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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Following

Reported

46,752

140

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

or

(D)

A

D

Price

163.01

\$ 96.87 48,877

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

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(Instr. 4)

401(k)

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See Instruction 1(b).

Common

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Stock

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04/16/2018

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Arbuckle S	g Person *	Symbol VERTE		d Ticker or Trading RMACEUTICALS [X]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) C/O VERT PHARMAGINCORPORAVENUE	(Middle) RTHERN	(Month/E 04/16/2	-	ransaction	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
BOSTON,					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	

Code V Amount

2,125

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ive of	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 (Right to	\$ 96.87	04/16/2018		M	2,12	25	(2)	07/14/2024	Common Stock	2,125

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 04/18/2018

**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 Mr. Arbuckle's company-approved trading plan under Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 7/15/2014.

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