

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Â CORDES EUGENE
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/11/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA [VRTX]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O VERTEX
 PHARMACEUTICALS
 INCORPORATED,Â 130
 WAVERLY STREET
 (Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)

CAMBRIDGE,Â MAÂ 02139
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 18,000 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Stock Option ⁽¹⁾ | 08/11/2005 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 13.18 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CORDES EUGENE C/O VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED 130 WAVERLY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

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 5(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) Right to buy under 1996 Stock and Option Plan, vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments from 8/11/2005.

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