FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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 / MA [VRTX] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reportin (Check all applicable) X Director | | | g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | |
|--|---|--|--|---------|--------|--|-------|------------------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/27/2008 | | | | | | | | X | Officer (give title below) President & CEO | | | | |
| (Street) CAMBR (City) | | 4. 1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| | | Tak | le I - N | on-Deri | ivativ | e Sec | curit | ies Ac | quire | d, Di | sposed o | f, or Be | enefic | ially (| Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day) | | | | | | Execution Date | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Disposed Of | | 15) | 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 08/27/20 | | | | | | 08 | | M | | 12,400 | A | \$10 |).19 1,10 | | 7,444 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 08/27/20 | | | | | | 08 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 12,400 | D | \$27.0 | 3 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 1,09 | 5,044 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | | ,445 | | I | 401(k) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 207 | 7,500 | | | Shares in trust ⁽⁴⁾ |
| 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deer Execution if any (Month/I | | | ansaction ode (Instr. | | | | e Exerc tion Da n/Day/\ | | 7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Do | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | ly | 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 | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | |
| Stock Options | \$10.19 | 08/27/2008 | | N | | | | 12,400 | (5 |) | 09/16/2008 | Common | 12,4 | 00 | \$0 | 25,178 | 3 | 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 \$27.03 (range \$26.66 to \$27.47).
- 3. 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.
- 4. Shares held in trust for Dr. Boger's children. Dr. Boger disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- 5. Fully vested.

Remarks:

Kenneth S. Boger, Attorney-In-

08/28/2008

<u>Fact</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person

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 4 (b)(v).
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