

CHARTER OF THE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC

This Charter outlines the purpose, composition and responsibilities of the Research & Development Committee (the “*Committee*”) of the Board of Directors (the “*Board*”) of Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. (“Acorda” or “the Company”).

Purpose

The Committee is responsible for: (a) making recommendations to the Board regarding the Company's research and development strategies and opportunities; (b) performing such other functions as may be deemed necessary or convenient in efficiently carrying out the foregoing; and (c) such other functions as the Board may from time to time assign to the Committee.

Structure and membership

Number. The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three members.

Chair. Unless the Board of Directors elects a Chair of the Committee, the Committee shall elect a Chair by majority vote.

Selection and Removal. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Nominations and Governance Committee. A majority of the Committee shall have appropriate scientific credentials. The Board of Directors may remove members of the Committee from such committee, with or without cause.

Independence. Except as otherwise permitted by the applicable rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market and Section 301 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (and the applicable rules thereunder), each member of the Committee shall be “independent” as defined by such rules and Act.

Compensation. The compensation of Committee members shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

Committee Responsibilities

In addition to such other duties as the Board may from time to time assign, the Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Provide strategic and regulatory advice and make recommendations to the Board regarding current and planned research and development program;
- B. Provide strategic and regulatory advice and guidance to the Company regarding advancement of R&D programs through defined stage gates;

- C. Advise the Board regarding the scientific merit of technology or products involved in licensing and acquisition opportunities;
- D. Provide strategic advice to the Board regarding emerging science and technology issues and trends; and
- E. Report to the full Board at Board meetings, as appropriate, with respect to significant matters covered at Committee meetings

Procedures and Administration

Meetings. The Committee shall meet at least two times each year. The Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings.

Subcommittees. The Committee may form and delegate its authority to one or more subcommittees as it deems appropriate from time to time under the circumstances, each such subcommittee consisting of one or more members of the Committee.

Reports to Board. The Committee shall report regularly to the Board of Directors.

Charter. At least annually, the Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board of Directors for approval.

Independent Advisors. The Committee shall have the authority to engage and determine funding for such independent advisors as it deems necessary or appropriate to carry out its responsibilities and powers. Such independent advisors may be the regular advisors to the Company.

Meeting Attendees. The Committee may ask members of management or others whose advice and counsel are relevant to the issues then being considered by the Committee to attend any meetings and to provide such pertinent information as the Committee may request. It is contemplated that the head of R&D and the head of Clinical and Regulatory affairs may participate in meetings depending on the agenda.

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