FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT	<b>OF CHANGES</b>	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BRUM LYNNE H				VE	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [ VRTX ]									5. Relationship of Reportin (Check all applicable) Director  Officer (give title			g Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify		
(Last) C/O VER INCORP	TEX PHA	irst) ( RMACEUTICA	Middle)				of Earlie	st Trans	action (M	lonth/l	Day/Year)			$\frac{1}{2}$	helow)			below) n.&Financial Plan	
130 WAVERLY STREET				4. If	Ame	endment	, Date o	of Original	l Filed	(Month/Da	ay/Ye	ar)			idual o	r Joint/Group	Filing (Check	Applicable	
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(City)	(S	tate) (	(Zip)																
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriva	ative	Se	curitie	es Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Ben	efici	ally (	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				Execution Date,		Transaction Disposed (Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a					6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	e	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111501.4)
Common Stock 05/06/2			/2004	004		A		35,000	35,000 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$0	.01	41,821		D				
Common	Stock															3	3,747	I	401(k)
Common Stock																10	I	shares owned by husband	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Stock grant made under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting 50% on May 6, 2009, subject to acceleration upon achievement of a performance-based milestone based on Company profitability, and 50% on May 6, 2007.

## Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-**In-Fact** 

05/10/2004

\*\* 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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