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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A Arbuckle St | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| (Last) C/O VERTI PHARMAC INCORPOR AVENUE | (Month/D | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2018 | | | | | Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP\Chief Commercial Officer | | | |
| BOSTON, I | (Street) | ndment, Date Original hth/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | |
| | | (T:) | | | | | | Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | le I - Non-D | Perivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | ar) Execution | emed on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) 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) | |
| Common Stock | 01/24/2018 | | | Code V M | 4,310 | (D) | Price \$ 91.05 | 46,262 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/24/2018 | | | M | 4,659 | A | \$ 86.52 | 50,921 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/24/2018 | | | S <u>(1)</u> | 8,969 | D | \$ 169 | 41,952 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 140 | I | 401(k) |

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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) | Transaction Derivative Code Securities | | cisable and vate Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8 I S (|
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 91.05 | 01/24/2018 | | M | 4,310 | (2) | 02/01/2026 | Common Stock | 4,310 | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 86.52 | 01/24/2018 | | M | 4,659 | (3) | 02/02/2027 | Common Stock | 4,659 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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 01/26/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 made pursuant to Mr. Arbuckle's company-approved trading plan under Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 2/2/2016.
- (3) The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 2/3/2017.

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