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Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Johnson Craig A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
11085 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 103  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/15/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
V.P. Finance, CFO & Secretary

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Stock option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>							
		\$ 0.27		10/15/2008			
			A	250,000	11/15/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/14/2018	Common Stock
							250,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson Craig A 11085 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 103 LA JOLLA, CA 92037			V.P. Finance, CFO & Secretary	

## Signatures

Vickie Reed, Director of Finance, Attorney-in-fact	10/16/2008
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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) Grant to reporting person of a non-qualified stock option to purchase shares of TorreyPines Therapeutics, Inc. common stock pursuant to the Company's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.  
  
The Vesting Commencement Date for these options is October 15, 2008; one twenty-fourth (1/24th) of the shares subject to such option
- (2) will vest in equal monthly installments such that the option shall be one hundred percent (100%) vested on the second anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date.

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