SMITH IAN F Form 4 October 24, 2006

FORM 4

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

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obligations

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 may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 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

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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Number:

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Estimated average

burden hours per

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

10/23/2006

Director X_ Officer (give title

_ Other (specify

10% Owner

OMB APPROVAL

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January 31,

2005

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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)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table		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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired ion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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	10/23/2006		M	1,607	A	\$ 15.87	82,617	D		
Common Stock	10/23/2006		M	2,213	A	\$ 15.6	84,830	D		
Common Stock	10/23/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	3,820	D	\$ 33.65	81,010	D		
Common Stock							4,302	I	shares 401(k)	

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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. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		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	10/23/2006		M	1,607	10/22/2002(2)	07/21/2012	Common Stock	1,607
Stock Option	\$ 15.6	10/23/2006		M	2,213	04/18/2003(3)	01/17/2013	Common Stock	2,213

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH IAN F C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

EVP & CFO

Signatures

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

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Reporting Owners 2

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