

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA
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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 *
 GARRISON RICHARD C

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)
 02/07/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP and Catalyst

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)
Common Stock	02/07/2008		A	(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price A 10,166 (1) \$ 0.01	31,540	D	
Common Stock					636	I	401(k)

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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)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 18.93	02/07/2008		A	45,750	05/07/2008 ⁽²⁾ 02/06/2018	Common Stock 45,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GARRISON RICHARD C
 C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED
 130 WAVERLY STREET
 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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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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