

CRISPR Therapeutics AG
Form SC 13D/A
December 26, 2018

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 1)*
CRISPR THERAPEUTICS AG

(Name of Issuer)
Common Shares, par value CHF 0.03 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)
H17182108

(CUSIP Number)
Ian F. Smith
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
50 Northern Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02210
(617) 341-6100

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)
December 21, 2018

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. NAMES OF
REPORTING
PERSONS I.R.S.
IDENTIFICATION
NOS. OF ABOVE
PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY)

Vertex
Pharmaceuticals
Incorporated ("Vertex
US")

2. CHECK THE
APPROPRIATE BOX
IF A MEMBER OF A
GROUP
(see instructions)
(a)
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS
(see instructions)

5. WC
CHECK BOX IF
DISCLOSURE OF
LEGAL
PROCEEDINGS IS
REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO
ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)
CITIZENSHIP OR
PLACE OF
6. ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED

SOLE VOTING
POWER

7

1

BY SHARED VOTING
EACH POWER
REPORTING

PERSON 5,340,742 (1)
WITH SOLE
DISPOSITIVE
9. POWER

0
10. SHARED
DISPOSITIVE
POWER

5,340,742 (1)

AGGREGATE
AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY
11. OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING
PERSON

5,340,742 (1)
CHECK BOX IF THE
AGGREGATE
12. AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES
(see instructions)
PERCENT OF
CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
13. AMOUNT IN ROW
(11)

10.29% (2)
TYPE OF
REPORTING
14. PERSON (see
instructions)

CO

(1) Amount consists of
5,340,742 Common Shares
held by Vertex Europe.
Vertex US may be deemed
to have beneficial
ownership over such shares
since Vertex Europe is an
indirect wholly-owned

subsidiary of Vertex US.

(2) The ownership percentage has been calculated on the basis of 51,896,995 Common Shares outstanding as of November 1, 2018 as reported in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 2018.

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1. NAMES OF
REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S.
IDENTIFICATION
NOS. OF ABOVE
PERSONS (ENTITIES
ONLY)

Vertex Pharmaceuticals
(Europe) Limited (“Vertex
Europe”)

2. CHECK THE
APPROPRIATE BOX IF
A MEMBER OF A
GROUP
(see instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS
(see instructions)

5. WC
CHECK BOX IF
DISCLOSURE OF
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS
IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) or 2(e)

6. CITIZENSHIP OR
PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION

England and Wales

NUMBER OF SHARES	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY OWNED	8.	0
BY		SHARED VOTING POWER

EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

5,340,742

SOLE
DISPOSITIVE
POWER

9.

0

10.

SHARED
DISPOSITIVE
POWER

5,340,742

11. AGGREGATE
AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING PERSON

5,340,742

12. CHECK BOX IF THE
AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES

(see instructions)

13. PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.29% (1)

14. TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON (see
instructions)

OO

(1) The ownership percentage has been calculated on the basis of 51,896,995 Common Shares outstanding as of November 1, 2018 as reported in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 2018.

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D amends and supplements the statement on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 21, 2018 (the “Schedule 13D”) with respect to the common shares, par value CHF 0.03 per share (the “Shares”), of CRISPR Therapeutics AG, which is organized under the laws of Switzerland (the “Company”). The principal business address of the Company is Baarerstrasse 14, 6300 Zug, Switzerland. Unless otherwise indicated, each capitalized term used but not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Schedule 13D.

Item 3. Source or Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Between December 21 and December 24, 2018 Vertex Europe acquired 90,742 Shares for an aggregate of \$2,184,965.57 in the public market.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

The responses set forth in Items 5(a) – (c) of the Schedule 13D are hereby amended by deleting the previous responses in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

(a) Vertex Europe holds and beneficially owns 5,340,742 Shares. As Vertex Europe is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Vertex US, Vertex US beneficially owns the same 5,340,742 Shares. This number represents approximately 10.29% of the outstanding Shares of the Company, based on 51,896,995 Shares outstanding on November 1, 2018, as reported in the Company’s 10-Q filed on November 7, 2018, as calculated under Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. To the knowledge of Vertex Europe and Vertex US, no director or officer of either Vertex Europe or Vertex US, respectively, beneficially owns any Shares.

(b) As Vertex Europe is indirectly wholly-owned by Vertex US, Vertex Europe and Vertex US share voting and investment power over the 5,340,742 Shares.

(c) Between December 21 and December 24, 2018 Vertex Europe acquired 90,742 Shares in the public market using funds from Vertex’s working capital. Other than the transactions described in this Item 5, neither Vertex US nor Vertex Europe nor, to the knowledge of Vertex US or Vertex Europe, any director or executive officer of Vertex US or Vertex Europe, respectively, has effected any transaction in the Shares since the filing of the Schedule 13D.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

/s/ Ian F. Smith
EVP, Chief Operating Officer and interim Chief Financial Officer
December 26, 2018

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS (EUROPE) LIMITED

/s/ Ian F. Smith
Ian F. Smith
Director
December 26, 2018