SMITH IAN F Form 4 January 24, 2006

FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SMITH IAN F

1(b).

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

01/23/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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(Last) C/O VERTEX (First)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

below) SVP & CFO

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)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(IIIsu. +)		
Common Stock	01/23/2006		M	12,051	A	\$ 15.87	82,301	D		
Common Stock	01/23/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	12,051	D	\$ 33.64	70,250	D		
Common Stock	01/23/2006		M	14,381	A	\$ 15.6	84,631	D		
Common Stock	01/23/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	14,381	D	\$ 33.64	70,250	D		

Common Stock 3,927 I 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option	\$ 15.87	01/23/2006		A	12,051	10/22/2002(2)	07/21/2012	Common Stock	12,05
Stock Option	\$ 15.6	01/23/2006		A	14,381	04/18/2003(3)	04/17/2013	Common Stock	14,381

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Ketationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

SMITH IAN F

C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

130 WAVERLY STREET

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

Signatures

Kenneth S. Boger, Attorney-In-Fact

**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.
- (2) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting quarterly over 5 years from 7/22/2002.

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(3) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting quarterly over 5 years from 1/18/2003.

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