FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  TRAINOR III EUGENE A						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TARGACEPT INC [ TRGT ]								ationship of k all applicat Director Officer (g	ole)	y Persoi X	,	ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1119 ST. PAUL STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/18/2006									below) below)					
(Street) BALTIMORE MD 21202				_	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(5	(State) (Zip)																	
		7	Гable I - Non-I	Deriva	tive S	Secu	urities Ac	quired	, Dis	posed c	f, or Be	enef	icially C	Owned					
Date				ate	nth/Day/Year)		. Deemed ecution Date, .ny onth/Day/Year	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			(1) or 4 and 5)	or 5. Amount Securities Beneficiall Owned Fo		Form:	Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
								Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Transactio (Instr. 3 an				(instr. 4)	
Common Stock 04/18					3/2006		С		2,913,	512	A	(1)	3,263,512				See Note 2 <sup>(2)</sup>		
			Table II - De				ities Acqı warrants							vned					
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. Transa Code ( 8)		Deri Seci Acq Disp	umber of ivative urities uired (A) or oosed of (D) tr. 3, 4 and	6. Date E Expiration (Month/I	n Dat	Securities		and Amount of es Underlying ve Security and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s		10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Nu	nount or mber of ares		(Instr. 4)				
Series C Preferred Stock	(1)	04/18/2006		С			20,226,034	(1)		(1)	Common Stock	2,9	913,512	\$1.21	0		I	See Note 2 <sup>(2)</sup>	

### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each share of the Series C Preferred Stock converted into approximately .144 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.
- 2. The Reporting Person is a general partner of NEA Partners 10, Limited Partnership, which is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 10, Limited Partnership, the beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of the shares in which the Reporting Person has no actual pecuniary interest therein.

### Remarks:

In addition to the shares reported herein, NEA Ventures 2002, L.P. owns 3,154 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer as a result of the conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock. The Reporting Person does not have voting nor dispositive powers over such shares. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of those shares in which the Reporting Person has no actual pecuniary interest therein.

/s/ Louis S. Citron, attorney-infact 04/20/2006

\*\* 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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