

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BOGER JOSHUA S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VERTEX
 PHARMACEUTICALS
 INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY
 STREET

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS
 INC / MA [VRTX]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
08/13/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	08/13/2008		M	V	12,400	A	\$ 10.19	1,107,444	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		9,400	D	\$ 28.97	1,098,044	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		3,000	D	\$ 29.75	1,095,044	D	

Common Stock	12,445	I	401(k)
Common Stock	207,500	I	Shares in trust ⁽⁵⁾

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 10.19	08/13/2008		M	12,400	⁽⁶⁾ 09/16/2008	Common Stock	12,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOGER JOSHUA S C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Kenneth S. Boger,
Attorney-In-Fact

08/14/2008

 **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).

(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 \$28.97 (range \$28.54 to \$29.53).

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- (3) Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$29.75 (range \$29.54 to \$30.17).
- (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.

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