

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)	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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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
stock options	\$ 6.37	12/14/2006		A	65,000	<u>(1)</u> 12/13/2016	common stock	65,000
restricted stock options	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	12/14/2006		A	65,000	03/31/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/31/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	common stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kurtz Neil M C/O TORREYPINES THERAPEUTICS, INC. 11085 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 300 LA JOLLA, CA 92037	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Agatha M. Martindale,  
Attorney-in-fact  
Date: 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. 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.
- (3) 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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