

MCKAY ANNE  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>McKay, Anne F.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (VIRS)</b>				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director — <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below) <b>Executive Vice President</b>		
c/o Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 4611 University Drive, 4 University Place			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>12/19/02</b>			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Street) <b>Durham, NC 27707</b>					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)				
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	

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).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

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			(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)				Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)						
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$5.88	12/19/02	A		30,000	(1)	12/18/12	Common Stock	30,000		621,643	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The options vest and become exercisable as follows: 25% on the first anniversary of the date of grant, and the remaining 75% thereafter in a series of 36 equal monthly installments.

By: /s/ Rachel Mandell 12/20/02  
**Rachel Mandell as Attorney-in-fact for Anne F. McKay** Date  
**McKay**  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Anne McKay, a resident of the State or Commonwealth of North Carolina, of legal age and legally competent for all purposes, do hereby grant this Power of Attorney to Chris A. Rallis, Andrew Finkle, Esquire and Rachel Mandell, Esquire of Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), who are of legal age and who are legally competent for all purposes, and with full power of substitution so that they, or any of them, may perform any and all acts necessary to achieve the purposes described herein below. I expressly authorize the said attorneys-in-fact, or any of them, to execute and deliver to the Securities and Exchange Commission on my behalf and on behalf of any trust of which I am a trustee the Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 3, the Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 4, the Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 5 and any amendments to said forms for securities of the Company that I or any trust of which I am a trustee now or hereafter beneficially own based on the information which I shall

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provide. The authority under this Power of Attorney shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with regard to the ownership of or transactions in securities of the Company by the undersigned or any trust of which the undersigned is a trustee, unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that Chris A. Rallis, Andrew Finkle, Esquire, and Rachel Mandell Esquire are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby sign and seal this Power of Attorney in the City of Durham, before the undersigned Notary Public on this the 12th day of September, 2002.

/s/ Anne McKay [SEAL]

I, Laura B. Cartier, a Notary Public in and for Durham County, NC, do certify that Anne McKay personally appeared before me and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Power of Attorney.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this the 12th day of September, 2002.

/s/ Laura B. Cartier [SEAL]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

4-22-2007

