

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA

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# FORM 4

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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SANDERS CHARLES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VERTEX  
PHARMACEUTICALS  
INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY  
STREET

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS  
INC / MA [VRTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/13/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/13/2008		M	V	3,334	A	\$ 14.2 29,717	D
Common Stock	05/13/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		700	D	\$ 27 29,017	D
Common Stock	05/13/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		300	D	\$ 27.03 28,717	D
Common Stock	05/13/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		400	D	\$ 27.07 28,317	D

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Common Stock	05/13/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 27.08	28,117	D
Common Stock	05/13/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 27.13	27,817	D
Common Stock	05/13/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 27.19	27,317	D
Common Stock	05/13/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 27.27	27,017	D
Common Stock	05/13/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 27.46	26,717	D
Common Stock	05/13/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	334	D	\$ 27.7	26,383	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 14.2	05/13/2008		A	3,334	09/01/1998 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/31/2008	Common Stock	3,334	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SANDERS CHARLES A C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139	X

## Signatures

Valerie L. Andrews,  
Attorney-In-Fact

05/15/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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 Dr. Sanders' company approved trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.
  - (2) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, fully vested on grant date, 6/1/1998.

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