

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>ALTSHULER DAVID</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED</u> <u>50 NORTHERN AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>BOSTON MA 02210</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Global Research and CSO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/06/2018</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/06/2018		A		18,204 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	67,965	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2018		A		8,437 ⁽²⁾	A	\$0.00	76,402	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$155.57	02/06/2018		A		19,566		(3)	02/05/2028	Common Stock	19,566	\$0.00	19,566	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents earned performance shares with respect to a performance stock unit award granted on 2/03/2017 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.
- Restricted stock unit award that vests in three equal installments on 2/17/2019, 2/17/2020 and 2/17/2021.
- The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 2/6/2018.

Remarks:

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

** 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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