

SMITH IAN F  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
03/22/2006

\_\_\_\_ 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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/22/2006		M	5,222 A \$ 15.87	86,232	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	5,222 D \$ 37.81	81,010	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2006		M	6,086 A \$ 15.6	87,096	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	6,086 D \$ 37.81	81,010	D	

Common Stock 3,927 I shares 401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option	\$ 15.87	03/22/2006		A	5,222	10/22/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/21/2012	Common Stock	5,222
Stock Option	\$ 15.6	03/22/2006		A	6,086	04/18/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/17/2013	Common Stock	6,086

## 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

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-In-Fact 03/23/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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