

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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* <b>ALTSHULER DAVID</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>EVP, Global Research and CSO</b>			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>02/06/2019</b>			6. 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			
C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 50 NORTHERN AVENUE			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						
(Street)	(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 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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	02/06/2019		A		14,416 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0.00	53,529	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2019		A		8,438 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0.00	61,967	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2019		A		8,166 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$0.00	70,133	D	

**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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$187.53	02/06/2019		A		20,855		(4)	02/05/2029	Common Stock	20,855	\$0.00	20,855	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents earned performance shares with respect to a performance stock unit award granted on 2/2/2016 that contained performance-vesting requirements. The issuer's management development and compensation committee certified as to the level of performance-goal attainment on 2/6/2019 and the shares will vest on 2/10/2019.
2. Represents earned performance shares with respect to a performance stock unit award granted on 2/6/2018 that contained performance-vesting requirements. The issuer's management development and compensation committee certified as to the level of performance-goal attainment on 2/6/2019. The earned performance shares will vest in installments beginning on 2/17/2019.
3. Restricted stock unit award that vests in installments beginning on 2/24/2020.
4. The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 2/6/2019.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Omar White, Attorney-in-Fact      02/08/2019

\*\* 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).

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