## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|  |   | Reporting Person*                          |  |  |             |   |                 | ne <b>and</b> Tid<br>CEPT I              |               |  |                           |                                      |  | Relationship<br>heck all appli   |   | orting Per | son(s) to   | Issuer  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|-------------|---|-----------------|--|---------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|------------|---|---|--|
| HANH   | <u>AM ANN</u>   | •  |  |  | ا ا         | 7110  | <u> </u>        | <u> </u>                                 | INC [         | ING  | <b>.</b> 1                |                                      |  | X Direct   | or  |            | 10  | 0% Owner  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O TARGACEPT, INC. 200 EAST FIRST STREET, SUITE 300     |   |  |  |  |             | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/18/2006                                 |                 |  |               |  |                           |                                      |  | Officer<br>below   | r (give<br>)  | title      |   | ther (specify<br>elow)  |  |
| (Street) WINSTO  | N- N  | С  | 27101  |  | 4           | . If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                     |                 |  |               |  |                           |                                      | 6.   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |            |   |   |  |
| (City)   | (S  | tate)                                      | (Zip)  |  |             |   |                 |  |               |  |                           |                                      |  |  |   |            |   |   |  |
| Table I - Non-Deri  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day |   |  |  | action   | on 2A. Deem |   | med<br>on Date, | 3.                                       |               | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and |                           | A) or<br>s, 4 and 5)                 | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following |  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |            | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership (Instr. |   |  |
|  |   |  |  |  |             |   |                 |  | Code          | v  | Amount                    | (A) or<br>(D)                        | Price  | rice Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |            |   | 4)  |  |
| Common S   | Stock   |  |  | 04/18  | 3/2006      |   |                 |  | С             |  | 341,880(1)                | A                                    | (2)  | 341,88   | 0   | I          |   | By Burrill<br>Biotechnology<br>Capital Fund,<br>L.P. <sup>(3)</sup> |  |
| Common S   | Stock   |  |  | 04/18  | 3/2006      |   |                 |  | С             |  | 436,182(4)                | A                                    | (5)  | 778,06   | 2   | I          |   | By Burrill<br>Biotechnology<br>Capital Fund,<br>L.P. <sup>(3)</sup> |  |
| Common S   | Stock   |  |  |  |             |   |                 |  |               |  |                           |                                      |  | 1,000  |   | I          |   | By Burrill &<br>Company<br>LLC <sup>(6)</sup>                       |  |
|  |   |  | Table  |  |             |   |                 |  | •             | ,  | sposed of,<br>, convertil |                                      | •  | Owned  |   |            |   |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | emed d. Transaction Code (Instr. Securities (Month/Day/Year) 8)  5. Number of Derivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Uu |             | 7. Title and Amour<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securit<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                 | Derivative Security Sec Ben Owr Foll Rep |               | urities Form<br>eficially Direc                                |                           | t (D) Ownership<br>lirect (Instr. 4) |  |  |   |            |   |   |  |
|  |   |  |  |  | Code        | v   | (A)             | (D)                                      | Date<br>Exerc | isable   | Expiration<br>Date        | Title                                | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares                  |  | Trans<br>(Instr   |            |   |   |  |
| Series B<br>Convertible<br>Preferred<br>Stock                                    | (2)   | 04/18/2006                                 |  |  | С           |   |                 | 1,075,269                                | (             | 7)   | (7)                       | Common<br>Stock                      | 341,880  | (2)  |   | 0          |   | By Burrill<br>Biotechnology<br>Capital Fund<br>L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>  |  |

### **Explanation of Responses:**

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04/18/2006

1. These securities were acquired upon conversion of shares of the issuer's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock upon completion of the issuer's initial public offering.

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2. Each share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock converted into approximately .318 shares of the issuer's common stock. This conversion ratio reflects a 1 for 7.5 share reverse stock split of the issuer's common stock effected February 3, 2005.

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- 3. The reporting person is a member of Burrill & Company (Biotechnology GP), LLC, the general partner of Burrill Biotechnology Capital Fund, L.P. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of her pecuniary interest therein.
- 4. These securities were acquired upon conversion of shares of the issuer's Series C Convertible Preferred Stock upon completion of the issuer's initial public offering.
- 5. Each share of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock converted into approximately .144 shares of the issuer's common stock. This conversion ratio reflects a 1 for 7.5 share reverse stock split of the issuer's common stock effected February 3, 2005.
- 6. The reporting person is an employee of Burrill & Company LLC. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownershp of these securities except to the extent of her pecuniary interest therein.

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7. The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock and the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock were convertible at any time, at the holder's election, and converted automatically upon completion of the issuer's initial public offering. These securities had no expiration date.

### Remarks:

Series C Convertible

Preferred Stock

/s/ Peter A. Zorn, Attorney-in-

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04/18/2006

By Burrill

Biotechnology

Capital Fund

**Fact** 

Common

\*\* 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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