FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Monia Brett P</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ ISIS ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Check all applicable) Director 10  X Officer (give title below)			er ecify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 2855 GAZELLE COURT					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2015									SVP, Antisense Drug Discovery				
(Street) CARLSBAD C (City) (S	A State)	92 (Zi	010 p)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individu X	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
			1	Table I -	Non-Der	ivative S	ecurities A	cquired,	Disp	osed of	, or Bene	ficially Owr	ied					
2. The of occurry (mon o)					2. Transact Date (Month/Day	//Year) Exe	) if any	Code (Instr. 8) 3, 4 and 9		·			Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.		
Common Stock				01/01/2	<u> </u>	/01/2015	Code J <sup>(1)</sup>	v	Amount 1	.98	(A) or (D)	\$30.0475	(Instr. 3 and 4) 2,011		D	4)		
Common Stock					01/02/2	015 01	/02/2015	S <sup>(2)</sup>		7	6 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$62.75	1,935		D		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)			4. Transac (Instr. 8)	Securi		umber of Derivative urities Acquired (A) or osed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)		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	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shar	es	Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	s)		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$61.57	01/02/2015	01/02/2015	A		36,423		01/02/20	16 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/01/2022	Comn	non Stock	36,423	\$0	36,423	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Reporting 198 shares acquired under the Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Amended and Restated 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on January 1, 2015. These 198 share may not be sold until July 2, 2015.
- 2. The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on 7/1/2014.

  3. Grant of 1/2/2015 to reporting person of stock options under the Isis Pharmacuteicals, Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. 25% of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on 1/2/2016. Thereafter, the remaining shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments, at the rate of 9,106 shares per year. The option was exercisable as to 0 on 1/2/2015.

## Remarks:

/s/Brett Monia \*\* Signature of Reporting Person 01/05/2015 Date

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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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Stanley T. Crooke and B. Lynne Parshall, signing individually, the undersign (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, (1) 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 1

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 1st day of January, 2012.

/S/Brett P. Monia