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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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 Reporting (Check all applicable)  X Director			g Pers	on(s) to Issi 10% Ow	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/05/2008								X	Officer (give title below)  President & CEO				
130 WAVERLY STREET  (Street)  CAMBRIDGE MA 02139  (City) (State) (Zip)					4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Che Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One Person											rting Persor	1	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/					ction	2A. Exec	Deem cution y		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 au				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Followin		Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3		tion(s)		[	Instr. 4)
Common Stock 11/05/20					2008	08			M		13,000	A	\$13.	63	1,10	8,044		D	
Common Stock 11/05/20					2008	008			S <sup>(1)</sup>		8,900	D	\$27.57	7(2)(4)	1,09	99,144		D	
Common Stock 11/05/20					2008	08			S <sup>(1)</sup>		4,100	D	\$28.37	7(3)(4)	1,09	5,044		D	
Common Stock															12	,445		I 4	401(k)
Common Stock														207,500				Shares in rust <sup>(5)</sup>	
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 de (Instr.				e Exerc tion Da n/Day/		7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		De	Price of erivative ecurity 1str. 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 Exerci	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er					
Stock Options	\$13.63	11/05/2008			M			13,000	(6	)	12/09/2008	Commor Stock	13,00	00	\$0	51,000		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 \$27.57 (range \$27.21 to \$27.98).
- 3. Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$28.37 (range \$28.00 to \$28.66).
- 4. 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.
- $5.\ Shares\ held\ in\ trust\ for\ Dr.\ Boger's\ children.\ Dr.\ Boger\ disclaims\ beneficial\ ownership\ of\ such\ shares.$
- 6. Fully vested.

## Remarks:

Valerie L. Andrews, Attorney-In-Fact

11/06/2008

\*\* 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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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