

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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)	
SMITH IAN F		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, COO	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			
C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED, 50 NORTHERN AVENUE		2/6/2018			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
BOSTON, MA 02210				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)					

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	2/6/2018		A		15170 (1)	A	\$0.00	56058	D	
Common Stock	2/6/2018		A		8437 (2)	A	\$0.00	64495	D	
Common Stock								5306	I	401(k)

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate 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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$155.57	2/6/2018		A		19566		(3)	2/5/2028	Common Stock	19566	\$0.00	19566	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 02/06/2018. 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.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH IAN F C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 50 NORTHERN AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02210			EVP, COO	

Signatures

/s/ Omar White, Attorney-in-Fact

2/8/2018

**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).

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