FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Hayes Christopher G.				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  Verrica Pharmaceuticals Inc. [ VRCA ]								(Ch	eck all appli Direct	,	g Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERRICA PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 44 WEST GAY STREET, SUITE 400					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2022									X below	Chief Leg	gal Of	below)	
(Street) WEST CHESTE			19380 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	e) X Form Form	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person					
		Tab	le I - Non-	-Deriva	ative	Se	curities	s Ac	quired, D	ispo	osed o	f, or Be	neficial	y Owned	l			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				Execution Date,			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1			ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and	Benefic	es ally Following	Form: (D) or	orm: Direct o) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
								Code V		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transac (Instr. 3	action(s)		[	instr. 4)	
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 Da if any (Month/Day/Y	ate, Tra	ransac ode (In		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		of Securities		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Co	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Exp Dat	oiration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8	02/24/2022			A		75,000		(1)	02/2	23/2032	Common Stock	75,000	\$0.00	75,000	)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. 25% of the total shares subject to the option shall vest on February 24, 2023 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.

## Remarks:

/s/ Mark Ballantyne, Attorneyin-Fact

02/25/2022

\*\* 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).
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