

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ALTSHULER DAVID</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED</u> <u>50 NORTHERN AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>BOSTON MA 02210</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]</u> | 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) <u>EVP, Global Research and CSO</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/12/2018</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |
| | | 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 |

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 | 02/12/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,750 | D | \$149.23 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 74,652 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,900 | D | \$150.67 ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ | 72,752 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,953 | D | \$151.4 ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾ | 70,799 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 700 | D | \$153.11 ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾ | 70,099 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$153.84 | 69,999 | 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Transaction made pursuant to Mr. Altshuler's company-approved trading plan under Rule 10b5-1.
- Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$149.23 (range \$148.77 to \$149.74).
- Mr. Altshuler 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.
- Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$150.67 (range \$150.01 to \$150.97).
- Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$151.40 (range \$151.02 to \$151.90).
- Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$153.11 (range \$152.71 to \$153.59).

Remarks:

/s/ Omar White, Attorney-in-Fact 02/14/2018

** 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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