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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
       Washington, D.C. 20549
       Schedule 13G
       Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
        VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC
        (Name of Issuer)
       Common Stock
        (Title of Class of Securities)
        92532F100
        (CUSIP Number)
       December 31, 2005
        (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this
Schedule is filed:
       Rule 13d-1(b)
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of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which
would alter the disclosures provided in a prior page.
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be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that
section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act
(however, see the Notes).
CUSIP No. 92532F100
(1) Names of Reporting Persons.
       I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).
       BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, NA., 943112180
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group*
(a) / /
(b) /X/
(3) SEC Use Only
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(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization
    U.S.A.
Number of Shares
                                               (5) Sole Voting Power
Beneficially Owned
                                                 2,161,985
by Each Reporting
Person With
                                                (6) Shared Voting Power
                                                (7) Sole Dispositive Power
                                                    2,532,888
                                                (8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
      2,532,888
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
      2.56%
(12) Type of Reporting Person*
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BARCLAY	'S GLOBAL FUND ADVISORS		
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(3) SEC Use Onl	у		
(4) Citizenship U.S.A.	or Place of Organization		
Number of Share Beneficially Ow by Each Reporti	wned	(5) Sole Voting Power 2,732,213	
Person With		(6) Shared Voting Power	
		(7) Sole Dispositive Power 2,737,326	
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BARCLAY	S GLOBAL INVESTORS, LTD		
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group* (a) // (b) /X/			
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13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A
(a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
       (15 U.S.C. 780).
(b) /X/ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
(c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act
       (15 U.S.C. 78c).
      Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment
(d) //
       Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
       Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E).
(e) //
(f) //
       Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section
       240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
(g) //
       Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section
       240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
      A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit
(h) //
       Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
(i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment
       company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940
       (15U.S.C. 80a-3).
      Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)
(j) //
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              130 WAVERLY STREET
             CAMBRIDGE MA 02139-4242
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ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE
                 45 Fremont Street
                            San Francisco, CA 94105
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               92532F100
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               BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, LTD
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ITEM 2(B).
             ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE
                      Murray House
                            1 Royal Mint Court
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LONDON, EC3N 4HH

IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR

ITEM 3.

ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP England _ _____ ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES Common Stock ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER 92532F100 ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780). (b) /X/ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (c) // (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E). (e) // (f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). (g) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit (h) // Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
(i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15U.S.C. 80a-3). (j) // Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)NAME OF ISSUER ITEM 1(A). VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE MA 02139-4242 ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JAPAN TRUST AND BANKING COMPANY LIMITED ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE Ebisu Prime Square Tower 8th Floor 1-1-39 Hiroo Shibuya-Ku Tokyo 150-0012 Japan ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES Common Stock ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER 92532F100 IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR TTFM 3. 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780). (b) /X/ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (c) // (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E). (e) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section (f) // 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). (g) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). (h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813). A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment (i) // company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15U.S.C. 80a-3). Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)(j) // ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

percen	tage of t	the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.
(a) A	mount Ber	neficially Owned: 5,270,214
 (b) P	ercent of	
(c) N		shares as to which such person has: sole power to vote or to direct the vote 4,894,198
	(ii) :	shared power to vote or to direct the vote
		sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 5,270,214
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If thi the re percen ITEM 6	s stateme porting p t of the . OWNERSH The sha economi Items 2 . IDENTIF THE SEC	HIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS ent is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof berson has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five class of securities, check the following. // HIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON ares reported are held by the company in trust accounts for the ic benefit of the beneficiaries of those accounts. See also 2(a) above. FICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED CURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY Not applicable FICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP Not applicable OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP Not applicable
ITEM 1	.0 .	CERTIFICATION
		e following certification shall be included if the statement led pursuant to section 240.13d-1(b):
		By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose

or effect.

(b) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to section 240.13d-1(c):

> By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

 January 31, 2006
Date
Signature

Mei Lau Financial Reporting Manager -----Name/Title