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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)
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(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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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 or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or
Derivative Security Disposed of (D)
(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amount
Date Shares

Stock option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾ \$ 0.27 10/15/2008 A 250,000 11/15/2008⁽²⁾ 10/14/2018 Common Stock 250,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

Vickie Reed, Director of Finance, Attorney-in-fact 10/16/2008
_{**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. 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 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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