

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA

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ARBUCKLE STUART A

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Telephone | 6173416393 |
| CIK | 0000875320 |
| Symbol | VRTX |
| SIC Code | 2834 - Pharmaceutical Preparations |
| Industry | Biotechnology & Medical Research |
| Sector | Healthcare |
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Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| Arbuckle Stuart A | | | VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX] | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP/Chief Commercial Officer | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED, 50 NORTHERN AVENUE | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 8/7/2017 | | | | | |
| (Street) BOSTON, MA 02210 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 | 8/7/2017 | | M | | 4250 | A | \$77.31 | 125367 | D | |
| Common Stock | 8/7/2017 | | S (1) | | 4250 | D | \$152.88 | 121117 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 140 | I | 401(k) |

Table II - Derivative Securities 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. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 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 of Derivative Security: 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$77.31 | 8/7/2017 | | M | | 4250 | | (2) | 2/4/2024 | Common Stock | 4250 | \$0.00 | 8500 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (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 2/5/2014.

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

8/9/2017

**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).

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