FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol IONIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ IONS ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Monia Brett P												X	Director			10% Ow	ner	
(Last)	(F	First)	(Middle)	— <u> </u>	Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)						x	Officer (g	give title		Other (s below)	pecify		
2855 GAZELLE CT.					01/02/2020							Chief Executive Officer						
(Street) CARLSBAD CA 92010					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2020							Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Perso							ng Person						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4)				and 5) Securities Beneficial Owned Fo		Form:	Direct I Indirect I tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
	Code V Amo				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transactio (Instr. 3 an				Instr. 4)						
	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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (ADisposed of (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	A) or	6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da	Date	9	7. Title an of Securit Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 an	ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti	re es ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab	le	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	ion(s)			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$60.89	01/02/2020	01/02/2020	A		148,454 <sup>(2)</sup>		01/02/2021	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/01/2027	Common Stock	148,454	\$0	148,4	54	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Grant on 01/02/2020 to reporting person of stock options under the Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Amended and Restated 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. Following this transaction, the option was exercisable as to 0 shares on 01/02/2020. 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest and become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments over the next 3 years.
- 2. The original Form 4 filed on January 6, 2020 reported a grant of 158,659 stock options to the reporting person which has been revised by this amendment to reflect the amount of the actual award granted to Dr. Monia.

## Remarks:

/s/Patrick R. O'Neil, attorney-in-

01/31/2020

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\*\* 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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