2, 2010, the U.S. District Court held a Markman hearing to determine the interpretation of certain terms in the Company's Zanaflex Capsules patent that is at issue in this litigation. The Court ruled favorably on a number of those terms, and the case is proceeding, with expert discovery scheduled to be completed in January 2011.

Our timely filing of a lawsuit against Apotex in October 2007 triggered an automatic stay on FDA approval of the Apotex ANDA for 30 months. That stay expired in March 2010. Consequently, Apotex will be able to receive FDA approval of its ANDA, if Apotex is able otherwise to satisfy FDA's review requirements for ANDAs, at which time it could begin selling a generic tizanidine hydrochloride capsule in competition with Zanaflex Capsules and Zanaflex tablets, even if our patent litigation remains pending. If Apotex begins selling its product before it is successful in challenging the validity, infringement, or enforceability of our patent, Apotex would be selling at the risk of our ultimately prevailing on our patent infringement claims and its being held liable for damages for patent infringement.

The Company accrues for amounts related to loss contingencies if it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount is reasonably estimable. As of June 30, 2010, there have been no accruals for loss contingencies aside from payments related to the litigation itself.

Results of Operations

Three-Month Period Ended June 30, 2010 Compared to June 30, 2009

Net Revenue

Total net revenues are summarized in the following table:

	Three-month period ended June 30, 2010	Three-month period ended June 30, 2009
Gross product sales		
Ampyra	\$ 29,707,668	\$ —
Zanaflex	13,735,356	14,753,702
Total gross product sales	43,443,024	14,753,702
Discounts and allowances		
Ampyra	(1,754,879)	—
Zanaflex	(1,209,715)	(2,204,243)
Total discounts and allowances	(2,964,594)	(2,204,243)
License revenue		
Ampyra	2,357,143	—
Zanaflex	—	—
Total license revenue	2,357,143	—
Total net revenue	\$ 42,835,573	\$ 12,549,459

Gross Product Sales

Ampyra

We recognize product sales of Ampyra following shipment of product to a network of specialty pharmacy providers. We recognized revenue from the sale of Ampyra of \$29.7 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010.

Zanaflex

We recognize product sales of Zanaflex Capsules and Zanaflex tablets using a deferred revenue recognition model where shipments to wholesalers are recorded as deferred revenue and only recognized as revenue when end-user prescriptions of the product are reported. We recognized revenue from the sale of Zanaflex Capsules and Zanaflex tablets of \$13.7 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010, as compared to \$14.8 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009. The decrease was due to a decrease in both shipments and prescriptions due to increasing managed care pressure, among other factors, partially offset by a 15% price increase for Zanaflex Capsules effective February 1, 2010. We expect sales of Zanaflex Capsules to decline in 2010.

Discounts and Allowances

Ampyra

We recorded discounts and allowances of \$1.8 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 which consists of allowances for customer credits, including estimated rebates, discounts and returns. Discounts and allowances are recorded following shipment of Ampyra tablets to our network of specialty pharmacy providers. Discounts and allowances may increase as a percentage of sales as we enter into managed care contracts in the future.

Zanaflex

We recorded discounts and allowances of \$1.2 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 as compared to \$2.2 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009. Adjustments are recorded for estimated chargebacks, rebates, and discounts. Discounts and allowances for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 consisted of \$716,000 in fees for services payable to wholesalers, \$331,000 in cash discounts and patient program rebates, and \$163,000 in allowances for chargebacks and rebates. Discounts and allowances for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009 consisted of \$877,000 in allowances for chargebacks and rebates, \$774,000 in fees for services payable to wholesalers and \$553,000 in cash discounts and patient program rebates.

Healthcare Reform

In March 2010, healthcare reform legislation was enacted in the U.S. This legislation contains several provisions that will affect our business. Although many provisions of the new legislation do not take effect immediately, several provisions became effective in the first quarter of 2010. We do not expect these 2010 changes to have a material impact on our discounts and allowances.

Beginning in 2011, the new law requires drug manufacturers to provide a 50% discount to Medicare beneficiaries whose prescription drug costs cause them to be subject to the Medicare Part D coverage gap (i.e., the “donut hole”). Also, beginning in 2011, we will be assessed our share of a new fee (which will not be deductible for tax purposes) payable by all branded prescription drug manufacturers and importers. The manner in which this new legislation will be implemented is still being formulated; therefore, we cannot currently quantify the potential impact of this part of the legislation.

License Revenue

The Company recognized \$2.4 million in license revenue related to the \$110.0 million received from Biogen Idec in 2009 for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010.

Cost of Sales

Ampyra

We recorded cost of sales of \$5.5 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010. Cost of sales for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 consisted primarily of \$4.5 million in inventory costs related to recognized revenues. Our launch stock inventory was received in bulk form prior to regulatory approval; therefore, the manufacturing cost associated with this inventory was classified as research and development expense as there was no alternative future use prior to regulatory approval. This expensed inventory represented approximately 8% of the total cost basis of our launch stock inventory. The remaining packaged portion of the inventory cost was received after regulatory approval and thus capitalized. This reduction to our cost basis effectively reduced our cost of sales related to recognized revenues by approximately \$388,000 for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010. At June 30, 2010, we are carrying the launch inventory on our balance sheet with a reduction to the cost basis of approximately \$800,000. We expect our reduced cost basis inventory to be sold during the remainder of 2010.

Cost of sales for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 also consisted of \$644,000 in royalty fees based on net sales, \$225,000 in amortization of intangible assets, and \$92,000 in period costs related to packaging, freight and stability testing. We expect cost of sales for the remainder for the year to be approximately 21% of net Ampyra sales.

Zanaflex

We recorded cost of sales of \$2.3 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 as compared to \$3.0 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009. Cost of sales for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 consisted of \$1.2 million in inventory costs primarily related to recognized revenues, \$794,000 in royalty fees based on net product shipments, \$321,000 in amortization of intangible assets, which is unrelated to either the volume of shipments or the amount of revenue recognized, and \$47,000 in period costs related to freight and stability testing. Cost of sales for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009 consisted of \$1.6 million in inventory costs primarily related to recognized revenues, \$963,000 in royalty fees based on net product shipments, \$321,000 in amortization of intangible assets, which is unrelated to either the volume of shipments or the amount of revenue recognized, and \$60,000 in period costs related to packaging, freight, and stability testing. Payments to and interest expense related to the PRF transaction discussed below in the section titled "Liquidity and Capital Resources" do not impact the Company's cost of sales.

Research and Development

Research and development expenses for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 were \$6.6 million as compared to \$7.9 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009, a decrease of approximately \$1.3 million, or 16%. The decrease was primarily attributable to a decrease in regulatory expenses of \$927,000 which were incurred in 2009 related to NDA preparation and support and a decrease in manufacturing and stability fees for Ampyra of \$728,000.

The decrease in research and development expenses was partially offset by an increase of \$363,000 related to work on one of our preclinical pipeline products, GGF2, including an increase in research and development staff and compensation to support this initiative.

Selling, General and Administrative

Sales and marketing expenses for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 were \$23.9 million compared to \$15.7 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009, an increase of approximately \$8.2 million or 52%. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in staff and compensation of \$5.1 million resulting from the expansion of our field sales staff and the overall commercial department in order to support the launch of Ampyra and an increase of \$3.1 million in marketing, trade and distribution expenses, and various launch activities associated with Ampyra.

General and administrative expenses for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 were \$10.2 million compared to \$8.2 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009, an increase of approximately \$2.0 million, or 24%. This increase was the result of an increase in general and administrative staff and compensation and other expenses of \$1.0 million related to supporting the growth of the overall organization, an increase in costs related to Ampyra post-approval regulatory and manufacturing support expenses of \$493,000, and an increase in medical affairs expenses including educational programs of \$481,000. The overall increase in general and administrative expenses is offset by a decrease in legal expenses of \$219,000.

The Company expects SG&A expenses to slightly increase over these levels for the remainder of the year.

Other Expense

Other expense was \$1.1 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$1.1 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009. Other expense for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 consisted of interest expense principally related to the PRF revenue interest agreement of \$1.2 million and interest income of \$135,000. Other expense for the three-month period ended June 30, 2009 consisted of interest expense principally related to the PRF revenue interest agreement of \$1.5 million and interest income of \$368,000. The decrease in interest expense resulted from lower Zanaflex shipments for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009. The decrease in interest income for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010 is due to

a lower average interest rate than for the same period in 2009.

Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2010 Compared to June 30, 2009

Net Revenue

Total net revenues are summarized in the following table:

	Six-month period ended June 30, 2010	Six-month period ended June 30, 2009
Gross product sales		
Ampyra	\$33,153,918	\$—
Zanaflex	27,542,654	29,371,645
Total gross product sales	60,696,572	29,371,645
Discounts and allowances		
Ampyra	(2,132,670)	—
Zanaflex	(2,695,229)	(4,353,108)
Total discounts and allowances	(4,827,899)	(4,353,108)
License revenue		
Ampyra	4,714,286	—
Zanaflex	—	—
Total license revenue	4,714,286	—
Total net revenue	\$60,582,959	\$25,018,537

Gross Product Sales

Ampyra

We recognize product sales of Ampyra following shipment of product to a network of specialty pharmacy providers. We recognized revenue from the sale of Ampyra of \$33.2 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010.

Zanaflex

We recognize product sales of Zanaflex Capsules and Zanaflex tablets using a deferred revenue recognition model where shipments to wholesalers are recorded as deferred revenue and only recognized as revenue when end-user prescriptions of the product are reported. We recognized revenue from the sale of Zanaflex Capsules and Zanaflex tablets of \$27.5 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010, as compared to \$29.4 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009. The decrease was due to a decrease in both shipments and prescriptions due to increasing managed care pressure, among other factors, partially offset by a 15% price increase for Zanaflex Capsules effective February 1, 2010. We expect sales of Zanaflex Capsules to continue to decline in 2010.

Discounts and Allowances

Ampyra

We recorded discounts and allowances of \$2.1 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010, which consists of allowances for customer credits, including estimated rebates, discounts and returns. Discounts and allowances are recorded following shipment of Ampyra tablets to our network of specialty pharmacy providers. Discounts and allowances may increase as a percentage of sales as we enter into managed care contracts in the future.

Zanaflex

We recorded discounts and allowances of \$2.7 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 as compared to \$4.4 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009. Adjustments are recorded for estimated chargebacks, rebates, and discounts. Discounts and allowances for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 consisted of \$1.1 million in fees for services payable to wholesalers, \$890,000 in allowances for chargebacks and rebates, and \$677,000 in cash discounts and patient program rebates. Discounts and allowances for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009 consisted of \$2.2 million in allowances for chargebacks and rebates which includes an adjustment of \$865,000, \$226,000 related to the first and second quarters of 2009 and \$639,000 related to 2008. This adjustment resulted from a Department of Defense (DOD) regulation finalized during the three-month period ended March 31, 2009 which purports to require manufacturers to pay rebates to DOD on utilization distributed to TriCare beneficiaries through retail pharmacies retroactive to January 28, 2008. The application of the regulation is currently being challenged in court by a coalition representing a number of manufacturers. Discounts and allowances for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009 also included \$1.2 million in fees for services payable to wholesalers and \$920,000 in cash discounts and patient program rebates.

Healthcare Reform

In March 2010, healthcare reform legislation was enacted in the U.S. This legislation contains several provisions that will affect our business. Although many provisions of the new legislation do not take effect immediately, several provisions became effective in the first quarter of 2010. We do not expect these 2010 changes to have a material impact on our discounts and allowances.

Beginning in 2011, the new law requires drug manufacturers to provide a 50% discount to Medicare beneficiaries whose prescription drug costs cause them to be subject to the Medicare Part D coverage gap (i.e., the “donut hole”). Also, beginning in 2011, we will be assessed our share of a new fee (which will not be deductible for tax purposes) payable by all branded prescription drug manufacturers and importers. The manner in which this new legislation will be implemented is still being formulated; therefore we cannot currently quantify the potential impact of this part of the legislation.

License Revenue

The Company recognized \$4.7 million in license revenue related to the \$110.0 million received from Biogen Idec in 2009 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010.

Cost of Sales

Ampyra

We recorded cost of sales of \$6.2 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010. Cost of sales for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 consisted of \$5.0 million in inventory costs related to recognized revenues. Our launch stock inventory was received in bulk form prior to regulatory approval; therefore the manufacturing cost associated with this inventory was classified as research and development expense as there was no alternative future use prior to regulatory approval. This expensed inventory cost represented approximately 8% of the total cost basis of

our launch stock inventory. The remaining packaged portion of the inventory cost was received after regulatory approval and thus capitalized. This reduction to our cost basis effectively reduced our cost of sales related to recognized revenues by approximately \$433,000 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010. At June 30, 2010, we are carrying the launch inventory on our balance sheet with a reduction to the cost basis of approximately \$800,000. We expect our reduced cost basis inventory to be sold during the remainder of 2010.

Cost of sales for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 also consisted of \$644,000 in royalty fees based on net sales, \$339,000 in amortization of intangible assets, and \$142,000 in period costs related to packaging, freight and stability testing. We expect cost of sales for the remainder for the year to be approximately 21% of net Ampyra sales.

Zanaflex

We recorded cost of sales of \$4.7 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 as compared to \$5.5 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009. Cost of sales for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 consisted of \$2.4 million in inventory costs primarily related to recognized revenues, \$1.6 million in royalty fees based on net product shipments, \$641,000 in amortization of intangible assets, which is unrelated to either the volume of shipments or the amount of revenue recognized, and \$96,000 in period costs related to freight and stability testing. Cost of sales for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009 consisted of \$2.9 million in inventory costs primarily related to recognized revenues, \$1.9 million in royalty fees based on net product shipments, \$641,000 in amortization of intangible assets, which is unrelated to either the volume of shipments or the amount of revenue recognized, and \$102,000 in period costs related to packaging, freight, and stability testing. Payments to and interest expense related to the PRF transaction discussed below in the section titled "Liquidity and Capital Resources" do not impact the Company's cost of sales.

Research and Development

Research and development expenses for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 were \$14.7 million as compared to \$15.8 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009, a decrease of approximately \$1.1 million, or 7%. The decrease was primarily attributable to a decrease in regulatory expenses of \$2.1 million which were incurred in 2009 related to NDA preparation and support. The overall decrease in research and development expense was also the result of a decrease in MS clinical development program expenses for Ampyra of \$694,000.

The decrease in research and development expenses was partially offset by an increase of \$1.4 million related to work on one of our preclinical pipeline products, GGF2, including an increase in overall research and development staff and compensation to support this initiative as well as two milestones expenses recorded during the three-month period ended March 31, 2010 which were related to the filing of the IND for GGF2. One was for \$500,000 payable to Paion AG (formerly CeNeS) and one was for \$150,000 payable to Brigham and Women's Hospital. The overall decrease in research and development expense was also offset by a net increase in manufacturing and stability fees for Ampyra of \$300,000 from \$1 million to \$1.3 million, which includes \$1.2 million in expenses for bulk, unpackaged Ampyra product that was purchased prior to product approval but is being sold as inventory.

Selling, General and Administrative

Sales and marketing expenses for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 were \$40.8 million compared to \$28.6 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009, an increase of approximately \$12.2 million or 43%. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in staff and compensation of \$7.8 million resulting from the expansion of our field sales staff and the overall commercial department in order to support the launch of Ampyra as well as an increase of \$4.4 million in marketing, trade and distribution expenses, and various launch activities associated with Ampyra.

General and administrative expenses for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 were \$20.0 million compared to \$15.4 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009, an increase of approximately \$4.3 million, or 28%. This increase was the result of an increase in general and administrative staff and compensation and other expenses of \$2.6 million related to supporting the overall growth of the organization, an increase in medical affairs expenses including educational programs of \$1.2 million, and an increase in costs related to Ampyra post-approval regulatory and manufacturing support expenses of \$1.0 million. The overall increase in general and administrative expenses is offset by a decrease in legal expenses of \$543,000.

The Company expects SG&A expenses to slightly increase over these levels for the remainder of the year.

Other Expense

Other expense was \$2.1 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$1.8 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009, an increase of approximately \$300,000 or 17%. The increase was primarily due to a decrease in interest income of \$826,000 resulting from a lower average interest rate than for the same period in 2009. The decrease in interest income was partially offset by a \$591,000 decrease in interest expense principally related to the PRF revenue interest agreement.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have incurred annual operating losses since inception and, as of June 30, 2010, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$456.2 million. We have financed our operations primarily through private placements of our securities, public offerings of our common stock, our Collaboration and Licensing Agreement, sales of Zanaflex Capsules and Ampyra, and, to a lesser extent, from loans, government grants and our financing arrangement with PRF.

Financing Arrangements

In January 1997, Elan International Services, Ltd. (EIS) loaned us an aggregate of \$7.5 million pursuant to two convertible promissory notes to partly fund our research and development activities. On December 23, 2005, EIS transferred these promissory notes to funds affiliated with Saints Capital. As of June 30, 2010, \$5.0 million of these promissory notes plus \$2.2 million of accrued interest was outstanding. The first of seven annual payments on this note is due on the one year anniversary after Ampyra approval on January 22, 2011.

On December 23, 2005, we entered into a revenue interest assignment agreement with PRF, a dedicated healthcare investment fund, pursuant to which we assigned to PRF the right to a portion of our net revenues (as defined in the agreement) from Zanaflex Capsules, Zanaflex tablets and any future Zanaflex products. To secure our obligations to PRF, we also granted PRF a security interest in substantially all of our assets related to Zanaflex. Our agreement with PRF covers all Zanaflex net revenues generated from October 1, 2005 through and including December 31, 2015, unless the agreement terminates earlier. In November 2006, we entered into an amendment to the revenue interest assignment agreement with PRF. Under the terms of the amendment, PRF paid us \$5.0 million in November 2006 and an additional \$5.0 million in February 2007 as our net revenues during the fiscal year 2006 exceeded \$25.0 million. Under the terms of the amendment, we were required to pay PRF \$5.0 million on December 1, 2009. This payment was made. We are required to make an additional \$5.0 million payment on December 1, 2010.

Under the agreement and the amendment, PRF is entitled to the following portion of Zanaflex net revenues:

- with respect to Zanaflex net revenues up to and including \$30.0 million for each fiscal year during the term of the agreement, 15% of such net revenues;

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with respect to Zanaflex net revenues in excess of \$30.0 million but less than and including \$60.0 million for each fiscal year during the term of the agreement, 6% of such net revenues; and

•with respect to Zanaflex net revenues in excess of \$60.0 million for each fiscal year during the term of the agreement, 1% of such net revenues.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, once PRF has received and retained payments under the agreement that are at least 2.1 times the aggregate amount PRF has paid us under the agreement, PRF will only be entitled to 1% of Zanaflex net revenues. In connection with the transaction, we have a liability recorded, referred to as the revenue interest liability, of approximately \$11.5 million. We impute interest expense associated with this liability using the effective interest rate method and record a corresponding accrued interest liability. The effective interest rate is calculated based on the rate that would enable the debt to be repaid in full over the life of the arrangement. The interest rate on this liability may vary during the term of the agreement depending on a number of factors, including the level of Zanaflex sales. We currently estimate that the imputed interest rate associated with this liability will be approximately 5.8%. Payments made to PRF as a result of Zanaflex sales levels reduce the accrued interest liability and the principal amount of the revenue interest liability.

Investment Activities

At June 30, 2010, cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments were approximately \$216.4 million, as compared to \$272.1 million at December 31, 2009. As of June 30, 2010, our cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less at date of purchase and consist of time deposits and investments in a Treasury money market fund and high-quality government bonds. Also, we maintain cash balances with financial institutions in excess of insured limits. We do not anticipate any losses with respect to such cash balances. As of June 30, 2010, our cash and cash equivalents were \$75.7 million, as compared to \$47.3 million as of December 31, 2009. Our short-term investments consist of US Treasury bonds with original maturities greater than three months and less than one year. The balance of these investments was \$140.8 million as of June 30, 2010, as compared to \$224.8 million as of December 31, 2009.

Net Cash Used in Operations

Net cash used in operations was \$50.0 million and \$30.7 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Cash used in operations for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 was primarily attributable to a net loss of \$27.9 million. It was also attributable to an increase in inventory held by the Company of \$13.4 million primarily due to the purchase of Ampyra launch stock, an increase in accounts receivable of \$12.2 million resulting from an increase in gross product sales for Ampyra, and a decrease in the non-current portion of deferred license revenue of \$4.7 million due to the amortization of the upfront collaboration payment received during the three-month period ended September 30, 2009. Cash used in operations for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 also included a net decrease of \$4.4 million due to changes in working capital items. Cash used in operations was partially offset by a non-cash share-based compensation expense of \$7.8 million, amortization of net premiums and discounts on short-term investments of \$2.1 million, and depreciation and amortization of \$1.8 million. Cash used in operations for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009 was primarily attributable to a net loss of \$42.0 million and a decrease of \$2.7 million due to changes in working capital items. Cash used in operations for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009, was partially offset by a non-cash share-based compensation expense of \$5.7 million, a decrease in inventory held by the Company of \$1.8 million, amortization of net premiums and discounts on short-term investments of \$1.7 million, depreciation and amortization of \$1.4 million, and amortization of revenue interest issuance costs related to PRF of \$821,000. Cash used in operations for the six-month period ended June 30, 2009 also included an increase of \$2.8 million due to changes in working capital items.

Net Cash Provided by Investing

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Net cash provided by investing activities for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 was \$73.7 million, primarily due to \$206.5 million in purchases from maturities of short-term investments which was partially offset by \$124.7 million in proceeds of short-term investments and \$8.2 million in purchases of intangible assets and property and equipment.

Net Cash Provided by Financing

Net cash provided by financing activities for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 was \$4.7 million due to \$5.6 million in net proceeds from option exercises which was offset by \$900,000 in repayments to PRF.

Future Capital Needs

Our future capital requirements will depend on a number of factors, including the amount of revenue generated from sales of Zanaflex Capsules and Ampyra, the continued progress of our research and development activities, the timing and outcome of regulatory approvals, the amount and timing of milestone or other payments made or received under collaborative agreements, the costs involved in preparing, filing, prosecuting, maintaining, defending and enforcing patent claims and other intellectual property rights and the acquisition or in-licensing of new products or compounds. We may continue to incur losses from operations as we continue to support our sales and marketing infrastructure for the commercialization of Zanaflex Capsules and Ampyra, increase our efforts to support launch activities for Ampyra and its commercialization, and continue our clinical development and advance our preclinical programs.

To the extent our capital resources are insufficient to meet future operating requirements we will need to raise additional capital, reduce planned expenditures, or incur indebtedness to fund our operations. We may be unable to obtain additional debt or equity financing on acceptable terms, if at all. If adequate funds are not available, we may be required to curtail our sales and marketing efforts, delay, reduce the scope of or eliminate some of our research and development programs or obtain funds through arrangements with collaborative partners or others that may require us to relinquish rights to certain product candidates that we might otherwise seek to develop or commercialize independently.

Contractual Obligations and Commitments

A summary of our minimum contractual obligations related to our major outstanding contractual commitments is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. Our long-term contractual obligations include commitments and estimated purchase obligations entered into in the normal course of business. Under certain supply agreements and other agreements with manufacturers and suppliers, we are required to make payments for the manufacture and supply of our clinical and approved products. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2010, commitments related to the purchase of inventory consistent with our normal course of business increased. As of June 30, 2010, we have inventory-related purchase commitments totaling approximately \$45.0 million within the next year.

Under certain license agreements, we are required to pay royalties for the use of technologies and products in our R&D activities and in the commercialization of products. The amount and timing of any of the foregoing payments are not known due to the uncertainty surrounding the successful research, development and commercialization of the products.

Under certain license agreements, we are also required to pay license fees and milestones for the use of technologies and products in our R&D activities and in the commercialization of products. We have committed to make potential future milestone payments to third parties of up to approximately \$32.1 million as part of our various collaborations, including licensing and development programs. Payments under these agreements generally become due and payable only upon achievement of certain developmental, regulatory or commercial milestones. Because the achievement of

these milestones had not occurred as of June 30, 2010, such contingencies have not been recorded in our financial statements. Amounts related to contingent milestone payments are not considered contractual obligations as they are contingent on the successful achievement of certain development, regulatory and commercial milestones. There is uncertainty regarding the various activities and outcomes needed to reach these milestones, and they may not be achieved.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The following discussion of critical accounting policies identifies the accounting policies that require application of management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain and may change in subsequent periods. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all of our significant accounting policies. In many cases, the accounting treatment of a particular transaction is specifically dictated by generally accepted accounting principles, with no need for management's judgment in their application. There are also areas in which the selection of an available alternative policy would not produce a materially different result. We have identified the following as our areas of critical accounting policies: sales revenue recognition, inventory, research and development, income taxes, and stock-based compensation.

Revenue Recognition

Zanaflex

We apply the revenue recognition guidance in Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 605-15-25, which among other criteria requires that future returns can be reasonably estimated in order to recognize revenue. We have accumulated some sales history with Zanaflex Capsules; however, due to existing and potential generic competition and customer conversion from Zanaflex tablets to Zanaflex Capsules, we cannot reasonably determine a return rate at this time and, thus, are not permitted to recognize revenue based on shipments to wholesalers. As a result, we account for sales of these products using a deferred revenue recognition model. We continue to accumulate data and when we are able to reasonably estimate product returns based on this data and based on greater certainty regarding generic competition, we will then begin to recognize revenue based on shipments of product to our wholesale drug distributors.

Under our deferred revenue model, we do not recognize revenue following shipment of Zanaflex Capsules and Zanaflex tablets to our wholesale drug distributors. Instead, we record deferred revenue at gross invoice sales price, and classify the cost basis of the inventory held by the wholesaler as a component of inventory. We recognize revenue when prescriptions are filled to an end-user because once a prescription is filled the product cannot be returned. We use monthly prescription data that we purchase to determine the amount of revenue to be recognized. When we receive the prescription data, we use the number of units of product prescribed to record gross sales. We then reduce deferred revenue and record cost of goods sold.

In addition to the prescription data we purchase, we also receive data that we use to monitor trends in sales from wholesalers to their customers. We receive this data from an outside vendor on a monthly basis. This data includes the number of bottles shipped from certain wholesalers to their customers. We also compare our shipments to wholesalers to prescription reports to further assess inventory in the distribution channel on a monthly basis. We use the wholesaler sales trend data and the wholesaler vs. prescription comparison to better understand market conditions, but not as a basis for recognizing revenue.

Our net revenues represent total revenues less allowances for customer credits, including estimated discounts, rebates, and chargebacks. Product shipping and handling costs are included in cost of sales. These allowances are recorded for cash consideration given by a vendor to a customer that is presumed to be a reduction of the selling prices of the vendor's products or services and, therefore, should be characterized as a reduction of revenue when recognized in the vendor's statement of income. Adjustments are recorded for estimated chargebacks, rebates, and discounts. These

allowances are established by management as its best estimate based on available information and are adjusted to reflect known changes in the factors that impact such reserves. Allowances for chargebacks, rebates and discounts are established based on the contractual terms with customers, analysis of historical levels of discounts, chargebacks and rebates, communications with customers and the levels of inventory remaining in the distribution channel, as well as expectations about the market for each product and anticipated introduction of competitive products.

We accept returns of Zanaflex Capsules and Zanaflex tablets for six months prior to and twelve months after their expiration date. We provide a credit to customers with whom we have a direct relationship or a cash payment to those with whom we do not have a direct relationship. We do not exchange product from inventory for the returned product. Returns of products sold by us are charged directly against deferred revenue, reducing the amount of deferred revenue that we may recognize. In addition, we record a charge to cost of goods sold for the cost basis of the estimated product returns we believe may ultimately be realized at the time of product shipment to wholesalers. We recognize this charge at the date of shipment since it is probable that we will receive a level of returned products, upon the return of such product, we will be unable to resell the product considering its expiration dating, and we can reasonably estimate a range of returns. This charge represents the cost basis for the low end of the range of the Company's estimated returns.

Ampyra

Ampyra is available only through a network of specialty pharmacy providers that provide the medication to patients by mail. We recognize revenue by applying the guidance in Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) 104 which requires that we do not recognize revenue from product sales until there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, delivery has occurred, the price is fixed and determinable, the buyer is obligated to pay us, the obligation to pay is not contingent on resale of the product, the buyer has economic substance apart from us, the Company has no obligation to bring about the sale of the product, the amount of returns can be reasonably estimated and collectability is reasonably assured. We recognize product sales of Ampyra following shipment of product to a network of specialty pharmacy providers. As of June 30, 2010, we believe that inventory levels at specialty pharmacy providers that distribute Ampyra represented one month or less of their anticipated usage. We expect that they will generally continue to maintain similar inventory levels in the foreseeable future.

Our net revenues represent total revenues less allowances for customer credits, including estimated rebates, discounts and returns. These allowances are recorded for cash consideration given by a vendor to a customer that is presumed to be a reduction of the selling prices of the vendor's products or services and, therefore, are characterized as a reduction of revenue. At the time product is shipped to specialty pharmacies, an adjustment is recorded for estimated chargebacks, rebates, and returns. These allowances are established by management as its best estimate based on available information and will be adjusted to reflect known changes in the factors that impact such reserves. In determining the amounts of certain allowances and accruals, we must make significant judgments and estimates. Allowances for rebates, discounts and returns are established based on the contractual terms with customers, communications with customers and the levels of inventory remaining in the distribution channel, as well as expectations about the market for each product and anticipated introduction of competitive products. Product shipping and handling costs are included in cost of sales.

Based on our specialty distribution model where we sell to only 12 specialty pharmacy distributors, the data we receive from these distributors, and returns experience of other specialty products with similar selling models, we have been able to make a reasonable estimate for product returns. At June 30, 2010, we believe that inventory levels at the specialty pharmacy distributors represent one month or less of their anticipated usage and we expect that they will generally continue to maintain similar inventory levels in the foreseeable future. The specialty pharmacy distributors have contractually agreed to hold no more than 30 days worth of product stock. We will accept returns of Ampyra for two months prior to and six months after its expiration date. We will provide a credit to customers with whom we have a direct relationship. Once our product is prescribed, it cannot be returned. We do not exchange product from

inventory for the returned product.

Collaborations

We recognize collaboration revenues by analyzing each element of the agreement to determine if it shall be accounted for as a separate element or single unit of accounting. If an element shall be treated separately for revenue recognition purposes, the revenue recognition principles most appropriate for that element are applied to determine when revenue shall be recognized. If an element shall not be treated separately for revenue recognition purposes, the revenue recognition principles most appropriate for the bundled group of elements are applied to determine when revenue shall be recognized. Payments received in excess of revenues recognized are recorded as deferred revenue until such time as the revenue recognition criteria have been met.

Ampyra Inventory

Prior to regulatory approval of Ampyra, the Company incurred expenses for the manufacture of several batches of Ampyra that ultimately became available to support the commercial launch of this drug candidate. Until the necessary initial regulatory approval was received, we charged all such amounts to research and development expenses. As a result, our initial sales of Ampyra will result in higher gross margins than if the inventory costs had not previously been expensed. Upon regulatory approval of Ampyra, the Company began capitalizing the commercial inventory costs associated with manufacturing with Elan and at its second manufacturer, Patheon.

The cost of Ampyra inventory manufactured by Elan is based on specified prices calculated as a percentage of net product sales of the product shipped by Elan to Acorda. In the event Elan does not manufacture the products, Elan is entitled to a compensating payment for the quantities of product provided by the alternative manufacturer. This compensating payment is included in our inventory balances.

Research and Development

Research and development expenses include the costs associated with our internal research and development activities including, salaries and benefits, occupancy costs, and research and development conducted for us by third parties, such as sponsored university-based research, fees paid to professional service providers for independently monitoring our clinical trials and acquiring and evaluating data from our clinical trials, costs of contract manufacturing services for our preclinical program, costs of materials used in clinical trials and research and development and depreciation of capital resources used to develop our products. In addition, research and development expenses include expenses related to grant revenue, the cost of clinical trial drug supply shipped to our clinical study vendors and the cost of Ampyra inventory received up until regulatory approval. We account for our clinical study costs by estimating the patient cost per visit in each clinical trial and recognizing this cost as visits occur, beginning when the patient enrolls in the trial. This estimated cost includes payments to the trial site and patient-related costs, including laboratory costs related to the conduct of the trial. Cost per patient varies based on the type of clinical trial, the site of the clinical trial, and the length of the treatment period for each patient. As actual costs become known to us, we adjust our accrual; such changes in estimate may be a material change in our clinical study accrual, which could also materially affect our results of operations. With respect to previously established clinical study accruals in prior periods, for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2010 we did not make any significant adjustments to our clinical study costs. All research and development costs are expensed as incurred except when we are accounting for nonrefundable advance payments for goods or services to be used in future research and development activities. In these cases, these payments are capitalized at the time of payment and expensed when the research and development activity has been performed.

Income Taxes

As part of the process of preparing our financial statements we are required to estimate our income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. We account for income taxes by the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred income taxes are recognized for tax consequences in future years of differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts at each year-end, based on enacted laws and statutory tax rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are provided if, based upon the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

We have not recorded any tax provision or benefit for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009. We have provided a valuation allowance for the full amount of our gross deferred tax assets since realization of any future benefit from deductible temporary differences and net operating loss carryforwards cannot be sufficiently assured at June 30, 2010.

As of June 30, 2010, we had available net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$282.9 million for federal and state income tax purposes, which are available to offset future federal and state taxable income, if any, and expire between 2019 and 2030 and research and development tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$1.6 million for federal income tax reporting purposes which are available to reduce federal income taxes, if any, through 2018. Since our inception, we have incurred substantial losses and expect to incur substantial and recurring losses in future periods. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), provides for a limitation of the annual use of net operating loss and research and development tax credit carry forwards (following certain ownership changes, as defined by the Code) that could significantly limit our ability to utilize these carryforwards. We have experienced various ownership changes, as defined by the Code, as a result of past financings. Accordingly, our ability to utilize the aforementioned carry- forwards may be limited. Additionally, because U.S. tax laws limit the time during which these carryforwards may be applied against future taxes we may not be able to take full advantage of these attributes for federal income tax purposes.

Share-based Compensation

We account for stock options and restricted stock granted to employees and non-employees by recognizing the costs resulting from all share-based payment transactions in the financial statements at their fair values. We estimate the fair value of each option on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes closed-form option-pricing model based on assumptions for the expected term of the stock options, expected volatility of our common stock, prevailing interest rates, and an estimated forfeiture rate.

We have based our current assumptions on the following:

Assumption	Method of estimating
•Estimated expected term of options	•Based on the 50th percentile of our peer companies
•Expected volatility	•Combination of historic volatility of our common stock since October 1, 2006 and the historic volatility of the stock of our peer companies
•Risk-free interest rate	•Yields of U.S. Treasury securities corresponding with the expected life of option grants
•Forfeiture rates	•Historical forfeiture data

Of these assumptions, the expected term of the option and expected volatility of our common stock are the most difficult to estimate since they are based on the exercise behavior of the employees and expected performance of our common stock. Increases in the term and the volatility of our common stock will generally cause an increase in compensation expense.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Our financial instruments consist of cash equivalents, short-term investments, grants receivable, convertible notes payable, accounts payable, and put/call liability. The estimated fair values of all of our financial instruments approximate their carrying amounts at June 30, 2010.

We have cash equivalents and short-term investments at June 30, 2010, which are exposed to the impact of interest rate changes and our interest income fluctuates as our interest rates change. Due to the short-term nature of our investments in money market funds and US Treasury bonds, the carrying value of our cash equivalents and short-term investments approximate their fair value at June 30, 2010. At June 30, 2010, we held \$216.4 million in cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments which had an average interest rate of approximately 0.1%.

We maintain an investment portfolio in accordance with our investment policy. The primary objectives of our investment policy are to preserve principal, maintain proper liquidity to meet operating needs and maximize yields. Although our investments are subject to credit risk, our investment policy specifies credit quality standards for our investments and limits the amount of credit exposure from any single issue, issuer or type of investment. Our investments are also subject to interest rate risk and will decrease in value if market interest rates increase. However, due to the conservative nature of our investments and relatively short duration, interest rate risk is mitigated. We do not own derivative financial instruments. Accordingly, we do not believe that there is any material market risk exposure with respect to derivative or other financial instruments.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

As required by Rule 13a-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") we carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, as of the end of the period covered by this report. This evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer. Based on that evaluation, these officers have concluded that, as of June 30, 2010, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations. Disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

Change in internal control over financial reporting

In connection with the evaluation required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(d), our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, concluded that there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 30, 2010 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Limitations on the effectiveness of controls

Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of our disclosure control system are met. Because of inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of

controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues, if any, within a company have been detected.

PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

In August 2007, the Company received a Paragraph IV Certification Notice from Apotex Inc. advising that it had submitted an ANDA to the FDA seeking marketing approval for generic versions of Zanaflex Capsules. In October 2007, the Company filed a lawsuit against Apotex Corp. and Apotex Inc. (collectively, Apotex) for patent infringement in relation to the filing of the ANDA by Apotex. The defendants answered the Company's complaint, asserting patent invalidity and non-infringement and counterclaiming, seeking a declaratory judgment of patent invalidity and non-infringement. The Company denied those counterclaims. In March 2008, Apotex filed a motion, which the Company opposed, for partial judgment on the pleadings dismissing the Company's request for relief on the ground that the case is "exceptional" under U.S.C. §§ 271(e)(4) or 285. The court ruled in the Company's favor and denied Apotex's motion in December 2008. Fact discovery in the case has been completed. On July 2, 2010, the U.S. District Court held a Markman hearing to determine the interpretation of certain terms in the Company's Zanaflex Capsules patent that is at issue in this litigation. The Court ruled favorably on a number of those terms, and the case is proceeding, with expert discovery scheduled to be completed in January 2011.

Our timely filing of a lawsuit against Apotex in October 2007 triggered an automatic stay on FDA approval of the Apotex ANDA for 30 months. That stay expired in March 2010. Consequently, Apotex will be able to receive FDA approval of its ANDA, if Apotex is able otherwise to satisfy FDA's review requirements for ANDAs, at which time it could begin selling a generic tizanidine hydrochloride capsule in competition with Zanaflex Capsules and Zanaflex tablets, even if our patent litigation remains pending. If Apotex begins selling its product before it is successful in challenging the validity, infringement, or enforceability of our patent, Apotex would be selling at the risk of our ultimately prevailing on our patent infringement claims and its being held liable for damages for patent infringement.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the risk factors discussed in Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the additional risk factor set forth below, all of which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. The risks described or referred to herein are not the only risks facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

Legislative or regulatory reform of the healthcare system may affect our ability to sell our products profitably.

In March 2010, two pieces of legislation, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (collectively, Health Care Reform) were signed into law. Health Care Reform will substantially change the way that health care is financed by both governmental and private insurers and significantly affect the pharmaceutical industry. These new laws contain a number of provisions, including provisions governing enrollment in federal health care programs, reimbursement changes, the increased use of comparative effectiveness research in health care decision-making, and enhancements to fraud and abuse requirements and enforcement, that will affect existing government health care programs and will result in the development of new programs.

A number of provisions contained in the new laws may adversely affect our net revenue for our marketed products and any future products. In 2010, the new laws, among other things, increase the minimum basic Medicaid rebate for branded prescription drugs from 15.1% to 23.1% and require pharmaceutical manufacturers to pay states rebates on prescription drugs dispensed to Medicaid managed care enrollees. In addition, Health Care Reform increases the

additional Medicaid rebate on “line extensions” (such as extended release formulations) of solid oral dosage forms of branded products, revises the definition of average manufacturer price by changing the classes of purchasers included in the calculation, and expands the entities eligible for discounted 340B pricing.

Beginning in 2011, the new laws will require drug manufacturers to provide a 50% discount on prescriptions for branded products filled while the beneficiary is in the Medicare Part D coverage gap, also known as the “donut hole.” In addition, Health Care Reform will impose a significant annual fee on companies that manufacture or import branded prescription drug products. The fee (which is not deductible for federal income tax purposes) will be based on the manufacturer’s market share of sales of branded drugs and biologics (excluding orphan drugs) to, or pursuant to coverage under, specified U.S. government programs.

Health Care Reform also includes substantial new provisions affecting compliance, including reporting provisions that relate to transfers of value to health care providers and to the distribution of product samples to health care providers. In addition, the federal government has been given additional enforcement authority.

We are unable to predict the future course of federal or state health care legislation and regulations, including regulations that will be issued to implement provisions of Health Care Reform. Health Care Reform and further changes in the law or regulatory framework that reduce our revenues or increase our costs could also have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations and cash flows.

Item 6. Exhibits

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Ron Cohen
Ron Cohen
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Ron Cohen Ron Cohen, M.D.	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 9, 2010
/s/ David Lawrence David Lawrence, M.B.A.	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	August 9, 2010

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