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 /								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner					
						MA [ VRTX ]								X	Officer (give title			Other (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2008								President & CEO					
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139					_   4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Indivi- Line)  X										ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
(City)	(	State)	(Zip)																
		Tak	le I - N	on-Der	ivativ	e Sec	curit	ies Ac	quire	d, Di	isposed o	f, or Be	eneficia	ally (	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						Exe	2A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			Acquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Transaci (Instr. 3	tion(s)			Instr. 4)
Common Stock 10/29/20					/2008	08		M		13,000	A	\$13.	3.63 1,		08,044		D		
Common Stock 10/29/20					/2008	08			S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,300	D	\$20.62	52 <sup>(2)(6)</sup> 1,		5,744		D	
Common Stock 10/29/2				/2008	2008					3,200	D	\$21.34	4 <sup>(3)(6)</sup> 1,102,544		2,544	D			
Common Stock 10/29/20				/2008	308					6,900	D	\$22.53	1,095,644		5,644		D		
Common Stock 10/29/20				/2008	08			<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		600	D	\$23.35	(5)(6)	1,095,044			D		
Common Stock														12	,445		I ·	401(k)	
Common Stock														207,500				Shares in rust <sup>(7)</sup>	
	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		3A. Deed Execution if any (Month/I			Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Exerc tion Day/\ n/Day/\		7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)		D	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	i lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er					
Stock Options	\$13.63	10/29/2008			M	13,000		(8)		12/09/2008	Commor Stock	13,00	0	\$0	6,400		D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Transaction for sales of common stock made pursuant to Dr. Boger's company approved trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.
- 2. Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$20.62 (range \$19.96 to \$20.93).
- 3. Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$21.34 (range \$20.95 to \$21.90).
- $4. Open \ market \ sales \ reported \ on \ this \ line \ occurred \ at \ a \ weighted \ average \ price \ of \ \$22.53 \ (range \ \$22.03 \ to \ \$22.97).$
- 5. Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$23.35 (range \$23.23 to \$23.59).
- 6. Dr. Boger 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.
- 7. Shares held in trust for Dr. Boger's children. Dr. Boger disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- 8. Fully vested.

## Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-In-Fact

10/30/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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