SMITH IAN F Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2006

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) **EVP & CFO**

Director

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)

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

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City)	e 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/22/2006		M	5,222	A	\$ 15.87	87,672	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2006		S(1)	5,222	D	\$ 37.77	82,450	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2006		M	6,084	A	\$ 15.6	88,534	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2006		S(1)	6,084	D	\$ 37.77	82,450	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 15.87	02/22/2006		A	5	5,222	10/22/2002(2)	07/21/2012	Common Stock	5,222
Stock Option	\$ 15.6	02/22/2006		A	6	5,084	04/18/2003(3)	01/17/2013	Common Stock	6,084

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH IAN F

C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

EVP & CFO

130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

Signatures

Ian F. Smith 02/23/2006

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

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- (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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