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15 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
16 IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
17 SAN DIEGO DIVISION

18 ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., a
Delaware Corporation,

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 SANTARIS PHARMA A/S CORP., a
22 Delaware corporation, and SANTARIS
23 PHARMA A/S, a Danish Corporation,

24 Defendants.

Case No. '11CV2214 BTM WMc

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
INFRINGEMENT**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., complains against Defendants Santaris Pharma A/S
2 Corp. and Santaris Pharma A/S (collectively “Santaris”) as follows:

3 **THE PARTIES**

4 1. Plaintiff Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Isis”) is a corporation organized under the
5 laws of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 2855 Gazelle Court, Carlsbad,
6 California 92010.

7 2. On information and belief, Defendant Santaris Pharma A/S Corp. is a privately
8 held company, incorporated in the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at
9 12626 High Bluff Drive, Suite 440, San Diego, California 92130. On information and belief,
10 Santaris Pharma A/S Corp. is registered to do business in the State of California. On information
11 and belief, and as further explained below, Santaris Pharma A/S Corp., itself and as the agent and
12 wholly owned subsidiary of Santaris Pharma A/S, is in the business of discovering and
13 commercializing RNA-targeted therapies through third parties in the State of California and
14 throughout the United States.

15 3. On information and belief, Santaris Pharma A/S is a privately held
16 biopharmaceutical company organized and existing under the laws of Denmark, having a
17 principal place of business at Kogle Allé 6, DK-2970 Hørsholm, Denmark. On information and
18 belief, and as further explained below, Santaris Pharma A/S, itself and through its wholly owned
19 subsidiary and agent, Santaris Pharma A/S Corp., is in the business of discovering and
20 commercializing RNA-targeted therapies through third parties in the State of California and
21 throughout the United States. Santaris Pharma A/S Corp. is the alter ego of Santaris Pharma A/S,
22 where a unity of interest and ownership exists between Santaris Pharma A/S and Santaris Pharma
23 A/S Corp, such that separate personalities of the two do not in reality exist. Isis is informed and
24 believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants were at all times relevant the partners,
25 officers, agents, assignees, successors-in-interest, co-conspirators, principals, alter egos, or
26 employees of each other, or were otherwise responsible for, contributed to, or participated in the
27 acts and omissions alleged herein, and thereby incurred liability therefore.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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2 4. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the
3 United States (Title 35 of the United States Code) and arising from Santaris’ sale, offer to sell,
4 use or importation of Isis’ patented methods and/or compositions prior to the expiration of U.S.
5 Patent Nos. 6,326,199 and 6,066,500. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action
6 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a) and Section 2201.

7 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Santaris by virtue of the fact that Santaris
8 conducts business in the State of California, and has availed itself of the rights and benefits under
9 California law, and has engaged in substantial and continuous contacts in the State of California.

10 6. To the extent that Santaris Pharma A/S (Denmark) successfully contends that it is
11 not doing business in California, personal jurisdiction over Santaris Pharma A/S is proper under
12 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(k)(2).

13 7. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and 1400.

THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

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15 8. On December 4, 2001, United States Patent No. 6,326,199 (the “‘199 Patent”)
16 entitled “Gapped 2’ Modified Oligonucleotides” issued to Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., as assignee
17 of the inventors. (A copy of the ‘199 Patent is attached as Exhibit 1.)

18 9. On May 23, 2000, United States Patent No. 6,066,500 (the “‘500 Patent”) entitled
19 “Antisense Modulation of Beta Catenin Expression” issued to Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., as
20 assignee of the inventors. (A copy of the ‘500 Patent is attached as Exhibit 2.)

21 10. The ‘199 and ‘500 Patents (collectively the “patents-in-suit”) have been owned by
22 Isis at all times, are fully maintained, and are valid and enforceable.

DRUG DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT

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24 11. In the fields of medicine and biotechnology, drug discovery is the process by
25 which drugs are designed and/or identified. The process of drug discovery involves target
26 validation and drug candidate identification. During the target validation phase, pharmaceutical
27 researchers test a hypothesis that, for example, the reduction of a given protein target will yield a
28 biochemical change potentially relevant for treating disease. Candidate identification commences

1 after a target has been validated in relevant disease models and often involves screening numbers
2 of compounds for their biological activity. Once a compound has been identified through the
3 foregoing process and shown to have the specific desired activity, it will enter the process of drug
4 development.

5 12. Drug development refers to activities undertaken after a compound has been
6 identified as a potential drug that seek to establish its suitability as a medication. This process
7 determines appropriate formulation and dosing, as well as establishes safety. Research in these
8 areas generally includes a number of required *in vivo* studies and clinical trials in healthy
9 volunteers to assess safety, and ultimately in patients to assess therapeutic value as a medication.
10 Certain pre-clinical and clinical data generated during the drug discovery phase may ultimately
11 form the basis for a filing with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for regulatory approval
12 to market the drug in the United States.

13 ANTISENSE TECHNOLOGY

14 13. Proteins are fundamental components of all living cells, and include many types of
15 molecules necessary for carrying out cellular functions. The overproduction or abnormal
16 production of proteins is implicated or associated with many diseases. Genes are DNA chemical
17 entities within the nuclei of cells that hold the information necessary to make proteins. This
18 information is converted into proteins in two steps called transcription and translation. At the
19 transcription step, the genetic information for a given protein is copied to a molecule called
20 messenger RNA (mRNA). During translation, cellular machinery converts the information
21 embodied in the mRNA into proteins.

22 14. Most drugs produced by the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, such as
23 small molecules (*e.g.*, Lipitor) or monoclonal antibodies (*e.g.*, Enbrel) are designed to bind to and
24 interfere with the function of disease-causing proteins. Antisense technology differs from those
25 pharmaceutical approaches. Antisense compounds target specific mRNAs that encode disease-
26 causing proteins. Thus, antisense works by preventing or reducing protein production altogether,
27 rather than interfering with protein function after it is produced. This mechanism presents
28 another way to treat and potentially cure disease. Antisense technology has several additional

1 advantages over traditional drugs, including the ability to modulate proteins that are not amenable
2 to small molecule drugs. It can also be used in basic research to better understand the function of
3 target proteins. For example, a researcher can use antisense in cells to reduce the production of a
4 protein of unknown function and observe the consequences. One may use normal cells or cells
5 from patients of a particular disease.

6 15. An antisense compound is typically a short, single-stranded DNA polymer, often
7 called an “oligonucleotide,” that is comprised of individual units called nucleotides.¹ These
8 oligonucleotides can be modified to alter their natural properties – a concept that lies at the heart
9 of Isis’ inventions. These oligonucleotides are designed to bind by hybridization to a specific
10 mRNA transcript (the “sense” strand) that encodes a target protein to form a duplex. A cellular
11 enzyme, called RNase H, recognizes that duplex and causes degradation of the mRNA, thereby
12 preventing synthesis of the target protein. By inhibiting the production of proteins involved in
13 disease, antisense drugs can thus create therapeutic benefits for patients.

14 **ISIS AND ITS BUSINESS OF ANTISENSE DRUG DISCOVERY**

15 16. Isis is the global leader in antisense drug discovery and development, with a broad
16 pipeline of 24 drugs in development and several others in early stage research targeted to many
17 proteins associated with different diseases. Isis has expanded the reach of antisense drugs by
18 addressing a wide range of diseases such as cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease,
19 neurodegenerative disease and other diseases of genetic origin. Isis was founded in 1989 by
20 antisense pioneer Stanley Crooke, M.D., Ph.D., and his colleagues. To this day, Dr. Crooke
21 serves as Isis’ Chief Executive Officer and actively leads a group of researchers looking to
22 understand more fundamentally how antisense drugs work and how to further optimize them. Isis
23 is a Carlsbad, California-based company that employs nearly 350 people.

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26 ¹ An oligonucleotide is chemically synthesized and has a length that typically spans 10-50
27 nucleotides. Nucleotide units are themselves comprised of three components: (i) a nitrogen-
28 containing ring structure known as a “base”, (ii) a pentofuranosyl sugar moiety, and (iii) a
phosphate-containing linker. Any of these components can be chemically modified to alter an
oligonucleotide’s natural properties.

1 17. Since Isis' inception, the company has focused on studying how antisense works
2 and translating this new knowledge to optimize antisense drug designs and methods of drug
3 discovery. During its twenty-two year history, Isis has made enormous investments of time,
4 money and effort to develop platform antisense technology.² This antisense drug design platform
5 technology allows Isis scientists to identify protein targets of interest, and to create potent
6 chemically-modified antisense compounds that can inhibit virtually any specific protein of
7 therapeutic importance.

8 18. Isis maintains its focus on further research and development of antisense
9 compounds and technology, rather than on late-stage drug development and commercialization.
10 Isis has developed a business model in which it partners with and relies on other pharmaceutical
11 companies to develop further the antisense drugs that Isis identifies in the drug discovery phase
12 using Isis' platform antisense technology. Isis' pharmaceutical company partners typically
13 perform drug development and clinical trials, seek final market approval, and ultimately
14 commercialize the purchased antisense drug candidates. This business strategy enables Isis to
15 earn upfront fees, milestone payments, and royalties as Isis' partners further develop the antisense
16 drugs based on the drug discovery research performed by Isis. Since 2007, Isis' partnerships
17 generated more than \$840 million in payments from fees, milestones, equity investment, and
18 research and development funding.

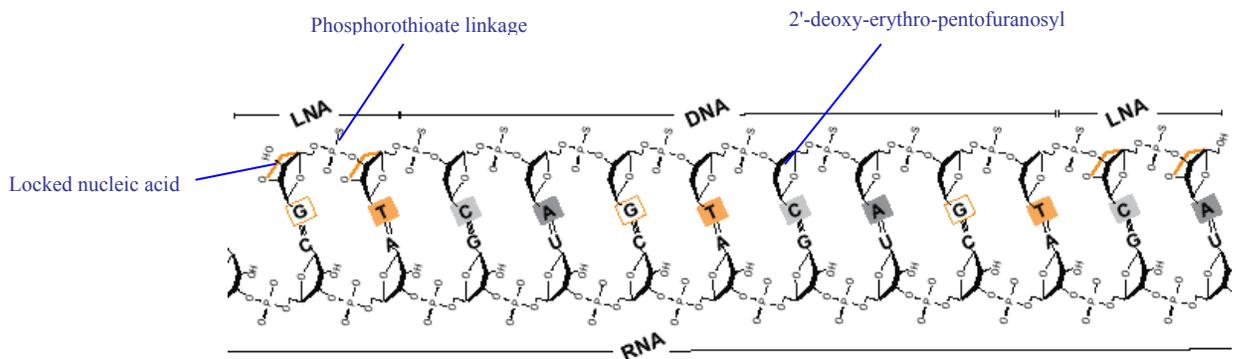
19 **ISIS' PATENTED ANTISENSE DRUG DESIGN PLATFORM TECHNOLOGY**

20 19. One of Isis' earliest and most transformative platform technologies is the invention
21 of "gapmer" or "gapped" oligonucleotide compounds for uses in a cell as embodied in the method
22 claims of the '199 Patent. Like all antisense compounds, "gapmers" comprise linked nucleotides
23 (oligonucleotides) and have a base sequence that specifically hybridizes to the complementary
24 sense strand of a target mRNA to disrupt the production of the resulting protein. Gapmers further
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26 ² "Platform antisense technology" generally refers to features of antisense compound design that
27 can be incorporated into any antisense compound, independent of the specific protein targeted or
28 the base sequence of the mRNA encoding it. Platform technology enables the owner of the
technology because some basic research does not need to be performed for each new product.

1 comprise modifications arranged along the oligonucleotide to protect it from degradation by
 2 cellular nucleases and to increase binding affinity of the oligonucleotide to its target; and a
 3 plurality of unmodified 2'-deoxy-erythro-pentofuranosyl sugar moieties which elicit degradation
 4 of the mRNA. Such antisense compounds are particularly suited for reducing the amount of
 5 target protein in a cell and, therefore, are useful for identifying targets of therapeutic value and for
 6 identifying potential drug candidates.

7 20. An example of a gapmer oligonucleotide used in Isis' patented methods is found in
 8 Santaris' 2010 Annual Report, a relevant section of which is reproduced below:



15 21. The above oligonucleotide is functionalized to increase nuclease resistance.
 16 Specifically, it employs phosphorothioate linkages, to increase stability of the oligonucleotide in
 17 the presence of nucleases, which degrade oligonucleotides lacking such modifications. The
 18 oligonucleotide also comprises modified bicyclic ribose sugar rings, called locked nucleic acid
 19 ("LNA"), which is substituted at the 2' position of the ribose ring with an oxy-methylene bridge
 20 that is covalently bonded to the 4' position of the ribose ring. The LNA modification increases
 21 the binding affinity of the oligonucleotide to its complementary strand. Finally, the middle of the
 22 oligonucleotide comprises a plurality of nucleotides that comprise 2'-deoxy-erythro-
 23 pentofuranosyl sugar moieties. This portion of the gapmer serves to attract RNase H, which in
 24 turn causes degradation of the mRNA, and thereby prevents the production of the target protein.
 25 The above oligonucleotide is contacted with a cell to inhibit the production of a protein.

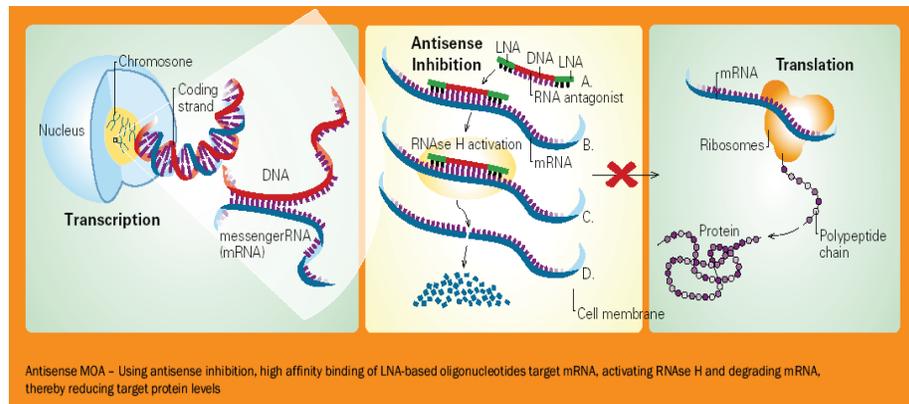
26 22. Isis has also designed, evaluated, and developed candidate antisense compounds
 27 incorporating its platform technology as applied to certain targets for specific disease indications.
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1 One such invention was conceived at Isis by Drs. C. Frank Bennett and Lex M. Cowser. This
2 invention directs antisense compounds at the overproduction of a protein called “beta-catenin,”
3 which has been shown to promote development of several types of cancers, including those
4 affecting the colon and skin. Antisense oligonucleotides that hybridize to beta-catenin mRNA,
5 and thereby cause the destruction of this genetic message, decrease the production of beta-catenin
6 protein in cancer cells, and may ultimately provide a therapeutic benefit to patients. Isis
7 developed several antisense compounds directed to beta-catenin and garnered patent protection
8 for these inventions through the ‘500 Patent. The ‘500 Patent also claims a method for practicing
9 Isis’ beta-catenin inhibition process that comprises contacting cells or tissues in a laboratory dish
10 with antisense compounds that reduce beta-catenin protein production. The antisense compounds
11 claimed in the ‘500 Patent are not required to be gapmers.

12 **INFRINGEMENT ACTS BY SANTARIS**

13 23. Santaris engages in the business of selling antisense drug discovery services and
14 products to pharmaceutical company customers in the United States. These activities are in direct
15 competition with Isis. Santaris was founded to discover and commercialize gapmers that
16 comprise locked nucleic acid nucleotides. As discussed above, a locked nucleic acid is a
17 modified nucleotide in which a hydroxyl group at the 2' position of a ribose ring has been
18 substituted with an oxy-methylene bridge that is covalently bound to the 4' position of the ring.
19 Gapmers, also discussed above, are antisense compounds having a specific arrangement of
20 functional modifications, as described and claimed in the ‘199 Patent.

21 24. On information and belief, Santaris uses the LNA-containing gapmer antisense
22 compounds in cell assays to assist with the identification of potential gene targets and/or to screen
23 the ability of synthesized oligonucleotides to inhibit the production of a specific protein. The
24 Santaris 2010 Annual Report confirms these activities and uses:



Thus, the Isis method patented in the '199 Patent, which involves contacting a cell with a gapmer, is used by Santaris as a research tool to identify targets and/or to screen gapmer LNA antisense molecules for activity inhibiting a target. Santaris further sells and offers for sale in the United States the patented methods of the '199 Patent. Santaris' business has been built around exploiting the platform antisense technology pioneered and patented by Isis, and selling and offering it for sale to pharmaceutical companies.

25. On information and belief, at least some of Santaris' sales are memorialized in commercial agreements with its pharmaceutical company customers, pursuant to which Santaris agreed to transfer property and/or perform services for a certain price. On information and belief, these agreements typically involve Santaris performing some combination of the following activities in exchange for cash consideration: (1) assays using gapmer antisense compounds for the discovery and/or identification of possible protein targets, (2) validation experiments designed to determine whether inhibition of target protein is therapeutically relevant, (3) synthesis and testing of a number of gapmer antisense compounds (typically hundreds or thousands) to screen for effectiveness in reducing target protein, and (4) transfer of gapmer-based antisense technology and compounds to the customer for further validation and development. These commercial sales or offers for sale compete with the '199 Patent drug discovery services Isis sells or offers for sale in the United States.

26. On information and belief, Santaris has attempted to compete directly with Isis by advancing and selling LNA gapmer compounds for a specific mRNA target for which Isis has already invested research time and money to validate as a viable therapeutic target for antisense.

1 Specifically, Santaris has offered for sale and sold to Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. antisense
2 compounds that inhibit beta-catenin production in violation of the ‘500 Patent.

3 27. On information and belief, in return for the sale of the methods recited in the ‘199
4 Patent and the compositions and methods claimed in the ‘500 Patent, Santaris received substantial
5 payments from pharmaceutical companies. As evidence of such sales, Santaris recognizes the
6 revenue from the payments in accordance with Santaris’ revenue recognition policy, as set forth
7 in Santaris’ 2010 Annual Report. Under Santaris’ policy, when the significant risk and rewards
8 of ownership
9 of the goods/services have been transferred to the buyer, a sale has occurred and the revenue is
10 booked, viz:

11 *Revenue comprises product sales and up-front payments, milestone payments,*
12 *and other income associated from research and development contracts. Income is*
13 *recognized over the period of the agreements in accordance with the terms of the*
14 *agreements when it is considered realized or realizable and earned. **This means***
15 ***that the general income criteria for income recognition has to be met, all***
16 ***significant risk and rewards of ownership of the goods/services has been***
17 ***transferred to the buyer, Santaris Pharma retains neither continuing***
18 ***managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor***
19 ***effective control over the goods/services sold, the amount of revenue can be***
20 ***measured reliably, it is probable that the economic benefit associated with the***
21 ***transaction will flow to the company, and the cost incurred or to be incurred in***
22 ***respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.***

23 28. In sum, on information and belief, Santaris has engaged in an enterprise of offering
24 for sale and selling to its pharmaceutical company customers drug discovery services and drug
25 candidates that infringe the ‘199 Patent and/or the ‘500 Patent.

26 29. 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(1) (“Section 271(e)(1)”) defines a safe harbor against patent
27 infringement:

28 It shall not be an act of infringement to make, use, offer to sell, or sell within the
United States or import into the United States a patented invention...solely for
uses reasonably related to the development and submission of information under a
Federal law which regulates the manufacture, use, or sale of drugs or veterinary
biological products.

30. This provision entered title 35 in 1984 as part of the Drug Price Competition and
Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984, Pub. L. No. 98-417, 98 Stat. 1585 (1984) (the “1984 Act”).
The House Committee that initiated this provision characterized its limits, noting that the “nature

1 of the interference with the rights of the patent holder” would not be substantial,” but “*de*
2 *minimus* [sic].” H.R. Rep. No. 857, reprinted in 1984 U.S.C.C.A.N. at 2692, 2714 (stating that
3 “all that the generic can do is test the drug for purposes of submitting data to the FDA for
4 approval. Thus, the nature of the interference is *de minimus* [sic].”).

5 31. In 2005, the Supreme Court reaffirmed that not all drug discovery and research
6 under the 1984 Act was subject to the Section 271(e)(1) clinical trial exemption, holding that the
7 exemption may exist where “a drug-maker has a reasonable basis for believing that a patented
8 compound may work, through a particular biological process, to produce a particular
9 physiological effect, and uses the compound in research that, if successful, would be appropriate
10 to include in a submission to the FDA, that use is ‘reasonably-related’ to the ‘development and
11 submission of information under . . . federal law.’” *Merck KGaA v. Integra Lifesciences I, Ltd.*,
12 545 U.S. 193, 207 (2005) (quoting the text of Section 271(e)(1)). Moreover, the Federal Circuit
13 has held that research tools used in drug discovery and development, and are not themselves the
14 subject of regulatory approval, fall outside the protection of Section 271(e)(1). *Proveris Scientific*
15 *Corp. v. Innovasystems, Inc.*, 536 F.3d 1256, 1265 (Fed. Cir. 2008).

16 32. On information and belief, and as described in the 2010 Annual Report quoted
17 above, Santaris booked millions of dollars of revenue from sales of Isis’ patented gapmer
18 antisense technology. On information and belief, these sales are not reasonably related to the
19 development and submission of information to the FDA for regulatory approval, and therefore are
20 not exempted from infringement by the safe harbor provision of 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(1). Rather, on
21 information and belief, the substantial sums received by Santaris, and the significant future
22 payments contemplated by the Santaris-pharmaceutical company agreements, constitute
23 commercial revenue that Santaris uses to fund and develop its business. In Santaris’ 2010 Annual
24 Report, Santaris notes:

25 *Since the completion of the Series C round in 2007 the Company has, based on*
26 *prudent cost management and generation of up-fronts and milestone payments*
27 *from partners, been able to continue the **development of the Company’s pipeline,***
***organization and LNA platform,** without any new additional financing³*

28 ³ Santaris 2010 Annual Report, p. 31.

1 33. According to Santaris' 2010 Annual report, "In 2010 Santaris Pharma A/S
2 recognized DKK 217.9m in revenues compared to DKK 72.6m in 2009." The revenues are
3 generated in part from Santaris' collaborations with Pfizer, Shire, Glaxo and Enzon (see below)
4 and other commercial activity as alleged herein.

5 34. On information and belief, Santaris' pharmaceutical industry customers are
6 responsible for development and regulatory approval of drug products. Regardless of whether the
7 pharmaceutical company customers later develop some of the resulting compounds and
8 eventually advance a drug to a phase of development where the Section 271(e)(1) exemption
9 attaches, Santaris' commercial transactions are not themselves related to the generation of data
10 for submission to the FDA.

11 35. In addition to completed sales and past offers for sale, on information and belief,
12 Santaris continues to offer for sale in the United States the methods claimed in the '199 Patent.
13 On information and belief, Santaris is actively pursuing transactions with potential customers
14 where it will transfer and/or perform the methods claimed in the '199 Patent for a stated price.
15 These activities undermine the value of the '199 Patent and the Isis platform antisense technology
16 that the patent protects.

17 36. The following known agreements represent profitable sales by Santaris of
18 technology that infringes the '199 and the '500 Patents. Further, Santaris' commercial
19 agreements amount to offers for sale in the United States that depress and harm the value of Isis'
20 patents, as complained of herein. Santaris has built a commercial enterprise that competes with
21 Isis and that depends on the sale, offer for sale, use and importation of Isis' patented technology.
22 Santaris' acts of infringement, as further detailed herein, are inflicting harm on Isis, *inter alia*, in
23 the form of lost or value-diminished licensing opportunities.

24 **THE JANUARY 4, 2011, ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT WITH PFIZER**

25 37. On January 4, 2011, Santaris announced an agreement with Pfizer, Inc. As
26 described in the press release, Pfizer paid Santaris "\$14 million for access to Santaris Pharma A/S
27 Locked Nucleic Acid (LNA) Drug Platform to develop RNA-targeted drugs" (the "2011 Pfizer-
28 Santaris Agreement"). (A copy of the Santaris January 4, 2011, press release is attached hereto as

1 Exhibit 3.) As stated in the Santaris 2010 Annual Report, Santaris received \$14 million from
2 Pfizer in exchange for access to Santaris' LNA technology, and may receive \$600 million in
3 future milestones payments in addition to royalties on sales. Specifically, Pfizer agreed to pay
4 milestones to Santaris upon the identification of up to ten gene targets and the discovery of lead
5 antisense LNA molecule candidates. On information and belief, this agreement represented an
6 expansion of a 2009 agreement with Wyeth in which \$7 million was paid to Santaris up front plus
7 a potential \$83 million in additional milestone payments. Pfizer acquired Wyeth in 2009 and
8 collectively, the entities are referred to as "Pfizer."

9 38. On information and belief, and confirming that a sale has occurred, Santaris has
10 recognized as revenue payments from Pfizer and used such revenue for Santaris' commercial
11 purposes.

12 39. On information and belief, Pfizer is a United States based company, incorporated
13 under the laws of Delaware, and Santaris' offer for sale and sale occurred in the United States.
14 On information and belief, the activity of offering for sale and selling of the Santaris technology
15 in the United States to Pfizer infringed Isis' methods claimed in the '199 Patent, including by,
16 *inter alia*,

- 17 • Offering for sale and selling the process of using gapmers to reduce target RNA
18 for target validation purposes; and/or
- 19 • Offering for sale and selling the process of screening and identifying gapmer
20 compounds to identify drug candidates for drug development.

21 40. On information and belief, such activity is not exempt under Section 271(e)(1)
22 because: (a) it constitutes an offer for sale, a sale and/or use of a research tool that is not itself the
23 subject of FDA approval; (b) it constitutes an offer for sale, a sale and/or use of the methods
24 claimed in the '199 Patent in discovery activity before the trained researcher formed a reasonable
25 basis for believing that a specific compound may work through a particular biological process to
26 produce the particular physiological effect of inhibiting the selected target cell; and/or (c) is a
27 commercial offer for sale and/or sale that is not reasonably related to FDA approval, as further
28 evidenced by Santaris' recognition of revenue from Pfizer.

1 filings in the United States for the candidate molecules acquired from Santaris under the 2006
2 Enzon-Santaris Agreement.

3 44. On information and belief, Enzon is an U.S. based company, incorporated under
4 the laws of the State of Delaware, and Santaris' offer for sale and sale to Enzon occurred in the
5 United States.

6 45. On information and belief, the activity of offering for sale and selling of the
7 Santaris technology in the United States to Enzon infringed Isis' '199 patented methods and the
8 '500 patented compositions and methods, including by, *inter alia*,

- 9 • Offering for sale or selling the process of using gapmers to identify and reduce
10 target RNA for further drug discovery;
- 11 • Offering for sale or selling the process of screening and identifying gapmer
12 candidates to identify drug candidates for drug development; and/or
- 13 • Selling, offering to sell, and/or importing antisense compounds specific for beta-
14 catenin in or into the United States.

15 46. On information and belief, such activity is not exempt under Section 271(e)(1)
16 because: (a) it constitutes an offer for sale, a sale and/or use of a research tool that is not itself the
17 subject of FDA approval; (b) it constitutes an offer for sale, a sale and/or use of the methods
18 claimed in the '199 Patent, and compounds and methods claimed in the '500 Patent, in discovery
19 activity before the trained researcher formed a reasonable basis for believing that a specific
20 compound may work through a particular biological process to produce the particular
21 physiological effect of inhibiting the selected target cell; and/or (c) is a commercial offer for sale
22 and/or sale that is not reasonably related to FDA approval, as further evidenced by Santaris'
23 recognition of revenue from Enzon.

24 **THE AUGUST 24, 2009, ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT WITH SHIRE PLC**

25 47. On August 24, 2009, Santaris announced an agreement with Shire PLC whereby
26 Santaris would "receive significant upfront payments, milestone payments and royalties for
27 providing access to [Santaris'] LNA technology" and exclusivity for three targets and an
28 additional two targets to be nominated by Shire in the future. Santaris potentially could collect

1 more than \$360 million in milestone payments in connection with these five programs. (A copy
2 of the August 24, 2009, Santaris press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 6.) On information
3 and belief, and confirming a sale has occurred, Santaris has recognized as revenue payments from
4 Shire and used such revenue for Santaris commercial purposes.

5 48. On information and belief, Shire PLC maintains operations in Cambridge,
6 Massachusetts and Santaris' offer for sale and sale to Shire occurred in the United States. On
7 information and belief, the activity of offering for sale and selling of the Santaris technology in
8 the United States to Shire infringed Isis' methods recited in the '199 Patent, including by, *inter*
9 *alia*,

- 10 • Offering for sale and selling the process of using gapmers to identify and reduce
- 11 target RNA for further drug discovery; and/or
- 12 • Offering for sale and selling the process of screening and identifying gapmer
- 13 candidates to identify drug candidates for drug development.

14 49. On information and belief, such activity is not exempt under Section 271(e)(1)
15 because: (a) it constitutes an offer for sale, a sale and/or use of a research tool that is not itself the
16 subject of FDA approval; (b) it constitutes an offer for sale, a sale and/or use of the methods
17 claimed in the '199 Patent in discovery activity before the trained researcher formed a reasonable
18 basis for believing that a specific compound may work through a particular biological process to
19 produce the particular physiological effect of inhibiting the selected target cell; and/or (c) is a
20 commercial offer for sale and/or sale that is not reasonably related to FDA approval, as further
21 evidenced by Santaris' recognition of revenue from Shire.

22 **THE DECEMBER 19, 2007, ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT WITH GLAXOSMITHKLINE**

23 50. On December 19, 2007, Santaris announced an agreement with GlaxoSmithKline
24 ("GSK") whereby Santaris would receive approximately \$8 million as an upfront payment,
25 milestone payments, and royalties for providing access to Santaris' LNA technology and
26 exclusivity for four targets. Santaris could potentially collect in excess of \$700 million in upfront
27 and milestone payments under the agreement with GSK. (A copy of the December 19, 2007,
28 Santaris press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 7.)

1 58. Plaintiff has been injured by Santaris' infringement.

2 59. This case is exceptional, and Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees
3 under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

4 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
5 **(Infringement of the '500 Patent)**

6 60. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in
7 paragraphs 1 – 53.

8 61. On information and belief, Santaris has infringed the '500 Patent, pursuant to 35
9 U.S.C. § 271(a), by engaging in the commercial manufacture, use, offer to sell, sale, or
10 importation of the claimed compositions and methods prior to the expiration of the '500 Patent.

11 62. Plaintiff will be substantially and irreparably harmed if Santaris is not enjoined
12 from infringing the '500 Patent.

13 63. Santaris' infringement is willful.

14 64. Plaintiff has been injured by Santaris' infringement.

15 65. This case is exceptional, and Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees
16 under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

17 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

18 WHEREFORE, Isis prays for judgment against Defendants, Santaris Pharma A/S Corp.
19 and Santaris Pharma A/S., and respectfully requests the following relief:

20 1. A judgment that the '199 and '500 Patents have been infringed by Santaris;

21 2. A judgment for a permanent injunction enjoining Santaris, its officers, agents,
22 servants, employees, and those persons acting in active concert or participation with all or any of
23 them from manufacturing, using, offering to sell, selling, or importing into the United States Isis'
24 methods or products prior to the expiration of the '199 and/or '500 Patents, except as to such
25 activities, if any, within the scope of 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(1);

26 3. An award of damages together with interest, and a judgment that the damages so
27 adjudged be trebled pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 283 and 284;

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1 4. A Judgment that this is an exceptional case and that Plaintiff be awarded its
2 attorneys' fees incurred in this action pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;

3 5. Costs and expenses in this action; and

4 6. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

5 Dated: September 22, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

6 MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP

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8 By: /s/ William G. Gaede, III
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9 *Attorneys for Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff respectfully requests a jury trial on all issues triable thereby.

Dated: September 22, 2011

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS
ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., a Delaware Corporation,
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff San Diego
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)
(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)
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Menlo Park, CA 94025

DEFENDANTS
SANTARIS PHARMA A/S CORP, a Delaware corporation, and
SANTARIS PHARMA A/S, a Danish Corporation,
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant San Diego
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE
LAND INVOLVED.
Attorneys (If Known)
'11CV2214 BTM WMC

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
[] 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
[] 2 U.S. Government Defendant
[X] 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
[] 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)
(For Diversity Cases Only)
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Citizen of Another State [] 2 [] 2 Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State [] 5 [] 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country [] 3 [] 3 Foreign Nation [] 6 [] 6

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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION
Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
35 U.S.C. § 271(a)
Brief description of cause: Infringement of United States Patent Nos. 6,326,199 and 6,066,500

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:
[] CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: [X] Yes [] No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY
(See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE: September 22, 2011
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD: /s/ William G. Gaede, III

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(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

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IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

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Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

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Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

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