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### FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>Monia Brett P</u>			g Person <sup>*</sup>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> [ ISIS ]		ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director	10% Owner
				—	- x	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)
(Last)		(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		,	,
		MACEUTI	CALS, INC.	08/26/2013		SVP, Antisense Dr	ug Discovery
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				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indi	vidual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Check Applicable
(Street)					Line)		
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(City)		(State)	(Zip)				

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities A Disposed Of (			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311 4)
Common Stock	08/26/2013	08/26/2013	<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		2,909 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$25.5769	769	D	

#### 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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)				Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) vurities uprites or posed D) D) tr. 3, 4			and nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	,, (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. The sale was a result of shares owned. The sale reported on this Form 4 was effective pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the reporting person on 8/12/2013. **Remarks:** 

# <u>/s/Brett P. Monia</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

08/28/2013

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 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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