FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Hayes Christopher G.					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Verrica Pharmaceuticals Inc. [ VRCA ]									ck all applic Directo	ionship of Reportin all applicable) Director		10% Ow	wner		
(Last)	,	irst) ARMACEUTIC	(Middle) ALS INC.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2024									below)		AL C	Other (s below) OFFICER	pecify	
44 WEST GAY STREET, SUITE 400					4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street) WEST CHESTE	ER PA	A	19380												X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)		_   Rı	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.										to				
		Tak	ole I - Nor	n-Deriv	vativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	nefic	ially	Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution Date,			Code (	Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) Code (Instr. 5)			4 and Securitie Benefici Owned F		s ally following	Form (D) o	Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		ice	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 03/15/				5/202	24			A		40,000	) <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	163,226			D			
		•	Table II -									or Ben ble secu			Owned					
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)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e C s F lly C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab	le E	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber						
Employee Stock Option (right to	\$4.8	03/15/2024			A		80,000		(2)	C	03/15/2034	Common Stock	80,0	000	\$0	80,000	0	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents a restricted stock unit ("RSU") award. The RSUs shall vest in equal annual installments on March 15, 2025, March 15, 2026, March 15, 2027 and March 15, 2028 subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service through each applicable date.
- 2. 25% of the total shares subject to the option shall vest on March 15, 2025 and 1/48th of the total shares subject to the option shall vest monthly thereafter over the remaining three years of the vesting period, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service through such vesting date.

/s/ Mark Ballantyne, Attorney-

03/19/2024

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

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