

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 \*  
 BRIMBLECOMBE ROGER W

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)  
 05/27/2008

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	05/27/2008		M	3,333 A \$ 14.2	3,333	D	
Common Stock	05/27/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	333 D \$ 26.4	3,000	D	
Common Stock	05/27/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	334 D \$ 26.54	2,666	D	
Common Stock	05/27/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	334 D \$ 26.66	2,332	D	

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Common Stock	05/27/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	666	D	\$ 26.68	1,666	D
Common Stock	05/27/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	333	D	\$ 26.71	1,333	D
Common Stock	05/27/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	333	D	\$ 26.75	1,000	D
Common Stock	05/27/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	334	D	\$ 26.84	666	D
Common Stock	05/27/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	333	D	\$ 26.99	333	D
Common Stock	05/27/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	333	D	\$ 27.16	0	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	05/27/2008		A	3,333	06/01/1998 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/31/2008	Common Stock	3,333	

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRIMBLECOMBE ROGER W  
C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED  
130 WAVERLY STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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## Signatures

Valerie L. Andrews,  
Attorney-In-Fact

05/28/2008

\_\_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. Brimblecombe's 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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