



UNITED STATES
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DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

February 7, 2020

Via E-mail

Charles F. Wagner, Jr.
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.
50 Northern Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02210

**Re: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2019
Exhibit No. 2.1 - Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 30, 2019, by
and among Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, Vertex Disc Inc., Semma
Therapeutics, Inc., and Shareholder Representative Services LLC, solely in its
capacity as agent for the Equityholders
Filed October 31, 2019
File No. 000-19319**

Dear Mr. Wagner:

You have redacted information from the exhibit identified above asserting that the redacted information is not material and would cause competitive harm if publicly disclosed. For us to assess your compliance with the form requirements, please supplementally provide us, within five business days, with an unredacted paper copy (marked to show where you have redacted information in your public filing) of the exhibit identified above.

Please submit your response only to the address presented below. Given your conclusion that public disclosure of this information would cause you competitive harm, do not respond by submitting correspondence on EDGAR, sending a response by email or by sending your response to a Division staff member. You may wish to consider submitting your response in compliance with Rule 83 to protect it from public access while the materials are in our possession. If you request us to do so in accordance with Rule 418 or Rule 12b-4, we will destroy your supplemental submissions in connection with this compliance review when we conclude our assessment. In the absence of a request to destroy or return your supplemental materials, we will retain them in accordance with our record retention protocols.

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Sincerely,

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