FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Arbuckle Stuart A | | | | | | VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX] | | | | | | | | | ck all applic | cable) r (give title | g Pers | 10% Ow Other (s below) | vner |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------|--|---|--|------|--------------------------------|--------|--|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2017 | | | | | | | | | , | | nmer | cial Office | er |
| 50 NORTHERN AVENUE (Street) BOSTON MA 02210 | | | | | 4. 1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable) K Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tak | ole I - No | n-Deri | vativ | e Se | curities | s Ac | quired, | Dis | posed c | of, or B | enefi | cially | Owned | | | | |
| | | | | Date | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | and Securitie Benefici | | es ally Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or P | rice | Transact (Instr. 3 a | ion(s) | | | (111511.4) |
| Common Stock 02/03/ | | | | | 3/201 | 2017 | | | A | | 5,753 | (1) | A : | \$0.01 | 119 | ,111 | | D | |
| Common Stock 02/03/ | | | | 3/201 | 2017 | | | | | 12,136 | S ⁽²⁾ | A : | \$0.00 | 131,247 | | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 140 | | | I | 401k | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | | | osed of, onverti | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day | d 4. Date, Trans Code | | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Expiration (Month/Date | n Date | • | of Secu Underly Derivati | Title and Amount of Securities Inderlying perivative Security Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e S Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Co | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | or | ount nber ires | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to | \$86.52 | 02/03/2017 | | | A | | 24,852 | | (3) | 0 | 02/02/2027 | Commo Stock | n 24, | 852 | \$0.00 | 24,85 | 2 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents earned performance shares with respect to a performance stock unit award granted on 2/02/2016 that contained both performance-vesting and service-vesting requirements. The issuer's management development and compensation committee certified as to the level of performance-goal attainment on 02/03/2017. The earned performance shares remain subject to the service-vesting requirements and will vest in three equal installments on 2/10/2017, 2/10/2018 and 2/10/2019.
- 2. Restricted stock unit award that vests in three equal installments on 2/10/2018, 2/10/2019 and 2/10/2020.
- 3. The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 02/03/2017.

Remarks:

Omar White, Attorney-In-Fact 02/07/2017

** 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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