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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>SACHS BRUCE I</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS</u><br><u>INCORPORATED</u><br><u>50 NORTHERN AVENUE</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>BOSTON MA 02210</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [ VRTX ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>06/01/2019</u>                          |   |
|  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 06/01/2019                           |  | D                              |   | 1,801   | D          | (1)   | 11,210  | 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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$168.04   | 06/01/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 6,659  |     | (2)  | 05/31/2029      | Common Stock  | 6,659                                      | \$0.00   | 6,659   | D  |       |
| Deferred Stock Units                       | (3)  | 06/01/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 1,801  |     | (3)  | (3)             | Common Stock  | 1,801                                      | (1)  | 11,378.063  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted to Mr. Sachs on June 1, 2018, Mr. Sachs deferred the receipt of 1,801 shares of common stock and received instead 1,801 deferred stock units pursuant to the Company's deferred compensation plan. As a result, Mr. Sachs is reporting the disposition of 1,801 shares of common stock in exchange for an equal number of deferred stock units.
- Fully vested.
- Each deferred stock unit represents one share of common stock and is paid out in common stock upon the earliest to occur of (i) termination of Mr. Sachs's service on our board of directors, (ii) a change of control of our company and (iii) Mr. Sachs's disability or death.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Omar White, Attorney-in-Fact      06/04/2019

\*\* 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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