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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cooper John			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS INTERNATIONAL [VRX]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/01/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
3300 HYLA	ND AVE	NUE							
	(Street)			(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group		
COSTA MESA, CA 92626							Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	*		
Common St	ock		5,420		D	Â			
Reminder: Rep owned directly	_		ach class of securities benefic	ially S	EC 1473 (7-02	2)			
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exerc	isable and	3. Title and	Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Securities U	nderlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
			Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)	Price		Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	T:41-	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
			Title		Security Direct (D)		
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	01/07/2004	01/07/2013	Common Stock	35,332	\$ 11.32	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	11/26/2005	11/26/2014	Common Stock	4,180	\$ 23.92	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	01/07/2004	01/07/2013	Common Stock	89,668	\$ 11.32	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/04/2004	11/04/2013	Common Stock	107,000	\$ 18.55	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/26/2005	11/26/2014	Common Stock	65,820	\$ 23.92	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Cooper John 3300 HYLAND AVENUE COSTA MESA, CA 92626	Â	Â	EVP, Global Manufac and Supply	Â	

Signatures

By: Michelle May For: John Cooper 01/11/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

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