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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SMITH IAN F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			INC / MA [VRTX]					Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/04/2009					Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP & CFO			
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				Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
CAMBRID	GE, MA 02139							Form filed by M Person	lore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deem (Month/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/D		n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				of (D)	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)	(111501. 4)			
Common Stock	02/04/2009			S <u>(1)</u>	2,376	D	33.51 (2) (4)	81,925	D		
Common Stock	02/04/2009			S <u>(1)</u>	474	D	\$ 34.11 (3) (4)	81,451	D		
Common Stock	02/05/2009			А	12,084 (5)	А	\$ 0.01	93,535	D		

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Common Stock						3,987	I	401(k)	
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not information contained in this form are not information contained to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number. (9-02) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) (9-02)									
1. Title of Derivative2.Conversion or Exercise(Instr. 3)Price of Derivative 		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) f		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	\$ 33.55	02/05/2009		А	54,375	05/05/2009 <u>(6)</u>	02/04/2019	Common Stock	54,37

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		
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Signatures

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-In-Fact

02/06/2009

**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) Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$33.51 (range \$33.05 to \$33.88).

(3) Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$34.11 (range \$34.05 to \$34.16).

(4)

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Mr. Smith undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (5) Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting on 2/5/2013, subject to 50% acceleration upon filing a new drug application with the FDA for telaprevir and 50% acceleration upon the approval of a new drug application for telaprevir.
- (6) Right to buy under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 quarterly installments from 02/05/09.

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