# United States SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)\*

# ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

> 464330109 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2012 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing This Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

□ Rule 13d-1(b)

⊠ Rule 13d-1(c)
□ Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

# CUSIP No. <u>464330109</u>

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1.	. Names of Reporting Persons						
	BB Biotech AG						
2.	Check t	he A	appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)				
	(a) ⊠ (b) □						
3.	3. SEC Use Only						
4.	L. Citizenship or Place of Organization						
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Each		7.					
Reporting			•				
Person			0				
with:		8.	Shared Dispositive Power				
			8,043,140				
9.							
٥.	Aggregate Amount Denenciany Owned by Each Reporting Person						
	8,043,140						
10.							
11.	1. Percent of Class Represented by amount in Row (9)						
	0.00/						
42	8.0%						
12.	2. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)						
	HC,CO						

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	Biotec	Biotech Target N.V.					
	I.R.S. Id	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):					
	N/A						
2			Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)				
	(a) ⊠ (b) □						
3	B. SEC Use Only						
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4	4. Citizenship or Place of Organization						
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Reporting Person							
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			8,043,140				
9	O. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person						
	8,043,140						
10	·						
11	1. Percent of Class Represented by amount in Row (9)						
	8.0%						
12							
	60						
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#### Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

8,043,140

(b) Percent of class:

**8.0%** 

- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

8,043,140

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

8,043,140

#### Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

# **SIGNATURES**

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

# **BB Biotech AG**

Date: February 12, 2	013	By:	/s/ Michael Hutter
		<u> </u>	Signatory Authority
		Name:	Michael Hutter
		Title:	Signatory Authority
Date: February 12, 2	013	Ву:	/s/ Pascal Schmucki
			Signatory Authority
		Name:	Pascal Schmucki
		Title:	Signatory Authority
Biotech Target N.V.			
Date: February 12, 2	013	Ву:	/s/ Michael Hutter
			Signatory Authority
		Name:	Michael Hutter
		Title:	Signatory Authority
Date: February 12, 2	013	Ву:	/s/ Pascal Schmucki
		-	Signatory Authority
		Name:	Pascal Schmucki
		Title	Signatory Authority

# **Exhibit Index**

Exhibit A: Agreement by and between BB Biotech AG and Biotech Target N.V. with respect to the filing of this disclosure statement.\*

<sup>\*</sup> Previously filed as an exhibit to BB Biotech AG and Biotech Target N.V.'s Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 20,