

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA  
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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 \*  
 POWER JOHANNA MESSINA

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)  
 VP & Controller

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O VERTEX  
 PHARMACEUTICALS  
 INCORPORATED, 130 WAVERLY  
 STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/07/2008

(Street)  
 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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	02/07/2008		A	(A) or (D) A	2,500 (1) \$ 0.01	D	
Common Stock					2,683	I	401(K)

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	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 18.93	02/07/2008		A	11,250	05/07/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/06/2018	Common Stock	11,250

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

POWER JOHANNA MESSINA  
 C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED  
 130 WAVERLY STREET  
 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

VP &amp; Controller

## Signatures

Valerie L. Andrews,  
 Attorney-In-Fact

02/11/2008

\*\*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) Stock grant made under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting on 2/7/2012, subject to acceleration upon achievement of certain performance-based milestones.
- (2) Right to buy under 2006 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 02/07/2008, subject to shareholder approval.

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