

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Flynn James E</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 345 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, 12TH FLOOR <hr/> (Street) NEW YORK NY 10017 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/04/2020	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</u> [ <u>TERN</u> ]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Possible Member of 10% Group	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Series C Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,717,033 <sup>(1)</sup>	(1)	I	Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup> (3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
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<a href="#">Deerfield Mgmt L.P.</a>		
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**Explanation of Responses:**

- Each share of Series C Preferred Stock is convertible into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering (on an adjusted basis, after giving effect to the 1-for-14 reverse split of the Issuer's common stock and preferred stock effected by the Issuer on January 29, 2021). Shares of Series C Preferred Stock will automatically convert into shares of the Issuer's common stock upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering of common stock.
- This Form 3 is being filed by the undersigned as well as the entities listed on the Joint Filer Information Statement attached as an exhibit hereto (the "Reporting Persons"). Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. is the general partner and Deerfield Management Company, L.P. is the investment manager of Deerfield Partners, L.P. James E. Flynn is the sole member of the general partner of each of Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. and Deerfield Management Company, L.P.
- In accordance with Instruction 5 (b)(iv) to Form 3, the entire amount of the Issuer's securities held by Deerfield Partners, L.P. is reported herein. For purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any such securities, except to the extent of his/its indirect pecuniary interest therein, if any, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or otherwise.

**Remarks:**

Please see Joint Filer Information Statement attached as Exhibit 99 hereto. Jonathan Isler, Attorney-in-Fact: Power of Attorney, which is hereby incorporated by reference to Exhibit 24 to a Form 3 with regard to Proteon Therapeutics, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 4, 2017 by Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P., Deerfield Partners, L.P., Deerfield International Master Fund, L.P., Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P., Deerfield Private Design Fund IV, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt IV, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P., and James E. Flynn.

[/s/ Jonathan Isler,](#)  
[Attorney-in-Fact](#)

[02/04/2021](#)

\*\* 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 5 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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Joint Filer Information

Name: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P. and Deerfield Partners, L.P.

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Designated Filer: James E. Flynn

Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [TERN]

Date of Event Requiring Statement: February 4, 2021

The undersigned, Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P. and Deerfield Partners, L.P., are jointly filing the attached Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership on Form 3 with James E. Flynn with respect to the beneficial ownership of securities of Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Signatures:

DEERFIELD MGMT, L.P.

By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler  
Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD MANAGEMENT COMPANY, L.P.

By: Flynn Management LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler  
Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., General Partner

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