

CURIS INC  
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Registration No. 333-

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**CURIS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**04-3505116**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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45 Moulton Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**CURIS, INC. 2010 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN**

**CURIS, INC. 2010 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

(Full title of the plan)

**Daniel R. Passeri**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**

45 Moulton Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

(Name and address of agent for service)

**617-503-6500**

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

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Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed		Amount of registration fee
		maximum offering price per share (3)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (3)	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	6,500,000 Shares(2)	\$1.76	\$11,440,000	\$816.00

- (1) In accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement shall be deemed to cover any additional securities that may from time to time be offered or issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Consists of (i) 6,000,000 shares issuable under the Curis, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan and (ii) 500,000 shares issuable under the Curis, Inc. 2010 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and based upon the average of the high and low prices of the registrant's common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market on June 18, 2010.

**PART I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

**Item 1. Plan Information.**

The information required by Item 1 is included in documents sent or given to participants in the plans covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ).

**Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.**

The written statement required by Item 2 is included in documents sent or given to participants in the plans covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The registrant is subject to the informational and reporting requirements of Sections 13(a), 14, and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), and in accordance therewith files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ). The following documents, which are on file with the Commission, are incorporated in this registration statement by reference:

- (a) The registrant's latest annual report filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or the latest prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act that contains audited financial statements for the registrant's latest fiscal year for which such statements have been filed.
- (b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the document referred to in (a) above.
- (c) The description of the securities contained in the registrant's registration statements on Form 8-A filed under the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP ( WilmerHale ) has opined as to the legality of the securities being offered by this registration statement.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Article Sixth of the registrant's Certificate of Incorporation provides that no director shall be personally liable to the registrant or any of its stockholders for any monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director of the registrant, except to the extent that the Delaware General Corporation Law prohibits the elimination or limitation of liability of directors for breach of fiduciary duty.

Article Eighth of the registrant's Certificate of Incorporation provides, in general, that registrant shall indemnify each person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the registrant), by reason of the fact that such person is or was, or has agreed to become, a director or officer of the registrant, or is or was serving or has agreed to serve, at the request of the registrant, as a director, officer or trustee of, or in a similar capacity with, another corporation (including any partially or wholly owned subsidiary of the registrant), partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise (including any employee benefit plan), against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any such action, suit or proceeding to the maximum extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of Delaware. The foregoing right of indemnification is in no way exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which any such director or officer may be entitled, under any by-law, agreement, vote of directors or stockholders or otherwise.

Section 102 of the Delaware General Corporation Law allows a corporation to eliminate or limit the personal liability of directors of a corporation to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached his duty of loyalty, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of a dividend or approved a stock repurchase or redemption in violation of Delaware corporate law or obtained an improper personal benefit. The registrant has included such a provision in its Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides, in general, that a corporation has the power to indemnify a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation and certain other persons serving at the request of the corporation in related capacities against amounts paid and expenses incurred in connection with an action or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) to which he is or is threatened to be made a party by reason of such position, if such person shall have acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, in any criminal proceeding, if such person had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; provided that, in the case of actions brought by or in the right of the corporation, no indemnification shall be made with respect to any matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the adjudicating court determines that such indemnification is proper under the circumstances.

The registrant maintains a general liability insurance policy which covers certain liabilities of directors and officers of the registrant arising out of claims based on acts or omissions in their capacities as directors or officers.

In addition to the indemnification provided by the registrant's Certification of Incorporation and under the Delaware General Corporation Law, the registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with the following members of its board of directors: Susan B. Bayh, Joseph M. Davie, Martyn D. Greenacre, Kenneth I. Kaitin, James R. McNab, Marc Rubin and James R. Tobin. The indemnification agreements provide that each such director:

shall be indemnified by the registrant against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement incurred in connection with any litigation or other legal proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the registrant) brought against him or her by virtue of his or her position as a director of the registrant if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the registrant, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; and

shall be indemnified by the registrant against all expenses (including attorneys' fees) and, to the extent permitted by law, amounts paid in settlement incurred in connection with any action by or in the right of the registrant brought against him or her by virtue of his or her position as a director of the registrant if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the registrant, except that no indemnification shall be made with respect to any matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the registrant, unless a court determines that, despite such adjudication but in view of all of the circumstances, he or she is entitled to indemnification of such expenses.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that a director has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, he or she is required to be indemnified by the registrant against all expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with defending any proceeding to the extent that the registrant does not assume the defense of such proceeding. Expenses shall be advanced to a director, provided that he or she undertakes to repay the amount advanced if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to indemnification for such expenses.

Indemnification is required to be made unless the registrant determines that the applicable standard of conduct required for indemnification has not been met. As a condition precedent to the right of indemnification, the director must give the registrant notice of the action for which indemnity is sought and the registrant has the right to participate in such action or assume the defense thereof.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

The Exhibit Index immediately preceding the exhibits is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

1. Item 512(a) of Regulation S-K. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however*, that paragraphs (i) and (ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

2. Item 512(b) of Regulation S-K. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

3. Item 512(h) of Regulation S-K. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Cambridge, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on this 22nd day of June, 2010.

CURIS, INC.

By: */s/ DANIEL R. PASSERI*  
**Daniel R. Passeri**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**

**SIGNATURES AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Curis, Inc., hereby severally constitute and appoint Daniel R. Passeri and Michael P. Gray, and each of them singly, our true and lawful attorneys with full power to them, and each of them singly, to sign for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, the registration statement on Form S-8 filed herewith and any and all subsequent amendments to said registration statement, and generally to do all such things in our names and on our behalf in our capacities as officers and directors to enable Curis, Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signatures as they may be signed by our said attorneys, or any of them, to said registration statement and any and all amendments thereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<i>/s/ DANIEL R. PASSERI</i>	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	June 22, 2010
<b>Daniel R. Passeri</b>	(Principal Executive Officer)	
<i>/s/ MICHAEL P. GRAY</i>	Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer	June 22, 2010
<b>Michael P. Gray</b>	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	
<i>/s/ JAMES R. MCNAB, JR.</i>	Chairman of the Board of Directors	June 22, 2010
<b>James R. McNab, Jr.</b>		
<i>/s/ SUSAN B. BAYH</i>	Director	June 22, 2010
<b>Susan B. Bayh</b>		
<i>/s/ JOSEPH M. DAVIE</i>	Director	June 22, 2010
<b>Joseph M. Davie</b>		
<i>/s/ MARTYN D. GREENACRE</i>	Director	June 22, 2010
<b>Martyn D. Greenacre</b>		
<i>/S/ KENNETH I. KAITIN</i>	Director	June 22, 2010
<b>Kenneth I. Kaitin</b>		



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/s/ MARC RUBIN

Director

June 22, 2010

**Marc Rubin**

/s/ JAMES R. TOBIN

Director

June 22, 2010

**James R. Tobin**

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.1(1)	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant, as amended to date.
4.2(2)	Amended and Restated By-Laws of the registrant, as amended by Amendment to Amended and Restated By-Laws.
5.1	Opinion of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, counsel to the registrant.
23.1	Consent of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, included in Exhibit 5.1.
23.2	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
24.1	Power of attorney, included on the signature page to this registration statement.
99.1(3)	Curis 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
99.2(4)	Curis 2010 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

- (1) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the registrant's joint proxy statement-prospectus on Form S-4/A filed June 19, 2000 (File No. 333-32446).
- (2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the registrant's registration statement on Form S-1 filed November 29, 2000 (File No. 333-50906), and to Exhibit 3.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 24, 2007 (File No. 000-30347).
- (3) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to the registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed April 16, 2010 (File No. 000-30347).
- (4) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit B to the registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed April 16, 2010 (File No. 000-30347).