FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Add | , | R (N | . Date of Event equiring Staten Month/Day/Year 0/18/2019 | nent | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Verrica Pharmaceuticals Inc. [VRCA] | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---|--------------------|---|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERRICA PHARMACEUTICALS INC. | | | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title | | on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |
| 10 NORTH HIGH STREET, SUITE 200 | | | | | X | below) Chief Financial O | below) | · [6 | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| (Street) WEST CHESTER | PA | 19380 | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | | | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Date Exercisable ar Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Secur | | | | | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | n Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivativ Security | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney No Table I or Table II Securities Beneficially Owned

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Mark Ballantyne, Attorneyin-Fact 10/21/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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(For Executing Form ID and Forms 3, 4 and 5)

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Darren DeStefano, Mark Ballantyne, Jason Drory and Jill Simon of Cooley LLP, and Christopher Hayes of Verrica Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the "Company"), signing individually, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in fact and agents to:

- (1) Prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, Uniform Application for Access Codes to File on EDGAR, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or any rule or regulation thereunder;
- (2) Prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the SEC Form ID and Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including amendments thereto and joint filing agreements in connection therewith) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director or beneficial owner of more than 10% of a registered class of securities of the Company;
- (3) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to prepare and execute any such Form ID and Forms 3, 4 or 5 (including amendments thereto and joint filing agreements in connection therewith) and file such forms with the SEC and any stock exchange, self-regulatory association or any similar authority; and
- (4) Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required of the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by the attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as the attorney-in-fact may approve in the attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney in fact, or such attorney in fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, and their substitutes, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming (nor is the Company assuming) any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) the undersigned is no longer required to file Form ID or Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, (b) revocation by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and the foregoing attorneys-in fact or (c) as to any attorney-in-fact individually, until such attorney-in-fact is no longer employed by the Company or Cooley LLP, as applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the date written below.

Date: October 18, 2019

By:/s/ A. Brian Davis A. Brian Davis