DANTZKER DAVID Form 4

May 25, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DANTZKER DAVID

(Middle)

C/O WHEATLEY PARTNERS.

LP, 80 CUTTERMILL ROAD

(Street)

(First)

GREAT NECK, NY 11021

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Valera Pharmaceuticals Inc [VLRX]

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

05/23/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. l Underlying Securities De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(
				Code V	(A) (D	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 8.85	05/23/2006		A	7,500	<u>(1)</u>	05/23/2016	Common	7,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DANTZKER DAVID						

C/O WHEATLEY PARTNERS, LP 80 CUTTERMILL ROAD GREAT NECK, NY 11021

X

Signatures

/s/ David S. Tierney, M.D., Attorney in Fact for David Dantzker

05/25/2006

(In

**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).
- (1) This option completely vests on 5/23/07.
- (2) This is an option grant for which there is no purchase price.

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