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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		or Section 30(n) of the investment Company Act of 1940	
1. Name and Address of Reporting P BOGER KENNETH S (Last) (First) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEU INCORPORATED	(Middle)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2005	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SVP & General Counsel
130 WAVERLY STREET		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA	02139 (Zip)		X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	02/03/2005		Α		5,700 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.01	91,620	D	
Common Stock								1,800	Ι	shares 401(k)
Common Stock								1,000	I	shares owned by minor children

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

	(-3, parts, carrier, construct, construct,														
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)				6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye	e	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		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)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option	\$10.41	02/03/2005		Α		24,750		05/03/2005 ⁽²⁾	02/02/2015	Common Stock	24,750	\$0	247,445	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock grant made under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting on 2/3/2009, subject to acceleration upon achievement of certain performance-based milestones.

2. Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 02/03/2005.

Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-

02/07/2005

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

In-Fact

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).

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