FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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LEIDEN JEFFREY M				2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/06/2009			3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED						Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director		10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
130 WAVERLY STREET						_ ^	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(Street) CAMBRIDGE	MA	02139				Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)										
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					2. Amount of (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock						0(1)	D					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)					(Instr. 4) Exercise P of Derivativ		4. Conversion Exercise Price of Derivative		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Security			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

** Signature of Reporting Person

07/07/2009 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 5 (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 Kenneth S. Boger, Valerie L. Andrews and Omar White of Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the "Company"),

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 authenticatic

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

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 acc

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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 in 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, necess

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

This Power of Attorney is intended to constitute a "confirming statement" for presentation to the Securities and Exchange Commission as contemplated by Instru

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed this 6th day of July, 2009.

/s/ Jeffrey Leiden

Signature

Jeffrey Leiden

Print Name

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