

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 *
 ALAM JOHN J

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)
 EVP, Med. Dev. Group & CMO

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/10/2008

(Street)
 CAMBRIDGE, MA 01239

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	09/10/2008		M	6,614 A \$ 10.19	143,406	D	
Common Stock	09/10/2008		S ⁽¹⁾	6,614 D \$ 26.23 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	136,792	D	
Common Stock					5,140	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 (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.19	09/10/2008		M	6,614	⁽⁴⁾ 09/16/2008	Common Stock	6,614

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALAM JOHN J C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 01239			EVP, Med. Dev. Group & CMO	

Signatures

Valerie L. Andrews, 09/11/2008
Attorney-In-Fact

 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 for sales of common stock made pursuant to Dr. Alam's company approved trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) Open market sales reported on this line occurred at a weighted average price of \$26.34 (range \$26.02 to \$26.42).
- (3) Dr. Alam undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) Fully vested.

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