FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BRIMBLECOMBE ROGER W						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [ VRTX ]										ck all applic Directo	r	Perso	10% Ow	ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2004										Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify
130 WAVERLY STREET  (Street)  CAMBRIDGE MA 02139					4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line)	i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(5		(Zip)																	
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans Date (Month/					n/Day/Year) i		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea		Code (Instr		on Disposed		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		or 4 and	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Form: (D) or	n: Direct or Indirect ostr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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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		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio Code (Inst		5. Num of Deriva Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 5 and 5)	tive ties ed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			e and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)		urity	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)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option	\$9.09	06/01/2004			A		7,500		06/0	1/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/	/31/2014	Common Stock	7,	500	\$0	70,000		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan. Fully vested.

## Remarks:

Kenneth S. Boger, Attorney-In-

06/02/2004

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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