

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA

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# 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 \*  
ALAM JOHN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VERTEX  
PHARMACEUTICALS  
INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY  
STREET

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 01239

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/20/2008

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)  
EVP, Med. Dev. Group & CMO

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	08/20/2008		M	6,612 A \$ 10.19	143,404	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,692 D \$ 27.4 (2) (4)	138,712	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,920 D \$ 27.99 (3) (4)	136,792	D	
Common					5,140	I	401(k)



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- (3) Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$27.99 (range \$27.91 to \$28.10).
- (4) Dr. Alam 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.
- (5) Fully vested.

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