FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

OMB APPROVAL									
OMB Number:	3235-0287								
Estimated average burden									
hours per response:	0.5								

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* COLLINSON STUART J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC /							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle)				<u>M</u>	MA [VRTX]								X Directo Officer below)	r (give title	Other (s below)		
C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2005												
130 WAVERLY STREET					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139			02139									- 1	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)														
		Tal	ble I - Non-I	Derivativ	re Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Beı	neficial	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					rear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		Beneficia Owned F	es Formally (D) (Following (I) (I	orm: Direct 0) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)	
			Table II - De	erivative .g., puts									Owned		·		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	e (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option	\$13.32	06/01/2005		A		10,000		06/01/200:	5(1)	05/31/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	375,123	D		

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

Kenneth S. Boger, Attorney-In-Fact

06/03/2005

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.