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Form 4

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(Middle)

(Zip)

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hartmann Victor A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS

INC / MA [VRTX]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

02/16/2006

below) EVP, Strategic & Corp. Devlp.

PHARMACEUTICALS

INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY

(Street)

(State)

02/16/2006

(First)

STREET

(City)

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

(Last)

C/O VERTEX

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or (D) Code V Amount

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6,312 \$ S D 78,189 D (1) 36.94

Price

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

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657

SEC 1474 (9-02)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	Pate	Amou	int of	Derivative	Deriv
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					(A) or						Repo
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					of (D)						(Instr
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						Exercisable	Date	Title Number			
				~					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hartmann Victor A C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

EVP, Strategic & Corp.

Devlp.

Signatures

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-In-Fact

02/17/2006

**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).
- (1) Transaction made pursuant to Dr. Hartmann's company approved trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.

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