

Chodakewitz Jeffrey
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Chodakewitz Jeffrey

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP GMDA, CMO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O VERTEX
 PHARMACEUTICALS
 INCORPORATED, 50 NORTHERN
 AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/16/2017

(Street)
 BOSTON, MA 02210

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 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. 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)
Common Stock	10/16/2017		M	V	1,718 A \$ 96.87	116,142	D
Common Stock	10/16/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		300 D \$ 153.42	115,842	D
					(2) (3)		
Common Stock	10/16/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		818 D \$ 154.76	115,024	D
					(2) (4)		

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. Chodakewitz's company-approved trading plan under Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) Dr. Chodakewitz undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$153.42 (range \$153.11 to \$153.58).
- (4) Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$154.76 (range \$154.50 to \$155.15).
- (5) The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 7/15/2014.

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