FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL 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]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
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(Last) (First) (Middle)													2	X Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/04/2003								Chairman & CEO					
130 WAVERLY STREET						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street)														X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
CAMBRIDGE MA 02139					_	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person													
(City) (State) (Zip)																			
		Tal	ble I - No	n-Deri	ivativ	e Se	curi	ties Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	neficiall	y Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans: Date (Month/It					ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Transaction Code (Instr.		ies Acquire Of (D) (Inst		Beneficial Owned F	es ally Following	Form:	: Direct I Indirect I str. 4) (7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3	ion(s)			(instr. 4)	
Common Stock 11/04/					04/200	2003			M		20,000) A	\$7.88	880,977			D		
Common Stock 11/04					04/200	2003			S ⁽¹⁾		20,000) D	\$12.9	5 860	860,977		D		
Common Stock														217	7,022		I S	9,522 shares 401(k); 207,500 shares in trust ⁽²⁾	
			Table II -								osed of, convertib			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 I if any (Month/Day	Date,	Code (Instr		of Deri Sec Acq (A) o Disp of (I	umber vative urities uired or oosed O) (Instr. and 5)	Expiration	i. Date Exercisal Expiration Date Month/Day/Year		of Securities		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)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab	le	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option	\$7.88	11/04/2003			M			20,000	03/31/199	4 ⁽³⁾	11/30/2003	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	1,603,2	223	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Transaction made pursuant to Dr. Boger's company approved trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.
- 2. Shares held in trust for Dr. Boger's children. Dr. Boger disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- 3. Right to buy under 1991 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 20 equal quarterly installments from 12/01/1993.

Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-

11/05/2003

In-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).

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