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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB**

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SECURITIES Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

REID OGDEN R Symbol Valera Pharmaceuticals Inc [VLRX]

> (First) (Middle)

(Zip)

C/O VALERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 7

CLARKE DRIVE

CRANBURY, NJ 08512

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

05/23/2006

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported (A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

Issuer

below)

_ Director

Applicable Line)

Officer (give title

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8. l Underlying Securities

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Number:

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

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

(I)

(Instr. 4)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Estimated average

burden hours per

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

0.5

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Se (I
				Code V	(A)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 8.85	05/23/2006		A	7,500		<u>(1)</u>	05/23/2016	Common Stock	7,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REID OGDEN R
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7 CLARKE DRIVE
CRANBURY, NJ 08512

Signatures

/s/ David S. Tierney, M.D., Attorney in Fact for Ogden R. Reid.

05/25/2006

**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) This option completely vests on 5/23/07.
- (2) This is an option grant for which there is no purchase price.

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