

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 BRUM LYNNE H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS
 INC / MA [VRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/08/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Strategic Communications

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(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. 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M	V	\$ 15.56	47,199	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 36.57	46,199	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M	V	\$ 13.67	47,449	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 36.57	46,199	D

Common Stock	6,793	I	401(k)
Common Stock	10	I	Owned by husband

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 15.56	05/08/2006		A	1,000	03/12/1997 ⁽²⁾ 12/11/2006	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option	\$ 13.67	05/08/2006		A	1,250	03/12/1998 ⁽³⁾ 12/11/2007	Common Stock	1,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRUM LYNNE H C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139			VP, Strategic Communications	

Signatures

Kenneth S. Boger,
Attorney-In-Fact

05/09/2006

**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 Ms. Brum'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 12/12/96.
- (3) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting quarterly over 5 years from 12/12/97.

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