

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA

Form 4

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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 *
SANDERS CHARLES A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/20/2008

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

C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY STREET

(Street)

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

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/20/2008		M	3,333 A \$ 14.2	29,716	D	
Common Stock	05/20/2008		S ⁽¹⁾	334 D \$ 27.5	29,382	D	
Common Stock	05/20/2008		S ⁽¹⁾	333 D \$ 27.58	29,049	D	
Common Stock	05/20/2008		S ⁽¹⁾	333 D \$ 27.59	28,716	D	

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Common Stock	05/20/2008	<u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾	333	D	\$ 27.61	28,383	D
Common Stock	05/20/2008	<u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾	667	D	\$ 27.71	27,716	D
Common Stock	05/20/2008	<u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾	333	D	\$ 27.73	27,383	D
Common Stock	05/20/2008	<u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾	333	D	\$ 27.46	27,050	D
Common Stock	05/20/2008	<u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾	334	D	\$ 27.47	26,716	D
Common Stock	05/20/2008	<u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾	333	D	\$ 27.67	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 14.2	05/20/2008		A	3,333	09/01/1998 ⁽²⁾ 05/31/2008	Common Stock	3,333	

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

05/21/2008

__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 sales 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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