## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> LOSCALZO JOSEPH						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> [ ISIS ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 2855 GAZELLE COURT					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2015									Officer (give title	below)	Other (sp	ecify below)
(Street) CARLSBAD CA 92010 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indivic X	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)					2. Transacti Date (Month/Day	(Year) if any		Code (Instr. 8) 3, 4 a		4. Securiti 3, 4 and 5 Amount	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			5. Amount of Securit Beneficially Owned F Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)	ollowing D	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					02/03/2	015 02/	03/2015	M <sup>(1)</sup>		9	938 A		\$0	938	938		
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)		4. Transad (Instr. 8)	tion Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expiratio	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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icted Stock Units

Explanation of Responses

1. Acquired pursuant to vesting and release of shares pursuant to a Restricted Stock Unit award granted on February 3, 2014.

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2. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Isis common stock, or its equivalent cash value. 3. Restricted Stock Unit Avait granted on February 3, 2014. Restricted Stock Units vest in equal annual installments, the first installment vested on February 3, 2015. Upon vesting, the restricted stock units will be paid out in whole shares of Isis common stock or cash as may be determined by the Company. The RSU shall be fully vested on February 3, 2018.

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Remarks:

<u>/s/B. Lynne Parshall, attorney-in-fact</u> \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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).

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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Stanley T. Crooke and B. Lynne Parshall, signing individually, the undersigned (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, an officer, director or holder of 10% or more of a registered class of securities of Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Is (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and (3) take any other action of any nature whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit, in the best in 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, ( 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 Forms 3, 4 and 5 with t

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 6th day of December, 2013.

/S/Joseph Loscalzo, MD, PhD