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*  HERMAN JOAN E  (Last) (First) (Middle)  2855 GAZELLE COURT						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol IONIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC  ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/15/2022										Relationship neck all appli X Direct Office below	cable) or (give title	g Pers	son(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s below)	vner	
(Street) CARLSBAD CA 92010 (City) (State) (Zip)							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  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. Transaction Date  3. Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3. 4 and Securities Securit															7. Nature						
					Day/Yea	ar) 📗	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year			Code (Instr.					. 3, 4 and	Benefic	ally Following	(D) o	r Indirect nstr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)						
Common	5/2022	2				<b>M</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		5,333	(1)	A	\$0.0	) 24	,888		D						
Common	Common Stock			07/15	5/2022					<b>M</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		1,777	(1) A \$(		\$0.0	26	26,665		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. Deemo Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea				Amo Secu Unde Deriv	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	i i ily	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Dat Exe	te ercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	1	Amount or Number of Shares						
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/15/2022			M			5,333		(3)		(3)	Com		5,333	\$0.0	12,442	2	D		
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.0 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/15/2022			M			1,777		(4)		(4)	Com		1,777	\$0.0	10,665	5	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Acquired pursuant to vesting and release of shares in accordance with a Restricted Stock Unit award.
- 2. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ionis common stock, or its equivalent cash value.
- 3. Restricted Stock Units vest 100% on either the first anniversary of the date of grant or the next regularly scheduled annual meeting of stockholders of the Company, whichever occurs earlier, and are delivered to the reporting person on the July 15th following the vesting date. Upon vesting, the Restricted Stock Units will be paid in whole shares of Ionis common stock or cash as may be determined by the
- 4. Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments and are delivered to the reporting person on the July 15th following the vesting date. Upon vesting, the Restricted Stock Units will be paid in whole shares of Ionis common stock or cash as may be determined by the Company

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

- $^{\star}$  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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