

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>GABRIELI CHRISTOPHER</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>1865 PALMER AVE, SUITE 104</b>  (Street) <b>LARCHMONT NY 10538</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ ISIS ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>08/19/2003</b>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/19/2003	08/19/2003	S		10,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$5.82	11,678 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Footnote (2)
Common Stock	08/20/2003	08/20/2003	S		11,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$5.8902	678 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Footnote (2)
Common Stock								740 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Footnote (3)
Common Stock								155,431	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	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					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The shares sold were held by Bessemer Venture Partners III L.P. ("BVP III"). The reporting person is a General Partner of Deer III & Co., the sole General Partner of BVP III. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his partnership interest.
- Owned by BVP III. The reporting person is a General Partner of Deer III & Co., the sole General Partner of BVP III. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his partnership interest.
- Owned indirectly by the Gabrieli Family Foundation, a charitable foundation. The reporting person may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of such shares by virtue of his position as Trustee, but disclaims beneficial ownership.

**Remarks:**

B. Lynne Parshall, by Power of Attorney 08/21/2003

\*\* 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 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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