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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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	Instruction 1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>TARGACEPT INC</u> [ TRGT ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
<u>DROWNJO</u>				X	Director	10% Owner			
					Officer (give title	Other (specify			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		below)	below)			
C/O TARGACE	PT, INC.		06/17/2009						
200 EAST FIRST STREET, SUITE 300									
,			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		idual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Check Applicable			
(Street)				Line)					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.71	06/17/2009		A		7,500		(1)	06/16/2019	Common Stock	7,500	\$0	7,500	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. This stock option vests and becomes exercisable in full on the earlier of (i) June 17, 2010 or (ii) the buisness day immediately preceding the date of the issuer's annual meeting of stockholders that occurs in 2010, provided that the reporting person remains in service as a director on such earlier date.

#### **Remarks:**

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

Fact for Julia R. Brown

<u>- 06/17/2009</u>

\*\* 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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