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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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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* <u>GORDON CARL L</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC</u> <u>601 LEXINGTON AVENUE, 54TH</u> <u>FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/04/2021</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [TERN]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person 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 B Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	714,285 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	(1)	I	See footnotes ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾
Series B Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,071,428 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	(1)	I	See footnotes ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
Series C Preferred Stock	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	612,196 ⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	(6)	I	See footnotes ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾
Series C Preferred Stock	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	918,295 ⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	(6)	I	See footnotes ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾

Explanation of Responses:

- Each share of Series B Preferred Stock will automatically convert on a 1-for-2.2 basis into Common Stock immediately prior to the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering. Such conversion is reflected in the amount of common stock underlying the security.
- Reflects a 1-for-14 reverse stock split of the Issuer's outstanding securities effected prior to the effectiveness of the Issuer's S-1 Registration Statement.
- 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 LLC ("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 Jonathan T. Silverstein, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by OAP III.
- 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. The Reporting Person is a member of OrbiMed Advisors. 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 Jonathan T. Silverstein, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by OPI VII.
- Each of OrbiMed Advisors, OrbiMed GP, Advisors III, Asia GP, and the Reporting Person 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 its pecuniary interest therein, if any. This report on Form 3 shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is a beneficial owner of such securities for purpose of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or for any other purpose.
- Each share of Series C Preferred Stock will automatically convert on a 1-for-1 basis into Common Stock immediately prior to the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Bryan Yoon, as
Attorney-in-Fact for Carl Gordon 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.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of (i) the Chief Executive Officer of Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), who is currently Senthil Sundaram, (ii) the Company’s Chief Financial Officer, who is currently Mark Vignola, (iii) the Company’s General Counsel, who is currently Bryan Yoon and (iv) the Company’s Controller, who is currently David Strauss, and their respective successors, signing singly, with full power of substitution, as the undersigned’s true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned’s capacity as an officer and/or director of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations thereunder and a Form ID, Uniform Application for Access Codes to File on EDGAR;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4 or 5 or Form ID and timely file such forms (including amendments thereto) and application with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact’s discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact’s substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned’s responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The undersigned agrees that each such attorney-in-fact herein may rely entirely on information furnished orally or in writing by the undersigned to such attorney-in-fact. The undersigned also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and each such attorney-in-fact against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in these respects) that arise out of or are based upon any untrue statements or omission of necessary facts in the information provided by the undersigned to such attorney-in fact for purposes of executing, acknowledging, delivering or filing Forms 3, 4 or 5 (including amendments thereto) or Form ID and agrees to reimburse the Company and such attorney-in-fact for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending against any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action.

This Power of Attorney supersedes any power of attorney previously executed by the undersigned regarding the purposes outlined in the first paragraph hereof (“**Prior Powers of Attorney**”), and the authority of the attorneys-in-fact named in any Prior Powers of Attorney is hereby revoked.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with respect to the undersigned’s holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier (a) revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact or (b) superseded by a new power of attorney regarding the purposes outlined in the first paragraph hereof dated as of a later date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 4th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Carl Gordon
Carl Gordon, Ph.D., C.F.A.