

Kurtz Neil M  
 Form 4  
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/06/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

C/O TORREYPINES  
 THERAPEUTICS, INC., 11085  
 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD,  
 SUITE 300

(Street)

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

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

(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	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 2.9	12/06/2007		A	22,000	<u>(2)</u> 12/05/2017	Common Stock	22,000

### 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 & CEO	

### Signatures

Vickie Reed, Director of External Reporting,  
attorney-in-fact 12/10/2007

\*\*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) Grant to reporting person of a non-qualified stock option to purchase shares of TorreyPines Therapeutics, Inc. pursuant to the Company's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan
- Twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares shall vest one year from the Vesting Commencement Date (December 6, 2007) and thereafter
- (2) one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to such option will vest in equal monthly installments, such that the option shall be one hundred percent (100%) vested on the fourth anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date.
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