FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Graves Kurt							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [ VRTX ]									all app Dired	olicable)	1	Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/21/2008									X Officer (give title Other (specing below)  EVP, Chief Commercial Officer				
130 WAVERLY STREET  (Street)  CAMBRIDGE MA 02139						4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	ı	(State	e) (Z	Zip)			Person													
			Table	e I - N	lon-Deriv	ative	Secu	uritie	s Ac	quire	d, Di	sposed o	f, or B	enefic	ally (	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y						Execution Date,					s Acquired (A) or f (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		nd 5) Secur Bene Owne		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	ce		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		,	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 10/21/200							08		S <sup>(1)</sup>		485	D	\$25.65	25.65 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>		56,164	D			
Common Stock																	250	I	4	401(k)
	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)	Derivative Conversion Date Execution Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				on Date, Transa Code (I				ative rities ired osed	6. Date Expira (Monti	tion D			t of ies ying ive	8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr	ative rity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	ship ( (D) ( rect (	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Transaction made pursuant to Mr. Graves' company approved trading plan under Rule 10b5-1.
- $2. Open \ market \ sales \ reported \ on \ this \ line \ occurred \ at \ a \ weighted \ average \ price \ of \ \$25.65 \ (range \ \$25.27 \ to \ \$25.97).$
- 3. Mr. Graves undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

## Remarks:

<u>Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-</u> <u>In-Fact</u>

10/22/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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).

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