

Kurtz Neil M
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Kurtz Neil M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 TorreyPines Therapeutics, Inc.
 [TPTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O TORREYPINES
 THERAPEUTICS, INC., 11085
 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD,
 SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2006

(Street)
 LA JOLLA, CA 92037

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | Price | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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)

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Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3), 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year), 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year), 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8), 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year), 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4). Rows include stock options and restricted stock options.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Relationships sub-columns include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Entry for Kurtz Neil M, President and CEO.

Signatures

/s/ Agatha M. Martindale, Attorney-in-fact, 12/18/2006. 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) 25% of the options will become exercisable on 12/14/2007. Thereafter, equal portions of the remaining options will become exercisable on the 14th of each month, beginning on 1/14/2008 and continuing through 12/14/2010.
(2) Each restricted stock unit represent the right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock if the stock price of the Issuer meets the thresholds described below in footnote (3). Restricted stock units are granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.
(3) Restricted stock unit grants would become exercisable on 3/31/09 if the average stock price (based on average daily closing price) for the 6-month period ending 3/31/09 is at or above \$10.36. Additional conditions may also apply pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's grant and/or employment agreement.
(4) Restricted stock unit grants will terminate on 3/31/09 if conditions are not met (see footnote 3 above). Expiration date is also subject to the terms of Reporting Person's grant agreement.

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