

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 13, 2018

**VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**MASSACHUSETTS**

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)*

**000-19319**

*(Commission File Number)*

**04-3039129**

*(IRS Employer Identification No.)*

**50 Northern Avenue**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02210**

*(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)*

**(617) 341-6100**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(b) On December 13, 2018, Thomas Graney notified us he is resigning as our chief financial officer effective immediately. Mr. Graney will continue as an employee and assist in the transition through February 2019.

(c) Ian F. Smith, age 52, our executive vice president and chief operating officer and former chief financial officer, assumed the additional role of interim chief financial officer on December 13, 2018. Additional biographical information regarding Mr. Smith can be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**  
(Registrant)

Date: December 17, 2018

/s/ Michael Parini

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Michael Parini

Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and Administrative Officer