FORM 4

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* CROOKE STANLEY T | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ISIS] | | | | | | | | telationship eck all appli X Directo | cable) or | g Pers | 10% Ov | /ner | |
|--|---|---|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---------|---|------------|---|----------|--|--|-------------|----------------------|---|--|---------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) C/O ISIS 2855 GA | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/02/2014 | | | | | | | | | helow) | r (give title Other (sp.) below) irman, President and CEO | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) CARLSBAD CA 92010 | | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/GroLine) X Form filed by N Person | | | | | | | | | | | orting Perso | n | |
| (City) | (S | tate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | | | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | | Benefici | es ially Following | Form (D) o | n: Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A (D | (A) or (D) Prio | | Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | /2014 | . (| 04/02/2014 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 7,000(1 | .) | A | \$14.4 | 7 13 | ,941 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 04/02/2014 | | 04/02/2014 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 7,000(1 | .) | D | \$43.6 4 | 18 6, | 941 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 04/02 | | | | | | /2014 0 | | 04/02/2014 | | | 1,800(2 | 2) | A | \$14.4 | 7 2, | 427 | | I 1 | By Wife | |
| Common | /2014 | 2014 04 | | 04/02/2014 | | | 1,800(2 | 2) | D | \$43.648 | | 627 | | I 1 | By Wife | | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 725 | 725,391 | | I 1 | By Trust | | |
| | | Т | able II - | | | | | | | | osed of, converti | | | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | ned n Date, | 4. Transa Code (1 8) | ection | 5. Number of | | • | xerci: | sable and | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | ecurity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | O N O | lumber | | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$14.47 | 04/02/2014 | 04/02/ | 2014 | М | M | | 7,000 | 01/02/20 | 13 | 01/01/2016 | Comm | | 7,000 | \$0 | 103,00 | 0 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

\$14.47

1. Acquired as a result of exercising a stock option pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan. The purchase and sale reported on this Form 4 was effective pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the reporting person on 8/6/13.

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2. Acquired as a result of exercising a stock option pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan. The purchase and sale reported on this Form 4 was effective pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the reporting person's wife on 8/6/13.

Remarks:

Employee

Option

(right to

/s/Stanley T. Crooke

Common

01/01/2016

04/04/2014

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By Wife

** Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

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

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 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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