#### Cooper John Form 3 January 11, 2005 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number:

### **INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> Cooper Je		porting	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS INTERNATIONAL [VRX]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/01/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
3300 HYLA	ND AVE	NUE							
(Street)				(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group		
COSTA ME	SA, CA	92626		Director X Officer (give title below EVP, Global 1	(specify below)	ow)	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned		
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1		
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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
		Expiration sable Date	(Instr. 4)		Derivative	Security:	(IIIsu. <i>J</i> )	
	Date Exercisable		Title	Amount or Number of	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	01/07/2004	01/07/2013	Common Stock	35,332	\$ 11.32	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	11/26/2005	11/26/2014	Common Stock	4,180	\$ 23.92	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	01/07/2004	01/07/2013	Common Stock	89,668	\$ 11.32	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/04/2004	11/04/2013	Common Stock	107,000	\$ 18.55	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/26/2005	11/26/2014	Common Stock	65,820	\$ 23.92	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Cooper John 3300 HYLAND AVENUE COSTA MESA, CA 92626	Â	Â	EVP, Global Manufac and Supply	Â			
Signatures							
By: Michelle May For: John Cooper		01/11/2005					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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