

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA

Form 8-K

June 17, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **June 17, 2005**

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-19319
(Commission File Number)

04-3039129
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

130 Waverly Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 444-6100

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 17, 2005, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated and Merck & Co., Inc. issued a joint press release that announced the initiation of an additional Phase I study with VX-680, a small molecule inhibitor of Aurora kinases. A copy of that press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description of Document
99.1	Joint Press Release of Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated and Merck & Co., Inc., dated June 17, 2005, titled Vertex and Merck Initiate Clinical Study in Hematologic Cancers with Aurora Kinase Inhibitor VX-680 .

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 17, 2005

**VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS
INCORPORATED**
(Registrant)

/s/ IAN F. SMITH
IAN F. SMITH
Chief Financial Officer and
Senior Vice President