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* SMITH IAN F | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX] | | | | | | | | | l appli Directo | of Reporting icable) or r (give title | 10 | % Owne | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2012 | | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Soliter (specify below) below) EVP & CFO | | | | | |
| 130 WAVERLY ST (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | . Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Date | | | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | | 4 and See Be | | ially Following | 6. Ownersh Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4) | of Ir ct Ben Owi | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | A) or D) | Price | т | | ction(s) and 4) | | (111) | (1130.1.4) | | | | |
| Common | Stock | /2012 | 2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 6,042 | | D | \$37(2)(3) | | 21,751 | | D | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | ve Conversion Date Execution Day or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | Date, | Date, Transaction Code (Insti | | | | 6. Date I Expirati (Month/I | on Dat | | Amount of | | str. 3 | 8. Price Deriva Securi (Instr. ! | ive deriva y Secur Benef Owne Follov Repor Transa | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr | ip of II Ben Owi ct (Ins | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code V | | v | (A) | (D) | | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nur of | ount nber res | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Transaction made pursuant to Mr. Smith's company approved trading plan under Rule 10b5-1.
- 2. Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$37.00 (range \$36.85 to \$37.11).
- 3. Mr. Smith 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:

David T. Howton, Attorney-In- 01/23/2012

Fact

** 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.

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The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of David T. Howton, Valerie L. Andrews and Omar White of Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the "Company"), and Michael Fantozzi of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., signing singly, with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% shareholder of the Company, forms and authentication documents for EDGAR Filing Access;
- 2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such forms and authentication documents;
- 3. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% shareholder of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- 4. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- 5. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interests of, or legally required by the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of or transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney is intended to constitute a "confirming statement" for presentation to the Securities and Exchange Commission as contemplated by Instruction 7(a) of Forms 3, 4 and 5.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed this 13th day of October 2011.

/s/Ian F. Smith Signature

Ian F. Smith Print Name