UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)*

Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

880881107

(CUSIP Number)

OrbiMed Advisors LLC OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC OrbiMed Asia GP III, L.P. OrbiMed Advisors III Limited OrbiMed Genesis GP LLC

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 23, 2022

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1	Names of Reporting Persons. OrbiMed Advisors LLC				
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions). (a) o (b) o				
3	SEC Use Only	SEC Use Only			
4	Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF				
5	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o				
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware				
	MBER OF	7	Sole Voting Power 0		
BEN	SHARES EFICIALLY WNED BY	8	Shared Voting Power 7,619,135 (1)		
	EACH PORTING	9	Sole Dispositive Power 0		
	PERSON WITH	10	Shared Dispositive Power 7,619,135 (1)		
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 7,619,135 (1)				
12	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o			0	
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 15.4% (2)				
14	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA				

(1) Excludes pre-funded warrants ("<u>Warrants</u>") to purchase shares of Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "<u>Issuer</u>") common stock ("<u>Common Stock</u>"). The Warrants contain an issuance limitation that prohibits the holder from exercising the Warrants to the extent that after giving effect to such issuance after exercise, the holder (together with the holder's affiliates and any other persons acting as a group together with the holder or any of the holder's affiliates, including the other Reporting Persons) would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the issuance of the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants.

1		Names of Reporting Persons. OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC			
2	Check the Approp (a) o (b) o				
3	SEC Use Only				
4	Source of Funds (AF	Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF			
5	Check if Disclosu	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) 0			
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware				
-	MBER OF SHARES	7	Sole Voting Power 0		
BEN	EFICIALLY VNED BY	8	Shared Voting Power 4,882,854 (1)		
RE	EACH REPORTING		Sole Dispositive Power 0		
	PERSON WITH	10	Shared Dispositive Power 4,882,854 (1)		
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 4,882,854 (1)				
12	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) 0				
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 9.9% (2)				
14	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO				

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1	Names of Reporting Persons. OrbiMed Asia GP III, L.P.			
2	Check the Approp (a) o (b) o			
3	SEC Use Only			
4	Source of Funds (AF	Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF		
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6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware			
-	JMBER OF	7	Sole Voting Power 0	
BEN	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING		Shared Voting Power 1,973,881 (1)	
			Sole Dispositive Power 0	
1	PERSON WITH	10	Shared Dispositive Power 1,973,881 (1)	
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,973,881 (1)			
12	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) 0			
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 4.0% (2)			
14	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO			

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1	Names of Reporting Persons. OrbiMed Advisors III Limited			
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions). (a) o (b) o			
3	SEC Use Only			
4	Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF			
5	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) 0			
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware			
-	JMBER OF SHARES	7	Sole Voting Power 0	
BEN	IEFICIALLY WNED BY	8	Shared Voting Power 1,973,881 (1)	
	EACH EPORTING PERSON	9	Sole Dispositive Power 0	
	WITH	10	Shared Dispositive Power 1,973,881 (1)	
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1	Names of Reporting Persons. OrbiMed Genesis GP LLC				
2	Check the Approp (a) o (b) o				
3	SEC Use Only				
4	Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF				
5	Check if Disclosu	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) 0			
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware				
-	JMBER OF SHARES	7	Sole Voting Power 0		
BEN	IEFICIALLY WNED BY	8	Shared Voting Power 762,400 (1)		
	EACH EPORTING PERSON	9	Sole Dispositive Power 0		
	WITH	10	Shared Dispositive Power 762,400 (1)		
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 762,400 (1)				
12	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) 0				
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 1.5% (2)				
14	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO				

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 2 ("<u>Amendment No. 2</u>") to Schedule 13D supplements and amends the Statement on Schedule 13D of OrbiMed Advisors LLC, OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC, OrbiMed Asia GP III, L.P. and OrbiMed Advisors III Limited (the "<u>Statement</u>") originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>SEC</u>") on February 23, 2021, as amended by Amendment No. 1 ("<u>Amendment No 1</u>") filed with the SEC on August 18, 2022. This Statement relates to the common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "<u>Shares</u>"), of Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware (the "<u>Issuer</u>"), with its principal executive offices located at 1065 East Hillsdale Boulevard, Suite 100, Foster City, California 94404. The Shares are listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the ticker symbol "TERN". Information given in response to each item shall be deemed incorporated by reference in all other items, as applicable.

On December 23, 2022, the Issuer completed an underwritten public offering pursuant to which the Issuer agreed to issue and sell to the participants 10,350,000 Shares at a price to the public of \$7.25 per Share (the "<u>Offering</u>") and granted the underwriters of the Offering an option to purchase up to 1,552,500 additional Shares, which the underwriters exercised in full on December 21, 2022. As a result of the Reporting Persons' (as defined below) participation in the Offering, as described in Item 3 below, the percentage of outstanding Shares that the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own decreased by more than 1% since the filing of Amendment No. 1.

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) This Schedule 13D is being filed by OrbiMed Advisors LLC ("<u>OrbiMed Advisors</u>"), OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC ("<u>GP VII</u>"), OrbiMed Asia GP III, L.P. ("<u>OAP GP III</u>"), OrbiMed Advisors III Limited ("<u>Advisors III</u>") and OrbiMed Genesis GP LLC ("<u>OrbiMed Genesis</u>") (collectively, the "<u>Reporting Persons</u>").

(b) — (c), (f) OAP GP III, a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, is the general partner of a limited partnership, as more particularly described in Item 6 below. OAP GP III has its principal offices at 601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

Advisors III, a Cayman Islands exempted company, is the general partner of OAP GP III, as more particularly described in Item 6 below. Advisors III has its principal offices at 601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

OrbiMed Advisors, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware and a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, is the investment manager of a limited partnership, as more particularly described in Item 6 below and is the managing member of GP VII, as more particularly described in Item 6 below. OrbiMed Advisors has its principal offices at 601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

OrbiMed Genesis, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware, is the general partner of a limited partnership as more particularly described in Item 6 below. OrbiMed Genesis has its principal offices at 601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

The directors and executive officers of OrbiMed Advisors, Advisors III, OAP GP III, GP VII, and OrbiMed Genesis are set forth on Schedules I, II, III, IV and V, respectively, attached hereto. Schedules I, II, III, IV and V set forth the following information with respect to each such person:

- (i) name;
- (ii) business address;

(iii) present principal occupation of employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted; and

(iv) citizenship.

(d) — (e) During the last five years, neither the Reporting Persons nor any Person named in Schedules I through IV has been (i) convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

On and prior to the close of the Offering, OrbiMed Advisors and GP VII, pursuant to their authority under the limited partnership agreement of OrbiMed Private Investments VII, LP ("<u>OPI VII</u>"), as more particularly referred to in Item 6 below, caused OPI VII to purchase 137,931 Shares in the Offering.

The source of funds for such purchase was the working capital of OPI VII.

As a result of the transaction described in this Item 3, GP VII, as the general partner of OPI VII, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 9.9% of the outstanding Shares. OrbiMed Advisors, as the investment manager of OAP III and as the managing member of GP VII and OrbiMed Genesis, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of approximately 15.4% of the outstanding Shares.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

This statement relates to the acquisition of Shares by the Reporting Persons. The Shares acquired by the Reporting Persons were acquired for the purpose of making an investment in the Issuer and not with the intention of acquiring control of the Issuer's business on behalf of the Reporting Persons' respective advisory clients.

The Reporting Persons from time to time intend to review their investment in the Issuer on the basis of various factors, including the Issuer's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, general economic and industry conditions, the securities markets in general and those for the Issuer's Shares in particular, as well as other developments and other investment opportunities. Based upon such review, the Reporting Persons will take such actions in the future as the Reporting Persons may deem appropriate in light of the circumstances existing from time to time. If the Reporting Persons believe that further investment in the Issuer is attractive, whether because of the market price of Shares or otherwise, they may acquire Shares or other securities of the Issuer either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. Similarly, depending on market and other factors, the Reporting Persons may determine to dispose of some or all of the Shares currently owned by the Reporting Persons or otherwise acquired by the Reporting Persons either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

Except as set forth in this Schedule 13D, the Reporting Persons have not formulated any plans or proposals which relate to or would result in: (a) the acquisition by any person of additional securities of the Issuer or the disposition of securities of the Issuer, (b) an extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (c) a sale or transfer of a material amount of the assets of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (d) any change in the present Board of Directors or management of the Issuer's capitalization or dividend policy of the Issuer, (f) any other material change in the Issuer's business or corporate structure, (g) any change in the Issuer's charter or bylaws or other instrument corresponding thereto or other action which may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person, (h) causing a class of the Issuer's securities to be deregistered or delisted from a national securities exchange or to cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association, (i) a class of equity securities of the Issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Act or (j) any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) — (b) The following disclosure is based upon 49,516,329 Shares outstanding of the Issuer, as set forth in the Issuer's Rule 424(b)(5) Prospectus, filed with the SEC on December 21, 2022.

As of the date of this filing, OPI VII, a limited partnership organized under the laws of Delaware, holds 4,882,854 Shares, constituting approximately 9.9% of the issued and outstanding Shares. GP VII is the general partner of OPI VII, pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OPI VII, and OrbiMed Advisors is the managing member of GP VII, pursuant to the terms of the limited liability company agreement of GP VII. As a result, OrbiMed Advisors and GP VII share power to direct the vote and disposition of the Shares held by OPI VII and may be deemed directly or indirectly, including by reason of their mutual affiliation, to be the beneficial owners of the Shares held by OPI VII. OrbiMed Advisors exercises this investment and voting power through a management committee comprised of Carl L. Gordon, Sven H. Borho, and W. Carter Neild, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares held by OPI VII.

As of the date of this filing, OrbiMed Asia Partners III, L.P. ("<u>OAP III</u>"), a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, holds 1,973,881 Shares, constituting approximately 4.0% of the issued and outstanding Shares. OAP GP III is the general partner of OAP III pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OAP III, Advisors III is the general partner of OAP GP III pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OAP III, Advisors is the investment manager of OAP III pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OAP III. As a result, OAP GP III, Advisors III, and OrbiMed Advisors share power to direct the vote and disposition of the Shares held by OAP III and may be deemed directly or indirectly, including by reason of their mutual affiliation, to be the beneficial owners of the Shares held by OAP III. OrbiMed Advisors exercises this investment and voting power through a management committee comprised of Carl L. Gordon, Sven H. Borho, and W. Carter Neild, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares held by OAP III.

As of the date of this filing, OrbiMed Genesis Master Fund, L.P. ("<u>Genesis</u>"), a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, holds 762,400 Shares, constituting approximately 1.5% of the issued and outstanding Shares. OrbiMed Genesis is the general partner of Genesis, pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of Genesis, and OrbiMed Advisors is the managing member of OrbiMed Genesis, pursuant to the terms of the limited liability company agreement of OrbiMed Genesis. As a result, OrbiMed Advisors and OrbiMed Genesis share power to direct the vote and disposition of the Shares held by Genesis and may be deemed, directly or indirectly, including by reason of their mutual affiliation, to be the beneficial owners of the Shares held by Genesis. OrbiMed Advisors exercises this investment and voting power through a management committee comprised of Carl L. Gordon, Sven H. Borho and W. Carter Neild, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares held by Genesis.

In addition, OrbiMed Advisors, GP VII, OAP GP III, and Advisors III, pursuant to their authority under the limited partnership agreements of OPI VII and OAP III, caused OPI VII and OAP III to enter into the agreements referred to in Item 6 below.

(c) Except as disclosed in Item 3, the Reporting Persons have not effected any transactions during the past sixty (60) days in any Shares.

- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

In addition to the relationships between the Reporting Persons described in Items 2 and 5 above, GP VII is the general partner of OPI VII, pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OPI VII. Pursuant to this agreement and relationship, GP VII has discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of OPI VII. Such authority includes the power to vote and otherwise dispose of securities held by OPI VII. The number of outstanding Shares of the Issuer attributable to OPI VII is 4,882,854 Shares. GP VII, pursuant to its authority under the limited partnership agreement of OPI VII, may be considered to hold indirectly 4,882,854 Shares.

In addition to the relationships between the Reporting Persons described in Items 2 and 5 above, OAP GP III is the general partner of OAP III, pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OAP III and Advisors III is the general partner of OAP GP III pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OAP GP III. Pursuant to this agreement and relationship, OAP GP III and Advisors III have discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of OAP III. Such authority includes the power to vote and otherwise dispose of securities held by OAP III. The number of outstanding Shares of the Issuer attributable to OAP III is 1,973,881 Shares. OAP GP III and Advisors III, pursuant to their authority under the limited partnership agreements of OAP III and Advisors III, respectively, may be considered to hold indirectly 1,973,881 Shares.

OrbiMed Genesis is the general partner of Genesis, pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of Genesis. Pursuant to this agreement and relationship, OrbiMed Genesis has discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of Genesis. Such authority includes the power to vote and otherwise dispose of securities held by Genesis. The number of outstanding Shares of the Issuer attributable to Genesis is 762,400 Shares. OrbiMed Genesis, pursuant to its authority under the limited partnership agreement of Genesis, may be considered to hold indirectly 762,400 Shares.

In addition to the relationships between the Reporting Persons described in Items 2 and 5 above, OrbiMed Advisors is the managing member of GP VII and OrbiMed Genesis, pursuant to the terms of the limited liability company agreements of GP VII and OrbiMed Genesis, and OrbiMed Advisors is the investment manager of OAP III, pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OAP III. Pursuant to these agreements and relationships, OrbiMed Advisors and GP VII have discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of OPI VII, OrbiMed Advisors and OrbiMed Genesis have discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of OPI VII, OrbiMed Advisors and OrbiMed Genesis have discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of Genesis and OrbiMed Advisors, OAP GP III, and Advisors III have discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of Securities held by OPI VII, OrbiMed Genesis to vote and otherwise dispose of securities held by OPI VII, OrbiMed Genesis to vote and otherwise dispose of securities held by OPI VII, OrbiMed Genesis to vote and otherwise dispose of securities held by OAP III. The number of outstanding Shares attributable to OPI VII is 4,882,854 Shares, the number of outstanding Shares attributable to OAP III is 1,973,881 Shares. OrbiMed Advisors, pursuant to its authority under the terms of the limited liability company agreements of GP VII and OrbiMed Genesis, as well as the limited partnership agreement of OAP III, may also be considered to hold indirectly 7,619,135 Shares.

Carl L. Gordon ("<u>Gordon</u>"), a member of OrbiMed Advisors, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Issuer and, accordingly, OrbiMed Advisors, GP VII, OAP GP III, and Advisors III may have the ability to affect and influence control of the Issuer. From time to time, Gordon may receive stock options or other awards of equity-based compensation pursuant to the Issuer's compensation arrangements for non-employee directors. Pursuant to an agreement with OrbiMed Advisors, OAP GP III, and Advisors III, Gordon is obligated to transfer any securities issued under any such stock options or other awards, or the economic benefit thereof, to OPI VII and OAP III, which will in turn ensure that such securities or economic benefits are provided to OPI VII and OAP III.

Investors' Rights Agreement

OPI VII, OAP III, and certain other stockholders of the Issuer entered into an Investors' Rights Agreement with the Issuer (the "Investors' Rights Agreement"), dated as of December 29, 2020. Pursuant to the Investors' Rights Agreement and subject to the terms and conditions therein, the parties agreed that:

Demand Registration Rights

At any time beginning six months following the date of the effective date of the registration statement of the Issuer's initial public offering, the holders of at least 20% of the registrable securities then outstanding of the Issuer may make a written request that the Issuer register some or all of their registrable securities, subject to certain specified conditions and exceptions, including that the registration statement be with respect to at least 40% of the registerable securities (or a lesser percent if the anticipated aggregate offering price, net of selling expenses, would exceed \$25 million). The Issuer is required to use commercially reasonable efforts to effect the registration and will pay all registration expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, related to any demand registration. The Issuer is not obligated to effect more than two of these registrations.

Piggyback Registration Rights

Whenever the Issuer proposes to file a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), other than with respect to certain excluded registrations, OPI VII and OAP III will be entitled to notice of the registration and have the right, subject to limitations that the underwriters may impose on the number of Shares included in the registration, to include the Shares held by them in the registration.

Form F-3 or Form S-3 Registration Rights

At any time after the Issuer is qualified to file a registration statement on Form F-3 or Form S-3 under the Securities Act, and subject to limitations and conditions specified in the Investors' Rights Agreement, holders of at least 10% of the registrable securities then outstanding may make a written request that the Issuer prepare and file a registration statement on Form S-3 covering their Shares, so long as the aggregate price to the public equal or exceeds \$1 million. The Issuer is not obligated to effect more than two of these Form S-3 registrations in any 12-month period.

The foregoing description of the Investors' Rights Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Investor Rights Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Lock-Up Agreement

In addition, in connection with the Offering, OPI VII and Gordon each entered into a lockup agreement (the "Lock-Up Agreement") with the Issuer's underwriters pursuant to which, among other things, each of these stockholders agreed not to, except in limited circumstances, directly or indirectly: (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any Shares or any securities convertible, exercisable or exchangeable for Shares (the "Lock-Up Shares"); (ii) enter into any hedging, swap or other agreement or transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Lock-Up Shares, whether or not such transaction is to be settled by delivery of Shares, other securities, cash or other consideration; (iii) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to the registration of any Lock-Up Shares; and (iv) publicly disclose the intention to do any of the foregoing; in each case, from the date of the Lock-Up Agreement until 60 days after the date of the final prospectus supplement relating to the Offering.

The foregoing description of the Lock-Up Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Form of Lock-Up Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 3 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit	Description
1.	Joint Filing Agreement among OrbiMed Advisors LLC, OrbiMed Genesis GP LLC, OrbiMed Asia GP III, L.P., OrbiMed Advisors III Limited, and OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC.
2.	Investors' Rights Agreement by and among the Issuer and each of the signatories thereto, dated as of December 29, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (SEC 333-252180), filed with the SEC on January 15, 2021).
3.	Form of Lock-Up Agreement.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 28, 2022

ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC

By: <u>/s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Member

ORBIMED ASIA GP III, L.P.

- By: ORBIMED ADVISORS III LIMITED, its general partner
- By: <u>/s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Director of OrbiMed Advisors III Limited

ORBIMED ADVISORS III LIMITED

- By: <u>/s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Director
- ORBIMED CAPITAL GP VII LLC
- By: ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC, its managing member
- By: <u>s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Member of OrbiMed Advisors LLC

ORBIMED GENESIS GP LLC

- By: ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC, it's managing member
- By: <u>/s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Member of OrbiMed Advisors LLC

SCHEDULE I

The names and present principal occupations of each of the executive officers and directors of OrbiMed Advisors LLC are set forth below. Unless otherwise noted, each of these persons is a United States citizen and has a business address of 601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor, New York, NY 10022.

Name	Position with Reporting Person	Principal Occupation
Carl L. Gordon	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
Sven H. Borho German and Swedish Citizen	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
W. Carter Neild	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
Geoffrey C. Hsu	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
C. Scotland Stevens	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
David P. Bonita	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
Peter A. Thompson	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
Matthew S. Rizzo	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
Trey Block	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer OrbiMed Advisors LLC

SCHEDULE II

The names and present principal occupations of each of the executive officers and directors of OrbiMed Advisors III Limited are set forth below. Unless otherwise noted, each of these persons is a United States citizen and has a business address of 601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor, New York, NY 10022.

Name	Position with Reporting Person	Principal Occupation
Carl L. Gordon	Director	Director OrbiMed Advisors III Limited
Sven H. Borho German and Swedish Citizen	Director	Director OrbiMed Advisors III Limited
David P. Bonita	Director	Director OrbiMed Advisors III Limited
W. Carter Neild	Director	Director OrbiMed Advisors III Limited
Geoffrey C. Hsu	Director	Director OrbiMed Advisors III Limited
Sunny Sharma Indian Citizen	Director	Director OrbiMed Advisors III Limited
David G. Wang	Director	Director OrbiMed Advisors III Limited
Trey Block	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer OrbiMed Advisors III Limited

SCHEDULE III

The business and operations of OrbiMed Asia GP III, L.P. are managed by the executive officers and directors of OrbiMed Advisors III Limited, set forth in Schedule II attached hereto.

SCHEDULE IV

The business and operations of OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC are managed by the executive officers and directors of its managing member, OrbiMed Advisors LLC, set forth on Schedule I attached hereto.

SCHEDULE V

The business and operations of OrbiMed Genesis GP LLC are managed by the executive officers and directors of its managing member, OrbiMed Advisors LLC, set forth on Schedule I attached hereto.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
1.	Joint Filing Agreement among OrbiMed Advisors LLC, OrbiMed Genesis GP LLC, OrbiMed Asia GP III, L.P., OrbiMed Advisors III Limited, and OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC.
2.	Investors' Rights Agreement by and among the Issuer and each of the signatories thereto, dated as of December 29, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (SEC 333-252180), filed with the SEC on January 15, 2021).
3.	Form of Lock-Up Agreement.

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the Statement on Schedule 13D, dated December 23, 2022 with respect to the common stock of Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc, is filed on behalf of each of us pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Each of the undersigned agrees to be responsible for the timely filing of this Statement, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning itself contained therein. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the 28th day of December 2022.

ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC

By: <u>/s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Member

ORBIMED ASIA GP III, L.P.

- By: ORBIMED ADVISORS III LIMITED, its general partner
- By: <u>/s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Director of OrbiMed Advisors III Limited

ORBIMED ADVISORS III LIMITED

By: <u>/s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Director

ORBIMED CAPITAL GP VII LLC

- By: ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC, its managing member
- By: <u>s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Member of OrbiMed Advisors LLC

ORBIMED GENESIS GP LLC

- By: ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC, it's managing member
- By: <u>/s/ Carl L. Gordon</u> Name: Carl L. Gordon Title: Member of OrbiMed Advisors LLC

Jefferies LLC Cowen and Company, LLC

As Representatives of the several Underwriters listed in Schedule 1 to the Underwriting Agreement referred to below

c/o Jefferies LLC 520 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

c/o Cowen and Company, LLC 599 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10022

Re: Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc. --- Public Offering

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned understands that you, each as one of several representatives (the "Representatives") of the several Underwriters, propose to enter into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), providing for the public offering (the "Public Offering") by the several Underwriters named in Schedule 1 to the Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriters"), of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock")(the "Securities"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Underwriting Agreement.

To the extent that there are no additional Underwriters other than you listed on Schedule 1 to the Underwriting Agreement, all references to the Representatives and the Underwriters shall refer to you, and the terms Representatives and Underwriters shall mean either the singular or plural as the context requires. To the extent only one Representative is listed above, all references to the term Representatives shall mean Representative in the singular form.

In consideration of the Underwriters' agreement to purchase and make the Public Offering of the Securities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters, the undersigned will not, and will not cause any direct or indirect affiliate to, during the period beginning on the date of this letter agreement (this "Letter Agreement") and ending at the close of business 60 days after the date of the final prospectus relating to the Public Offering (the "Prospectus") (such period, the "Restricted Period"), (1) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock (including without limitation, Common Stock or such other securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the undersigned in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and securities which may be issued upon exercise of a stock option or warrant) (collectively with the Common Stock, "Lock-Up Securities"),

(2) enter into any hedging, swap or other agreement or transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Lock-Up Securities, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Lock-Up Securities, in cash or otherwise, (3) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to the registration of any Lock-Up Securities, or (4) publicly disclose the intention to do any of the foregoing. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing precludes the undersigned from engaging in any hedging or other transactions or arrangements (including, without limitation, any short sale or the purchase or sale of, or entry into, any put or call option, or combination thereof, forward, swap or any other derivative transaction or instrument, however described or defined) designed or intended, or which could reasonably be expected to lead to or result in, a sale or disposition or transfer (whether by the undersigned or any other person) of any economic consequences of ownership, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, of any Lock-Up Securities, whether any such transaction or arrangement (or instrument provided for thereunder) would be settled by delivery of Lock-Up Securities, in cash or otherwise.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the undersigned may:

- (a) transfer or dispose of the undersigned's Lock-Up Securities:
 - (i) as a bona fide gift or gifts, or for bona fide estate planning purposes,
 - (ii) by will, other testamentary document or intestacy,

(iii) to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or the immediate family of the undersigned, or if the undersigned is a trust, to a trustor or beneficiary of the trust or to the estate of a beneficiary of such trust (for purposes of this Letter Agreement, "immediate family" shall mean any relationship by blood, current or former marriage, domestic partnership or adoption, not more remote than first cousin),

(iv) to a partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which the undersigned and the immediate family of the undersigned are the legal and beneficial owner of all of the outstanding equity securities or similar interests,

(v) to a nominee or custodian of a person or entity to whom a disposition or transfer would be permissible under clauses (i) through (iv) above,

(vi) if the undersigned is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other business entity, (A) to another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other business entity that is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) of the undersigned, or to any investment fund or other entity controlling, controlled by, managing or managed by or under common control with the undersigned or affiliates of the undersigned (including, for the avoidance of doubt, where the undersigned is a partnership, to its general partner or a successor partnership or fund, or any other funds managed by such partnership), or (B) as part of a distribution to members, partners, shareholders or other equity holders of the undersigned,

(vii) by operation of law, such as pursuant to a qualified domestic order, divorce settlement, divorce decree, separation agreement or other court order,

(viii) to the Company from an employee or other service provider of the Company upon death, disability or termination of employment or service, in each case, of such employee or service provider,

(ix) as part of a sale of the undersigned's Lock-Up Securities acquired (A) in open market transactions after the closing date for the Public Offering or (B) from the Underwriters in the Public Offering,

(x) to the Company in connection with the vesting, settlement, or exercise of restricted stock units, options, warrants or other rights to purchase shares of Common Stock (including, in each case, by way of "net" or "cashless" exercise), including for the payment of exercise price and tax and remittance payments due as a result of the vesting, settlement, or exercise of such restricted stock units, options, warrants or rights, provided that any such shares of Common Stock received upon such exercise, vesting or settlement shall be subject to the terms of this Letter Agreement, and provided further that any such restricted stock units, options, warrants or rights are held by the undersigned pursuant to an agreement or equity awards granted under a stock incentive plan or other equity award plan, each such agreement or plan which is described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, or filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, or

(xi) pursuant to a bona fide third-party tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction that is approved by the Board of Directors of the Company and made to all holders of the Company's capital stock involving a Change of Control (as defined below) of the Company (for purposes hereof, "Change of Control" shall mean the transfer (whether by tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction), in one transaction or a series of related transactions, to a person or group of affiliated persons, of shares of capital stock if, after such transfer, such person or group of affiliated persons would hold more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Company (or the surviving entity)); <u>provided</u> that in the event that such tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction is not completed, the undersigned's Lock-Up Securities shall remain subject to the provisions of this Letter Agreement;

provided that (A) in the case of any transfer, distribution or other disposition pursuant to clause (a)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii), such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value and each donee, devisee, transferee or distributee shall execute and deliver to the Representatives a lock-up letter in the form of this Letter Agreement, (B) in the case of any transfer, distribution or disposition pursuant to clauses (a)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), and (x), no filing by any party (donor, donee, devisee, transferor, transferee, distributer or distributee) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or other public announcement shall be required or shall be made voluntarily in connection with such transfer or distribution (other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the Restricted Period referred to above) and (C) in the case of any transfer or distribution pursuant to clauses (a)(vii) and (viii) it shall be a condition to such transfer that no public filing, report or announcement shall be voluntarily made and if any filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, or other public filing, report or announcement reporting a reduction in beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock in connection with such transfer or distribution shall be legally required during the Restricted Period, such filing, report or announcement shall clearly indicate in the footnotes thereto the nature and conditions of such transfer;

(b) exercise outstanding options, settle restricted stock units or other equity awards or exercise warrants pursuant to plans described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; provided that any Lock-up Securities received upon such exercise, vesting or settlement shall be subject to the terms of this Letter Agreement;

(c) convert outstanding preferred stock, pre-funded warrants to acquire Common Stock, warrants to acquire preferred stock or convertible securities into shares of Common Stock or warrants to acquire shares of Common Stock; provided that any such shares of Common Stock or warrants received upon such conversion shall be subject to the terms of this Letter Agreement;

(d) establish or amend existing trading plans pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act for the transfer or disposition of shares of Lock-Up Securities; <u>provided</u> that (1) such plans do not provide for the transfer or disposition of Lock-Up Securities during the Restricted Period and (2) no filing by any party under the Exchange Act or other public announcement shall be required or made voluntarily in connection with such trading plan during the Restricted Period in contravention of this Lock-Up Agreement; and

(e) sell Lock-Up Securities under existing trading plans pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act; provided that any filing, report or announcement shall clearly indicate in the footnotes thereto the nature and conditions of such transfer.

If the undersigned is not a natural person, the undersigned represents and warrants that no single natural person, entity or "group" (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the common equity interests, or 50% or more of the voting power, in the undersigned.

In furtherance of the foregoing, the Company, and any duly appointed transfer agent for the registration or transfer of the securities described herein, are hereby authorized to decline to make any transfer of securities if such transfer would constitute a violation or breach of this Letter Agreement.

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that the undersigned has full power and authority to enter into this Letter Agreement. All authority herein conferred or agreed to be conferred and any obligations of the undersigned shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, heirs or personal representatives of the undersigned.

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriters have not provided any recommendation or investment advice nor have the Underwriters solicited any action from the undersigned with respect to the Public Offering of the Securities and the undersigned has consulted their own legal, accounting, financial, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent deemed appropriate. The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that, although the Representatives may be required or choose to provide certain Regulation Best Interest and Form CRS disclosures to you in connection with the Public Offering, the Representatives and the other Underwriters are not making a recommendation to you to enter into this Letter Agreement, and nothing set forth in such disclosures is intended to suggest that the Representatives or any Underwriter is making such a recommendation.

The undersigned understands that, if either (i) the Representatives, on the one hand, or the Company, on the other hand, informs the other, prior to the execution of the Underwriting Agreement, that it has determined not to proceed with the Public Offering, (ii) the Registration Statement is withdrawn, prior to the execution of the Underwriting Agreement, (iii) the Underwriting Agreement does not become effective by February 1, 2023, (iv) the Underwriting Agreement (other than the provisions thereof which survive termination) shall terminate or be terminated prior to payment for and delivery of the Common Stock to be sold thereunder, or (v) the Restricted Period has expired, this Letter Agreement shall automatically terminate and be of no further force and effect and the undersigned shall be released from all obligations under this Letter Agreement. The undersigned understands that the Underwriters are entering into the Underwriting Agreement and proceeding with the Public Offering in reliance upon this Letter Agreement.

Very truly yours,

ORBIMED PRIVATE INVESTMENTS VII, LP

By: OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC, its General Partner

By: OrbiMed Advisors LLC, its Managing Member

By:

Name: Title:

Very truly yours,

ORBIMED ASIA PARTNERS III, L.P. By: OrbiMed Asia GP III, L.P. its General Partner

By: OrbiMed Advisors III Limited, its General Partner

By:

Name: Title: