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December 07, 2001

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Amendment No. \_\_)  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

THORATEC CORPORATION  
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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value per share  
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(Title of Class of Securities)

885175 30 7  
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(CUSIP Number)

Hardin Holmes  
Ireland, Stapleton, Pryor & Pascoe, P.C.  
1675 Broadway, 26th Floor, Denver, Colorado 80202  
303.623.2700  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of  
Person Authorized to Receive Notices  
and Communications)

November 6, 2001  
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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of  
this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of ss.240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. [ ]

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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- 1. Name of Reporting Person. S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above persons (entities only)  
Gambro, Inc., f/k/a COBE Laboratories, Inc.  
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- 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group  
(a)  
(b)  
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- 3. SEC Use Only  
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- 4. Source of Funds:  
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- 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  
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- 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization:  
State of Colorado  
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- Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With  
7. Sole Voting Power: 1,411,000  
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8. Shared Voting Power: -0-  
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9. Sole Dispositive Power: 1,411,000  
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10. Shared Dispositive Power: -0-  
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- 11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
1,411,000  
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- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
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- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11):  
2.6%  
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14. Type of Reporting Person  
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**Item 2. Identity and Background.** This statement is being filed by Gambro, Inc., f/k/a COBE Laboratories, Inc., a Colorado corporation (the Reporting Person ). The Reporting Person s principal office is located at 10810 W. Collins Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80215. The purpose of this Amendment is to reflect the reduction of the interest of the Reporting Person in the common stock of the Issuer to less than 5% of the outstanding shares, as a result of recent sales of shares by the Reporting Person.

**Item 5. Interest in the Securities of the Issuer.**

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

On October 1, 2001, the Reporting Person owned 3,133,076 shares of the outstanding Common Stock of the Issuer, representing 5.7% of the 55,140,000 shares outstanding. As of November 6, 2001 the Reporting Person owned 1,411,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer, which represents 2.6%, as a result of the following open market sales with respect to the Common Stock:

Date ----	Amount -----	Price Per Share -----
10/08/01	6,000	18.75
10/09/01	25,000	18.0684
10/10/01	100,000	18.0375
10/11/01	4,100	18.15
10/11/01	90,900	18.328
10/11/01	55,000	18.328
10/12/01	80,000	18.5
10/15/01	30,000	18.5
10/16/01	100,000	18.6875
10/17/01	5,000	19.2
10/18/01	25,000	19.0
10/18/01	25,000	18.75
10/18/01	15,000	19.1133
10/19/01	20,000	20.5
10/19/01	100,000	20.0
10/19/01	50,000	19.25
10/19/01	35,000	21.0
10/22/01	25,000	20.75
10/23/01	80,000	20.56255
10/24/01	40,000	19.25
10/24/01	50,000	19.0
10/24/01	100,000	18.25

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10/25/01	50,000	19.5
10/25/01	100,000	19.0
10/26/01	40,000	19.5
10/31/01	30,000	19.5
10/31/01	50,000	19.21
10/31/01	50,000	19.2
11/01/01	27,500	19.57277
11/05/01	2,500	19.85

After reasonable inquiry and to my best knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

GAMBRO, INC.

November 9, 2001

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Date

By: /s/ Kevin Smith

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Kevin Smith, President