FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SMITH IAN F			7	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC /								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	/[-irot)	(Middle)	<u>N</u>	<u>/1A</u> [VRTX]							(give title		Other (s below)	pecify
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/16/2009								EVP & CFO					
130 WAVERLY STREET			4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139		02139									- 1	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)														
		Tal	ole I - Non	-Derivati	ve Se	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Ber	neficiall	y Owned				
Date						Date,	e, Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. 5)		Disposed	rities Acquired (A) o ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s Formally (D) (ollowing (I) (I	Form: (D) or	rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
						Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)		
			Table II - D	Derivative e.g., puts									Owned	·			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			action (Instr.	of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisabl		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option	\$33.28	07/16/2009		A		36,250		10/16/2009	(1)	07/15/2019	Common Stock	36,250	\$0	36,250)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Right to buy under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 quarterly installments from 07/16/09.

Remarks:

Kenneth S. Boger, Attorney-In-

07/20/2009

Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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