

FINKLE R ANDREW
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Finkle R. Andrew			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (VIRS)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive VP, General Counsel & Secretary		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 1/23/03		
c/o Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 4611 University Drive, 4 University Place								
(Street) Durham, NC 27707			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	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			
Common Stock	1/23/03		D		16,307	D	\$6.00	0 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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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FORM 4 (continued) 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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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		Year)	Year)		(D)		Date	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
					(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)								
				Code	V	(A)	(D)						
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$10.00	1/23/03		D			75,000 ⁽²⁾	7/16/10	Common Stock	75,000	0	D	
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$5.563	1/23/03		D			10,000 ⁽²⁾	12/18/10	Common Stock	10,000	0	D	
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$5.125	1/23/03		D			17,554	12/31/01	1/2/11	Common Stock	17,554	0	D
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$2.55	1/23/03		D			20,000 ⁽³⁾	8/12/11	Common Stock	20,000	0	D	
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$3.60	1/23/03		D			10,000 ⁽²⁾	12/16/01	Common Stock	10,000	0	D	
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$3.95	1/23/03		D			22,727	12/31/02	1/13/12	Common Stock	22,727	0	D
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$5.14	1/23/03		D			150,000 ⁽⁴⁾	2/26/12	Common Stock	150,000	0	D	
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$2.92	1/23/03		D			100,000 ⁽²⁾	8/4/12	Common Stock	100,000	0	D	
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$2.92	1/23/03		D			150,000 ⁽⁵⁾	8/4/12	Common Stock	150,000	0	D	
Stock Options (rights to buy)	\$5.88	1/23/03		D			30,000 ⁽²⁾	12/18/12	Common Stock	30,000	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 2,650 shares of Common Stock acquired in 2003 under Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) The options vest and become exercisable as follows: 25% on the first anniversary of the date of grant, and the remaining 75% thereafter in a series of 36 equal monthly installments.

(3) The options vest and become exercisable as follows: 50% on the first anniversary of the date of grant, and the remaining 50% on the second anniversary of the date of grant. If either the NDA or MAA (applications for marketing approval in the US and Europe) for any of the Corporation's drug candidates receive approval in the United States or Europe prior to August 13, 2003, each outstanding option shall automatically accelerate so that each option shall, as of the date of marketing approval, become fully exercisable with respect to the total number of shares of Common Stock at the time subject to such option and may be exercised for any or all of those shares as fully-vested shares of Common Stock.

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(4) The options vest and become exercisable as follows: 25% become exercisable after the completion of one year of service measured from the date of grant and the remainder become exercisable in equal monthly installments for thirty-six months thereafter (the "Standard Vesting Schedule"); provided, however: (i) upon the filing (i.e., acceptance for review by the FDA) of an NDA (application for marketing approval in the US) for Coviracil® (emtricitabine) for the treatment of HIV on or before December 31, 2002, 25% of the Options shall automatically accelerate and become fully exercisable as of the date of the acceptance of the NDA for review by the FDA; and (ii) upon the approval of the NDA for Coviracil® (emtricitabine) for the treatment of HIV on or before December 31, 2003, an additional 25% of the Options shall automatically accelerate and become fully exercisable as of the date of marketing approval, if such options had not already become exercisable under the Standard Vesting Schedule.

(5) The options vest and become exercisable as follows: 25% on August 5, 2003, and the remaining 75% thereafter in a series of 36 equal monthly installments.

By: /s/ **R. Andrew Finkle**
R. Andrew Finkle

1/27/03
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

**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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