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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Amendment No. 1)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value (Title of Class of Securities)

92532F100 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2008 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the following box to designate the rule pursuant to which the Schedule is filed:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- x Rule 13d-1(c)
- o Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 92532F100

1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. 13-4046559			
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			
	(a)	0		
	(b)	0		
3.	SEC Use Only			
4.	Citizenship or Place Delaware	of Organization		
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	5.		Sole Voting Power -0-	
	6.		Shared Voting Power 11,136,722	
	7.		Sole Dispositive Power -0-	
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 11,136,722	
9. Aggreg 11,136		ally Owned by Each Report	ing Person	

- 10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o
- Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 7.4%
- 12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO

CUSIP No. 92532F100

1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. 13-3695715		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if (a) (b)	a Member of a Group o o	(See Instructions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware		
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	5.		Sole Voting Power -0-
	6.		Shared Voting Power 11,161,279
	7.		Sole Dispositive Power -0-
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 11,175,479
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 11,175,479		
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o		
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 7.4%		
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA, PN		

CUSIP No. 92532F100

	1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) David E. Shaw	
	2.	Check the Appropri (a) (b)	iate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) o
	3.	SEC Use Only	
	4.	Citizenship or Place United States	e of Organization
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With		5.	Sole Voting Power -0-
		6.	Shared Voting Power 11,161,279
		7.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-
		8.	Shared Dispositive Power 11,175,479
 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 11,175,479 			

- 10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o
- 11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 7.4%
- 12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN

Item 1.			
(a)	Name of Issuer: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated		
(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 130 Waverly Street Cambridge, MA 02139		
Item 2.			
(a)	Name of Person Filing: D. E. Shaw Valence Portfo D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. David E. Shaw	blios, L.L.C.	
(b)	Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: The business address for each reporting person is: 120 W. 45th Street, Tower 45, 39th Floor New York, NY 10036		
(c)	Citizenship:D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.David E. Shaw is a citizen of the United States of America.		
(d)	Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, \$0.01 par value		
(e)	CUSIP Number: 92532F100		
Item 3.		If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:	
Not Applicat	ble		
Item 4.		Ownership	
As of Decem	ber 31, 2008:		
(a) Amount b	eneficially owned:		
D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:		11,136,722 shares This is composed of (i) 10,986,522 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and (ii) 150,200 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through the exercise of listed call options.	

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D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	11,175,479 shares This is composed of (i) 10,986,522 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 150,200 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through the exercise of listed call options, and (iii) 38,757 shares under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.
David E. Shaw:	11,175,479 shares This is composed of (i) 10,986,522 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 150,200 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through the exercise of listed call options, and (iii) 38,757 shares under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.

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(b) F	D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	7.4% 7.4% 7.4%
(c) N	Number of shares to which the person has:	
(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: David E. Shaw:	: -0- shares -0- shares -0- shares
(ii)	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: David E. Shaw:	
(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disp	position of:
. ,	D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: David E. Shaw:	
(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the d D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: David E. Shaw:	

David E. Shaw does not own any shares directly. By virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., which in turn is the managing member and investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and the managing member of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C., David E. Shaw may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 11,161,279 shares, and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 11,175,479 shares, the 11,175,479 shares as described above constituting 7.4% of the outstanding shares and, therefore, David E. Shaw may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of such shares. David E. Shaw disclaims beneficial ownership of such 11,175,479 shares.

Item 5. Not Applicable	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class
Item 6. Not Applicable	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person
Item 7.	Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person
Not Applicable	
Item 8. Not Applicable	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group
Item 9. Not Applicable	Notice of Dissolution of Group

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Item 10.

Certification

By signing below, each of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., and David E. Shaw certify that, to the best of such reporting person's knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. A Power of Attorney, dated October 24, 2007, granted by David E. Shaw in favor of Rochelle Elias, is attached hereto.

Dated: February 17, 2009

D. E. Sha By:	D. E. Shaw	lence Portfolios, L.L.C. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., as managing member	
	By:	/s/ Rochelle Elias	
		Rochelle Elias Chief Compliance Officer	
D. E	. Shaw & Co., L.P.		
By:		/s/ Rochelle Elias	
		Rochelle Elias Chief Compliance Officer	
Davi	d E. Shaw		
By:		/s/ Rochelle Elias	
		Rochelle Elias Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw	