

Parini Michael
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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 *
Parini Michael

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)
50 NORTHERN AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/19/2017

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
EVP, CL&AO

BOSTON, MA 02210
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/19/2017 | | M | 8,500 A \$ 90.29 | 37,309 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/19/2017 | | M | 2,329 A \$ 86.52 | 39,638 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/19/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 10,829 D \$ 161 | 28,809 | 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 (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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 90.29 | 07/19/2017 | | M | 8,500 | <u>(2)</u> 07/11/2026 | Common Stock | 8,500 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 86.52 | 07/19/2017 | | M | 2,329 | <u>(3)</u> 02/02/2027 | Common Stock | 2,329 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Parini Michael 50 NORTHERN AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02210 | | | EVP, CL&AO | |

Signatures

Omar White,
Attorney-In-Fact

07/21/2017

**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. Parini's company approved trading plan under Rule 10b5-1.

(2) The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 07/12/2016.

(3) The option vests in 16 quarterly installments from 02/03/2017.

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