

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMITH IAN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/24/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	04/24/2006			M	1,607 A \$ 15.87	82,617	D
Common Stock	04/24/2006			S ⁽¹⁾	1,607 D \$ 38.31	81,010	D
Common Stock	04/24/2006			M	2,213 A \$ 15.6	83,223	D
Common Stock	04/24/2006			S ⁽¹⁾	2,213 D \$ 38.31	81,010	D

Common Stock	3,927	I	shares 401(k)
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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) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option	\$ 15.87	04/24/2006		A	1,607	10/22/2002 ⁽²⁾	07/21/2012	Common Stock	1,607
Stock Option	\$ 15.6	04/24/2006		A	2,213	04/18/2003 ⁽³⁾	01/17/2013	Common Stock	2,213

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH IAN F
C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED
130 WAVERLY STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

EVP & CFO

Signatures

Kenneth S. Boger,
Attorney-In-Fact 04/25/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Transaction made pursuant to Mr. Smith's company approved trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting quarterly over 5 years from 7/22/2002.
- (3) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting quarterly over 5 years from 1/18/2003.

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