FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  GORDON CARL L                 |  |  |              |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ TERN ] |          |                                 |   |             |   |                       |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)    Image: Check all applicable   Image: Check all app |   |   |   |  |  |                        |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle)   |  |  |              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/15/2024   |  |          |                                 |   |             |   |                       |   | Off<br>bel  |   |   |   | Other (specify pelow)                      |  |                        |
| C/O TERNS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.<br>1065 EAST HILLSDALE BLVD., SUITE 100 |  |  |              | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |  |          |                                 |   |             |   |                       |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person   |   |   |   |  |  |                        |
| (Street) FOSTER CITY CA 94404   |  |  |              | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |          |                                 |   |             |   |                       |   |   |   | ting  |   |  |  |                        |
| (City)  | (State) (Zip)  |  |              | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. |  |          |                                 |   |             |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |                        |
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |              |   |  |          |                                 |   |             |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |                        |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transactio Date (Month/Day/Y        |  |  |              | Execution   |  | on Date, | ,   I                           | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |             | 4. Securities Acquired (<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3 |                       | d (A) or<br>r. 3, 4 and   | Beneficially<br>Owned Following   |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |  |                        |
|   |  |  |              |   |  |          |                                 | ď                                       | Code        | v   | Amount                | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price   | Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 3 a            | on(s)   |   |  | (Instr. 4  | 4)                     |
| Common Stock 07/15/2  |  |  |              | 07/15/202   | 24   |          |                                 |   | S           |   | 39,433                | D   | \$10  | 4,843   | ,421  | I   |  | See<br>footn   | otes <sup>(1)(4)</sup> |
| Common Stock 07/15  |  |  |              | 07/15/202   | :4   |          |                                 |   | S           |   | 5,401                 | D   | \$10  | 1,968,480                                       |   | I   | I See footr                                |  | otes <sup>(2)(4)</sup> |
| Common Stock 07/15/   |  |  |              | 07/15/202   | :4   |          |                                 |   | S           | 6,142 D \$10  |                       | 756,  | 756,258 I   |   | See footnotes <sup>(3)(4)</sup>                                   |   |  |  |                        |
| Common Stock 07/16/202  |  |  |              | 4   |  |          |                                 | S                                       |             | 4,009   | D                     | \$10  | 4,839,412   |   | 1                           |   | See<br>footn                               | otes <sup>(1)(4)</sup>   |                        |
| Common Stock 07/16/202  |  |  |              | 4   |  |          |                                 | S                                       |             | 556   | D                     | \$10  | 1,967,924   |   | I See foo   |   |  | otes <sup>(2)(4)</sup>   |                        |
| Common Stock 07/16/2024   |  |  |              | 4   |  |          |                                 | S                                       |             | 623   | D                     | \$10  | 755,635   |   |   |   | See<br>footn                               | otes(3)(4)   |                        |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |              |   |  |          |                                 |   |             |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |                        |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                     | ve   Conversion   Date   Execution Date, or Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   if any   |  | cution Date, |   | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)  |          | ative<br>rities<br>ired<br>seed | Expi                                    | iration     | te Exercisable and<br>ration Date<br>tth/Day/Year)    |                       | le and<br>unt of<br>rities<br>rlying<br>ative<br>rity (Instr.<br>I 4) |   | deriva<br>Secu<br>Bene<br>Owne<br>Follo<br>Repo | rities<br>ficially<br>ed<br>wing<br>rted<br>saction(s)            | 10.<br>Owner<br>Form:<br>Direct<br>or Indi<br>(I) (Inst | ship<br>(D)<br>rect                        | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                        |
|   |  |  |              |   | Code   | v        | (A)                             | (D)                                     | Date<br>Exe | e<br>rcisab   | Expiration<br>le Date | n<br>Title  | or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |   |   |   |  |  |                        |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These securities are held of record by OrbiMed Private Investments VII, LP ("OPI VII"). OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC ("OrbiMed GP") is the general partner of OPI VII and OrbiMed Advisors LLC ("OrbiMed Advisors") is the managing member of OrbiMed GP. By virtue of such relationships, OrbiMed GP and OrbiMed Advisors may be deemed to have voting power and investment power over the securities held by OPI VII and as a result, may be deemed to have beneficial ownership over such securities. OrbiMed Advisors exercises voting and investment power through a management committee comprised of the Reporting Person, Sven H. Borho, and W. Carter Neild, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by OPI VII.
- 2. These securities are held of record by OrbiMed Asia Partners III, L.P. ("OAP III"). OrbiMed Asia GP III, L.P. ("Asia GP") is the general partner of OAP III and OrbiMed Advisors III Limited ("Advisors III") is the general partner of Asia GP. OrbiMed Advisors is the advisory company of OAP III. By virtue of such relationships, Asia GP, Advisors III, and OrbiMed Advisors may be deemed to have voting power and investment power over the securities held by OAP III and as a result, may be deemed to have beneficial ownership over such securities. OrbiMed Advisors exercises voting and investment power through a management committee comprised of the Reporting Person, Sven H. Borho, and W. Carter Neild, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by OAP III.
- 3. These securities are held of record by OrbiMed Genesis Master Fund, L.P. ("Genesis"). OrbiMed Genesis GP LLC ("Genesis GP") is the general partner of Genesis and OrbiMed Advisors is the managing member of Genesis GP. By virtue of such relationships, Genesis GP and OrbiMed Advisors may be deemed to have voting power and investment power over the securities held by Genesis and as a result, may be deemed to have beneficial ownership over such securities. OrbiMed Advisors exercises voting and investment power through a management committee comprised of the Reporting Person, Sven H. Borho, and W. Carter Neild, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Genesis.
- 4. Each of the Reporting Person, OrbiMed Advisors, OrbiMed GP, Genesis GP, Advisors III, and Asia GP disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein for purposes of Rule 16a-1(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, if any. This report shall not be deemed an admission that any such entity or person is a beneficial owner of such securities for purpose of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or for any other purpose

/s/ Carl L. Gordon

07/17/2024

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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