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1(b).

(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]

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) VP Finance, CFO and Secretary

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)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 orderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
stock options	\$ 6.37	12/14/2006		A	25,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/13/2016	common stock	25,0
restricted stock options	\$ 0 (2)	12/14/2006		A	25,000	03/31/2009(3)	03/31/2009(4)	common stock	25,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

VP Finance, CFO and Secretary

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

Signatures

/s/ Agatha M. Martindale, Attorney-in-fact

**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 (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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