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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Baroldi Joseph					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>IONIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> [IONS]						S] (Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 2855 GA	(F ZELLE CO	,	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2024					2	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP, Chief Business Officer					
(Street) CARLSBAD CA 92010				- 4. I	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 						
(City)	(S		(Zip)	Zip) Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. le I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned													
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 52.87	01/02/2024			A		27,200		01/02/2025 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2034	Common Stock	27,200	\$0.0	27,200)	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

\$52.87

Qualified Stock Option

(right to buy)

1. Grant on 01/02/2024 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 01/02/2024. 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest and become exercisable on 01/02/2025. Thereafter, the remaining shares subject to the option will vest and become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments over the next 3 years.

01/02/2025⁽²⁾

2. Grant on 01/02/2024 to reporting person's spouse 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 01/02/2024. 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest and become exercisable on 01/02/2025. Thereafter, the remaining shares subject to the option will vest and become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments over the next 3 years.

By: Patrick R. O'Neil, attorney-01/04/2024

in-fact For: Joseph T. Baroldi

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

3,500

\$0.0

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Stock

01/01/2034

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).

01/02/2024

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