AKORN INC Form 4 February 23, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lichter Steven

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AKORN INC [AKRX]

(Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

1925 WEST FIELD COURT SUITE 300

(Street)

02/19/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

EVP, Pharmaceutical Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

(Instr. 3)

Security

or Exercise

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

(A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Stock **Options** Common (1) 02/19/2023 \$ 24.95 02/19/2016 84,000 84,000 A Stock (Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lichter Steven

1925 WEST FIELD COURT SUITE 300

EVP, Pharmaceutical Operations

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

Signatures

/s/ Joseph Bonaccorsi, Attorney-in-Fact 02/23/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Stock Options vest in four equal installments on February 19, 2017, February 19, 2018, February 19, 2019 and February 19, 2020.
- (2) There was no consideration given in exchange for the security.

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