SATO VICKI L Form 4 May 12, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SATO VICKI L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2005

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB

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January 31,

2005

0.5

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

President

10% Owner Other (specify

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)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/11/2005		M	7,000	A	\$ 9.5	115,108	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2005		S(1)	7,000	D	\$ 13.17	108,108	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2005		D(2)	2,000	D	\$ 0.01	106,108	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2005		D(2)	28,875	D	\$ 0.01	77,233	D	

Common Stock

8,084

Ι

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 Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of

Code V (A) (D)

Common

Stock Option

\$ 9.5

05/11/2005

M

7,000 03/14/1996(3) 12/13/2005

Stock

7,000

Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

President

Other

SATO VICKI L

C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

130 WAVERLY STREET

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

Signatures

Kenneth S. Boger, Attorney-In-Fact

05/12/2005

**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).
- Transaction made pursuant to Dr. Sato's company approved trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) Restricted Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to a Severance Agreement and Release dated February 7, 2005.

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- (3) Right to buy under 1994 Stock and Option Plan, vesting quarterly over 5 years from 12/14/1995.
- (4) Reflects option to purchase 61,164 shares of common stock cancelled by the Company pursuant to a Severance Agreement and Release dated February 7, 2005.

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