FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	S IN BENEFICIA	L OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BOGER JOSHUA S				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA VRTX								ck all applica	able)	g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2006								_ X	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President, Chairman & CEO					
130 WAVERLY STREET (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans. Date			2. Transa Date (Month/D	action 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. 4. Securitie Disposed Code (Instr.		ties Acquired (A) or I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amount of		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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				11501. 4)	
Common Stock 02/02				02/02/	/2006		A		47,201	(1)	A	\$0.01	1,035,403		Ε			
Common Stock														15,0	504	I	4	01(k)
Common Stock													207,500		I		hares in rust ⁽²⁾	
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 Da if any (Month/Day/	Cod	Transaction Code (Instr.		Derivative		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		urity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s	y C	0. Ownership Form: Oirect (D) r Indirect) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	le V	(A)		Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	or Nu	nount mber Shares	nt (Instr. 4				
Stock Option	\$35.64	02/02/2006		A		600,000		05/02/2006	(3)	02/01/2016	Commo Stock	ⁿ 60	0,000	\$0	2,032,41	1	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock grant made under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting on 02/02/2010, subject to acceleration upon achievement of certain performance-based milestones.
- 2. Shares held in trust for Dr. Boger's children. Dr. Boger disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- 3. Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 02/02/2006.

Remarks:

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

02/06/2006

** 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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