

ALAM JOHN J

Form 4

December 21, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ALAM JOHN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VERTEX
PHARMACEUTICALS
INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY
STREET

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 01239

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS
INC / MA [VRTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
below) below)
SVP, Drug Eval. & Appr.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/20/2006		M		1,000	A	\$ 18.47
Common Stock	12/20/2006		M		500	A	\$ 9.07
Common Stock	12/20/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		1,000	D	\$ 37.78
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Common Stock 6,265 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 18.47	12/20/2006		M	1,000	12/26/1997 ⁽²⁾ 09/25/2007	Common Stock 1,000
Stock Options	\$ 9.07	12/20/2006		M	500	03/11/2004 ⁽³⁾ 12/10/2013	Common Stock 500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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CAMBRIDGE, MA 01239

SVP, Drug Eval. & Appr.

Signatures

Valerie L. Andrews,
Attorney-In-Fact 12/21/2006

__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. Alam'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 9/26/1997.

(3) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting quarterly over 4 years from 12/11/2003.

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