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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Arbuckle Stuart A Issuer Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS (Check all applicable) INC / MA [VRTX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O VERTEX 02/06/2018 EVP\Chief Commercial Officer **PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED, 50 NORTHERN AVENUE** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

BOSTON, MA 02210

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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	02/06/2018		A	12,136 (1)	A	\$0	54,088	D			
Common Stock	02/06/2018		A	8,437 (2)	A	\$0	62,525	D			
Common Stock							140	I	401(k)		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 155.57	02/06/2018		A	19,566	(3)	02/05/2028	Common Stock	19,566

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Arbuckle Stuart A C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 50 NORTHERN AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02210

EVP\Chief Commercial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Omar White, Attorney-in-Fact 02/08/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

Represents earned performance shares with respect to a performance stock unit award granted on 2/3/2017 that contained both performance-vesting and service-vesting requirements. The issuer's management development and compensation committee certified as to the level of performance-goal attainment on 2/6/2018. The earned performance shares remain subject to the service-vesting requirements and will vest in three equal installments on 2/10/2018, 2/10/2019 and 2/10/2020.

- (2) Restricted stock unit award that vests in three equal installments on 2/17/2019, 2/17/2020 and 2/17/2021.
- (3) The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 2/6/2018.

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