

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### REPORTING OWNER

**Geary Richard S**

CIK: **1442730**

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### ISSUER

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>Geary Richard S</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ISIS]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) <b>SVP, Development</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/15/2013</b>					
C/O ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 2855 GAZELLE COURT			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) <b>CARLSBAD, CA 92010</b>								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/15/2013	01/15/2013	M	(1)	776	(1)	A	\$ 0	4,599	D
Common Stock	01/16/2013	01/16/2013	S	(2)	345	(2)	D	\$14	4,254	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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	01/15/2013	01/15/2013	M	(2)	776	(2)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	776	(3)	\$ 0	2,327	D

#### Explanation of Responses:

- Acquired pursuant to vesting and release of shares pursuant to an RSU award granted on January 15, 2012.
- The sale was made pursuant to an automatic sale to cover the required tax withholding obligations pursuant to the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Agreement and Grant Notice, dated January 15, 2012

3. Restricted Stock Unit Award granted on January 15, 2012. Restricted Stock Units vest in equal annual installments, the first installment vested on January 15, 2013. Upon vesting, the restricted stock units will be paid out in whole shares of Isis common stock or cash as may be determined by the Company. The RSU shall be fully vested on January 15, 2016.
4. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Isis common stock, or its equivalent cash value.

**Signatures**

/s/B. Lynne Parshall, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/17/2013

Date

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

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