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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated January 11, 2011)

CURIS, INC.

\$20,000,000

Common Stock

We have entered into an At Market Issuance Sales Agreement with McNicoll, Lewis & Vlak, LLC, or MLV, relating to shares of our common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. In accordance with the terms of the sales agreement, we may offer and sell shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$20 million from time to time through MLV.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol CRIS. The last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market on June 9, 2011 was \$3.56 per share.

Upon our delivery of a placement notice and subject to the terms and conditions of the sales agreement, MLV may sell the common stock by methods deemed to be an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, including sales made directly on The NASDAQ Global Market, on any other existing trading market for the common stock or to or through a market maker. In addition, with our prior written approval, MLV may also sell the common stock by any other method permitted by law, including in privately negotiated transactions. MLV will act as sales agent on a commercially reasonable efforts basis consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal law, rules and regulations and the rules of NASDAQ.

MLV will be entitled to compensation at a fixed commission rate of 3.0% of the gross sales price per share sold. In connection with the sale of the common stock on our behalf, MLV will be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the compensation of MLV will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts.

Investing in our securities involves significant risks. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully before you make your investment decision. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the common stock and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, in making your investment decision. You should rely only on the information contained in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We and MLV have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may only be used where it is legal to sell these securities. You should not assume that the information that appears in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the date of such information. You should also read and consider the information in the documents we have referred you to in the section entitled **Where You Can Find More Information**.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

We have filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, a registration statement on Form S-3 utilizing a shelf registration process relating to the securities described in this prospectus supplement, which registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on January 11, 2011. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, sell up to \$60 million in the aggregate of common stock, preferred stock and warrants.

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering of our common stock and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which provides more general information, some of which may not apply to the securities offered by this prospectus supplement. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference therein filed prior to the date of this prospectus supplement, on the other hand, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. If any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date for example, a document filed after the date of this prospectus supplement and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreements, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date when made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

Unless stated otherwise or the context requires otherwise, references in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to Curis, we, us, or our refer to Curis, Inc.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference herein and therein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and Section 27A of the Securities Act. For purposes of these statutes, any statement that is not a statement of historical fact may be deemed a forward-looking statement, including without limitation any statements relating to:

our strategy, including our plans with respect to initiating pivotal or other clinical trials;

sufficiency of our cash resources;

the completion of any financing transaction or the satisfaction of closing conditions related to any financing;

future regulatory matters;

our research and development programs, including clinical testing;

any statements concerning proposed regulatory activities or potential licensing or collaborative arrangements;

our research and development and other expenses;

our operations and legal risks; and

assumptions underlying any of the foregoing.

In addition, we and our management may make other written or oral communications from time to time that contain forward-looking statements. Statements containing the words believes, anticipates, estimates, plans, expects, intends, may, projects, will, would and similar be forward-looking statements. We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated by these forward-looking statements, including the factors referred to below under the caption

Risk Factors. These important factors include the factors that we identify in the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You should read these factors and the other cautionary statements made in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in the documents we incorporate by reference herein and therein as being applicable to all related forward-looking statements wherever they appear in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in the documents incorporated by reference. We do not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements made by us.

You should read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents that we incorporate by reference herein and therein completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of the information presented in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and particularly our forward-looking statements, by these cautionary statements.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

*This summary highlights selected information about us, this offering and information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus and in the documents we incorporate by reference herein and therein. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our common stock. After you read this summary, to fully understand this offering and its consequences to you, you should read and consider carefully the more detailed information and financial statements and related notes that we include in and incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, especially the section entitled *Risk Factors*. If you invest in our securities, you are assuming a high degree of risk.*

Curis, Inc.

Overview

We are a drug discovery and development company that is committed to leveraging our innovative signaling pathway drug technologies in seeking to develop next generation network-targeted cancer therapies. We are building upon our experience in modulating signaling pathways, including the Hedgehog signaling pathway, in our effort to develop network-targeted cancer therapies. We conduct our research and development programs both internally and through strategic collaborations.

Hedgehog Pathway Inhibitor Program Vismodegib

Our most advanced program is our Hedgehog pathway inhibitor program under collaboration with Genentech, Inc., a member of the Roche Group. The lead drug candidate being developed under this program is vismodegib, a first-in-class orally-administered small molecule Hedgehog pathway inhibitor, which is also referred to as GDC-0449 and RG3616. Vismodegib is designed to selectively inhibit signaling in the Hedgehog pathway by targeting a protein called Smoothened. The Hedgehog signaling pathway plays an important role in regulating proper growth and development in the early stages of life and becomes less active in adults. However, mutations in the pathway that reactivate Hedgehog signaling are seen in several different types of cancer. Abnormal signaling in the Hedgehog pathway is implicated in the majority of basal cell carcinoma, or BCC, cases.

In March 2011, Genentech and Roche reported positive results in a pivotal phase II clinical trial of vismodegib in advanced BCC. Based on these results, Roche has indicated that it anticipates filing a new drug application with the United States Food and Drug Administration in 2011 to seek approval to commercialize vismodegib in the U.S. The filing timeline for a comparable European regulatory submission seeking to commercialize the drug candidate in Europe is dependent on planned discussions with European Medicines Agency.

Genentech is also conducting a phase II clinical trial of vismodegib in patients with operable nodular BCC and is testing vismodegib in other cancer trials under various collaborative agreements with third-party investigators and the U.S. National Cancer Institute. These trials are testing vismodegib as a potential treatment for, among others: basal cell nevus syndrome (Gorlin syndrome); medulloblastoma; sarcoma; glioblastoma multiforme; and pancreatic, small cell lung, gastroesophageal junction, gastric, breast, and prostate cancers.

Network-Targeted Cancer Programs

Our internal drug development efforts are focused on our network-targeted cancer programs, in which we are seeking to design single novel small molecule drug candidates that inhibit multiple signaling pathways that are believed to play roles in cancer cell proliferation.

CUDC-101. Our lead drug candidate is CUDC-101, a first-in-class small molecule compound designed to simultaneously target histone deacetylase, or HDAC, epidermal growth factor receptor, or EGFR, and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2, or Her2, all of which are validated cancer targets. We have completed a phase I dose escalation clinical trial of this molecule in 25 patients with advanced, refractory solid tumors and are currently enrolling patients in a phase I expansion trial to test CUDC-101 in approximately 50 patients with specific tumor types, including breast, gastric, head and neck, liver and non-small cell lung, cancers. We are also initiating a phase I clinical trial of CUDC-101 in advanced head and neck cancer patients whose cancer is human papilloma virus, or HPV, negative.

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CUDC-907. CUDC-907 is an orally bioavailable, network-targeted small molecule that is designed to inhibit HDAC and phosphatidylinositol-3-kinase, or PI3K. We are currently undertaking investigational new drug application enabling studies of an oral formulation of CUDC-907.

Pipeline. We continue to progress additional proprietary preclinical research programs and expect that we will select additional small molecule inhibitors from our preclinical portfolio in the future.

Hsp90 Program

Debio 0932. Our heat shock protein 90, or Hsp90, program is being developed by Debiopharm, a Swiss pharmaceutical development company, under an August 2009 license agreement between Curis and Debiopharm. Debiopharm is currently conducting a phase I clinical trial to evaluate the safety of Debio 0932 in patients suffering from advanced solid tumors.

Other Information

We were organized as a Delaware corporation in February 2000. Our principal executive office is located at 4 Maguire Road, Lexington, Massachusetts 02421 and our telephone number is (617) 503-6500. Our website is located at www.curis.com. The information on our website or any other website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Our website address is included as an inactive textual reference only. Curis and the Curis logo are our trademarks.

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The Offering

Common stock offered by us pursuant to this prospectus supplement	Shares having an aggregate offering price of up to \$20 million.
Manner of offering	At-the-market offering that may be made from time to time through our agent, McNicoll Lewis & Vlak. See Plan of Distribution on page S-12.
Use of proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and other general corporate purposes, including to conduct further preclinical testing and clinical studies of our product candidates. See Use of Proceeds on page S-8.
NASDAQ Global Market symbol	CRIS
Risk factors	This investment involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement as well as the other information included in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of risks you should consider carefully before making an investment decision.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk and uncertainty. In addition to the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should carefully consider the risks described in the Risk Factors section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, which are incorporated by reference herein, before making an investment decision with respect to the securities. We expect to update these Risk Factors from time to time in the periodic and current reports that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement. These updated Risk Factors will be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Please refer to these subsequent reports for additional information relating to the risks associated with investing in our common stock. If any of such risks and uncertainties actually occurs, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be severely harmed. This could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment.

The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations.

Risks Related to this Offering

Our management will have broad discretion over the use of the net proceeds from this offering, you may not agree with how we use the proceeds and the proceeds may not be invested successfully.

Our management will have broad discretion as to the use of the net proceeds from any offering by us and could use them for purposes other than those contemplated at the time of this offering. Accordingly, you will be relying on the judgment of our management with regard to the use of these net proceeds, and you will not have the opportunity, as part of your investment decision, to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. It is possible that the proceeds will be invested in a way that does not yield a favorable, or any, return for our company.

You may experience immediate and substantial dilution in the book value per share of the common stock you purchase.

Because the prices per share at which shares of our common stock are sold in this offering may be substantially higher than the book value per share of our common stock, you may suffer immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the common stock you purchase in this offering. The shares sold in this offering, if any, will be sold from time to time at various prices. After giving effect to the sale of our common stock in the maximum aggregate offering amount of \$20 million at an assumed offering price of \$3.56 per share, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market on June 9, 2011, and after deducting estimated offering commissions and expenses payable by us, our adjusted net tangible book value as of March 31, 2011 would have been \$50.7 million, or \$0.62 per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in the net tangible book value of \$0.21 per share to our existing stockholders and an immediate and substantial dilution in net tangible book value of \$2.94 per share to new investors who purchase our common stock in the offering. In addition, these calculations do not take into account, as of March 31, 2011:

12,002,955 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options outstanding as of March 31, 2011, at a weighted average exercise price of \$2.13 per share;

1,612,322 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants outstanding as of March 31, 2011, at a weighted average exercise price of \$3.55 per share, or any additional shares of common stock that may become issuable upon exercise of such warrants after giving effect to the weighted-average anti-dilution adjustment set forth in such warrants, which adjustment will result in a decrease in the price and an increase in the number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants in the event of certain issuances of common stock by the Company at prices below \$3.55 per share. For example, assuming that we issued and sold shares of common stock in this offering at \$3.00 per share, these warrants will become exercisable for an aggregate of 1,632,634 shares of common stock, at an exercise price of \$3.51 per share, which is equal to an aggregate of additional 20,312 shares as a result of the adjustment;

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4,836,000 shares of our common stock available for future issuance as of March 31, 2011 under our 2010 stock incentive plan; and

446,528 shares of our common stock available for future issuance as of March 31, 2011 under our 2010 employee stock purchase plan.

To the extent that any of our outstanding options or warrants are exercised, we grant additional options or other awards under our stock incentive plans, issue additional warrants or make adjustments to the number of shares of common stock underlying warrants as a result of the anti-dilution provisions of such warrants in the event of dilutive issuances of common stock or other securities, or we issue additional shares of common stock in the future, there may be further dilution. See [Dilution](#) for a more detailed discussion of the dilution you may incur in connection with this offering.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as we may otherwise provide in any free writing prospectus that we authorize to be provided to you, we currently intend to use the net proceeds that we may receive from time to time from the sale of our common stock hereunder for working capital and other general corporate purposes, including to conduct further preclinical testing and clinical studies of our product candidates and for capital expenditures.

We have not determined the amounts we plan to spend on any of the areas indicated above or the timing of these expenditures. As a result, our management will have broad discretion to allocate the net proceeds from this offering. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we intend to invest the net proceeds in investment-grade, interest-bearing securities.

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Our net tangible book value as of March 31, 2011 was \$31.5 million, or \$0.41 per share of common stock. Net tangible book value is total assets minus the sum of liabilities and intangible assets. Net tangible book value per share is net tangible book value divided by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2011.

After giving effect to the sale of our common stock in the aggregate amount of \$20 million at an assumed offering price of \$3.56 per share, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market on June 9, 2011, and after deducting estimated offering commissions and expenses payable by us, our adjusted net tangible book value as of March 31, 2011 would have been \$50.7 million, or \$0.62 per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in the net tangible book value of \$0.21 per share to our existing stockholders and an immediate and substantial dilution in net tangible book value of \$2.94 per share to new investors who purchase common stock in the offering. The following table illustrates this per share dilution, assuming that we sell all of the shares we are offering:

Assumed offering price per share	\$ 3.56
Net tangible book value per share as of March 31, 2011	\$ 0.41
Increase per share attributable to the offering	0.21
Adjusted net tangible book value per share as of March 31, 2011 after giving effect to the offering	0.62
Dilution per share to new investors	\$ 2.94

The foregoing table is based on 76,349,956 shares of common stock outstanding at March 31, 2011. The table above assumes for illustrative purposes that an aggregate of 5,617,977 shares of our common stock are sold at a price of \$3.56 per share, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market on June 9, 2011, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$20 million. The shares sold in this offering, if any, will be sold from time to time at various prices. An increase of \$0.10 per share in the price at which the shares are sold from the assumed offering price of \$3.56 per share shown in the table above, assuming all of our common stock in the aggregate amount of \$20 million is sold at that price, would have no impact on our adjusted net tangible book value per share after the offering but would increase the dilution in net tangible book value per share to new investors in this offering to \$3.04 per share, after deducting estimated offering commissions and expenses payable by us. A decrease of \$0.10 per share in the price at which the shares are sold from the assumed offering price of \$3.56 per share shown in the table above, assuming all of our common stock in the aggregate amount of \$20 million is sold at that price, would have no impact on our adjusted net tangible book value per share after the offering but would decrease the dilution in net tangible book value per share to new investors in this offering to \$2.84 per share, after deducting estimated offering commissions and expenses payable by us. This information is supplied for illustrative purposes only.

In addition, the calculations in the foregoing table do not take into account, as of March 31, 2011:

12,002,955 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options outstanding as of March 31, 2011, at a weighted average exercise price of \$2.13 per share;

1,612,322 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants outstanding as of March 31, 2011, at a weighted average exercise price of \$3.55 per share, or any additional shares of common stock that may become issuable upon exercise of such warrants after giving effect to the weighted-average anti-dilution adjustment set forth in such warrants, which adjustment will result in a decrease in the price and an increase in the number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants in the event of certain issuances of common stock by the Company at prices below \$3.55 per share. For example, assuming that we issued and sold shares of common stock in this offering at \$3.00 per share, these warrants will become exercisable for an aggregate of 1,632,634 shares of common stock, at an exercise price of \$3.51 per share, which is equal to an aggregate of additional 20,312 shares as a result of the adjustment;

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4,836,000 shares of our common stock available for future issuance as of March 31, 2011 under our 2010 stock incentive plan; and

446,528 shares of our common stock available for future issuance as of March 31, 2011 under our 2010 employee stock purchase plan.

To the extent that any of our outstanding options or warrants are exercised, we grant additional options or other awards under our stock incentive plans or issue additional warrants or make adjustments to the number of shares of common stock underlying warrants as a result of the anti-dilution provisions of such warrants in the event of dilutive issuances of common stock or other securities, or we issue additional shares of common stock in the future, there may be further dilution.

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Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol CRIS . The following table shows the high and low per share sale prices of our common stock for the periods indicated.

	High	Low
<u>2009</u>		
First Quarter	\$ 1.41	\$ 0.74
Second Quarter	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.11
Third Quarter	\$ 2.61	\$ 1.28
Fourth Quarter	\$ 3.68	\$ 1.93
<u>2010</u>		
First Quarter	\$ 3.70	\$ 2.05
Second Quarter	\$ 3.58	\$ 1.38
Third Quarter	\$ 1.87	\$ 1.21
Fourth Quarter	\$ 2.14	\$ 1.28
<u>2011</u>		
First Quarter	\$ 3.63	\$ 1.97
Second Quarter (through June 9, 2011)	\$ 4.42	\$ 3.23

On June 9, 2011, the last sale price reported on The NASDAQ Global Market for our common stock was \$3.56 per share.

DIVIDEND POLICY

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain earnings, if any, to support our business strategy and do not anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Payment of future dividends, if any, will be at the sole discretion of our board of directors after taking into account various factors, including our financial condition, operating results, capital requirements and any plans for expansion.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We have entered into the sales agreement with MLV, under which we may issue and sell shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$20 million from time to time through MLV. A copy of the sales agreement has been filed with the SEC as Exhibit 1.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 13, 2011 and is incorporated herein by reference. The sales of our common stock, if any, under the sales agreement will be made by methods deemed to be an at-the-market offering as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act, including sales made directly on The NASDAQ Global Market, on any other existing trading market for our common stock or to or through a market maker. MLV may also sell our common stock by any other method permitted by law, including in privately negotiated transactions, with our prior written approval.

Each time that we wish to issue and sell shares of our common stock under the sales agreement, we will provide MLV with a placement notice describing the number of shares to be issued, the time period during which sales are requested to be made, any limitation on the number of common shares that may be sold in any one day and any minimum price below which sales may not be made. We or MLV may suspend or terminate the offering of common stock upon notice and subject to other conditions. During the term of the sales agreement, MLV will not engage in short sales of our securities or undertake any market making, bidding, purchasing, stabilization or other trading activity with regard to our common stock if such activity would be prohibited under Regulation M or other anti-manipulation rules under the Securities Act.

We will pay MLV commissions for its services in acting as agent in the sale of our common stock. MLV will be entitled to compensation at a fixed commission rate of 3.0% of the gross sales price per share sold. Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to this offering, the actual total public offering amount, commissions and proceeds to us, if any, are not determinable at this time. We estimate that the total expenses for the offering, excluding compensation payable to MLV under the terms of the sales agreement, will be approximately \$230,000. The maximum compensation to be received by any broker/dealer or sales agent will not be greater than 3.0% for the sale of any securities being registered pursuant to Rule 415.

Settlement for sales of our common stock will occur on the third business day following the date on which any sales are made, unless specified in the applicable placement notice, in return for payment of the net proceeds to us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement. Sales of our common stock as contemplated in this prospectus supplement will be settled through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company or by such other means as we and MLV may agree upon.

MLV will act as sales agent on a commercially reasonable efforts basis consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal law, rules and regulations and the rules of NASDAQ. In connection with the sale of the common stock on our behalf, MLV will be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and the compensation of MLV will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to MLV against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The offering pursuant to the sales agreement will terminate upon the earlier of (i) the sale of all shares of common stock subject to the agreement, or (ii) termination of the sales agreement as permitted therein. MLV may terminate the sales agreement at any time in certain circumstances, including a material adverse change that, in the reasonable judgment of MLV, may materially impair its ability to sell our common stock or a suspension or limitation of trading of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market. We and MLV may each terminate the sales agreement at any time upon 10 days prior notice.

MLV and its affiliates may in the future provide various investment banking and other financial services for us and our affiliates, for which services they may in the future receive customary fees.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock being offered has been passed upon for us by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, New York, New York. MLV is being represented in connection with this offering by LeClairRyan, P.C., New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitute a part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC under the Securities Act. We refer you to this registration statement for further information about us and the common stock offered hereby.

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC as required by the Exchange Act. You can find, copy and inspect information we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You can call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information about the public reference room. You can review our electronically filed reports, proxy and information statements on the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov> or on our web site at <http://www.curis.com>. Information included on our web site is not a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus information that we file with the SEC in other documents. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to other documents that contain that information. Any information that we incorporate by reference is considered part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, except in each case for information contained in any such filing where we indicate that such information is being furnished and is not to be considered filed under the Exchange Act. Statements contained in documents that we file with the SEC and that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will automatically update and supersede information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including information in previously filed documents or reports that have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, to the extent the new information differs from or is inconsistent with the old information.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below:

1. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 as filed with the SEC on March 8, 2011;
2. Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2011 as filed with the SEC on April 28, 2011;
3. Our Current Reports on Form 8-K as filed with the SEC on January 13, 2011, March 21, 2011, June 3, 2011 and June 13, 2011;
4. All documents filed by us pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (i) after the date of the filing of this registration statement and prior to its effectiveness and (ii) until all of the

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common stock to which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus relates has been sold or the offering is otherwise terminated; and

5. The description of our common stock which is contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on April 13, 2000 pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

You may request, orally or in writing, a copy of these documents, which will be provided to you at no cost, by contacting:

Curis, Inc.
4 Maguire Road
Lexington, Massachusetts 02421
Attention: Chief Financial Officer
Telephone: (617) 503-6500

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PROSPECTUS

CURIS, INC.

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Warrants

We may issue securities from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which these securities will be offered. We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements will also describe the specific manner in which these securities will be offered and may also supplement, update or amend information contained in this document. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement before you invest.

We may offer these securities in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of offering. The securities may be sold directly to you, through agents, or through underwriters and dealers. If agents, underwriters or dealers are used to sell the securities, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is quoted on the NASDAQ Global Market and traded under the symbol CRIS.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors on page 6 and any other risk factors included in any accompanying prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to purchase these securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

The date of this prospectus is January 11, 2011.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may from time to time sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings for an aggregate initial offering price of up to \$60,000,000.

We have provided to you in this prospectus a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. We may also add, update or change in the prospectus supplement any of the information contained in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information** beginning on page 2 of this prospectus.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, references in this prospectus to **we**, **our** and **us** refer, collectively, to Curis, Inc. a Delaware corporation.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You should call 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information on the public reference room. The SEC maintains an Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. Our SEC filings are also available to you on the SEC's Internet site.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC. The registration statement contains more information than this prospectus regarding us and our securities, including certain exhibits and schedules. You can obtain a copy of the registration statement from the SEC at the address listed above or from the SEC's Internet site.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference much of the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those publicly available documents. The information that we incorporate by reference in this prospectus is considered to be part of this prospectus. Because we are incorporating by reference future filings with the SEC, this prospectus is continually updated and those future filings may modify or supersede some of the information included or incorporated in this prospectus. This means that you must look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus or in any document previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below (File No. 000-30347) and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act (in each case, other than those documents or the portions of those documents not deemed to be filed) between the date of the initial registration statement and the effectiveness of the registration statement and following the effectiveness of the registration statement until the offering of the securities under the registration statement is terminated or completed:

- (1) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, including the information specifically incorporated by reference into the Annual Report on Form 10-K from our definitive proxy statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
- (2) Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended September 30, 2010, June 30, 2010 and March 31, 2010;
- (3) Our Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 22, 2010;
- (4) Our Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 5, 2010;
- (5) Our Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 4, 2010;
- (6) Our Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 16, 2010;
- (7) Our Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 21, 2010; and
- (8) The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated April 12, 2000, and including any other amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

You may request a copy of these documents, orally or in writing, which will be provided to you at no cost, by contacting:

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, including information incorporated by reference as described above, or any prospectus supplement that we have specifically referred you to. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents or that any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than its filing date. You should not consider this prospectus to be an offer or solicitation relating to the securities in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation relating to the securities is not authorized. Furthermore, you should not consider this prospectus to be an offer or solicitation relating to the securities if the person making the offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so, or if it is unlawful for you to receive such an offer or solicitation.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This prospectus, any prospectus supplement, and the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about:

the expected timing, progress or success of our and our collaborator's preclinical research and development and clinical programs;

the timing, costs and other limitations involved in obtaining regulatory approval for any of our product candidates;

the potential benefits of our product candidates over other therapies;

our ability to market, commercialize and achieve market acceptance for any of our product candidates that we are developing or may develop in the future;

our estimate of market sizes and anticipated uses of our product candidates;

our ability to enter into and maintain collaboration agreements with respect to our product candidates and the performance of our collaborative partners under such agreements, including statements with respect to our current collaborations with Genentech;

our ability to protect our intellectual property and operate our business without infringing upon the intellectual property rights of others;

our estimates of future performance;

our ability to raise sufficient capital to fund our operations; and

estimates we may make regarding anticipated operating losses, future revenue, expenses, capital requirements and our needs for additional financing.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as anticipates, believes, could, estimates, expects, intends, may, potential, predicts, projects, should, would and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. Because of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement may not transpire.

Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. You should read this document, any supplements to this document and the documents that we reference in this prospectus with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. Except as required by law, we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus and any supplements to this prospectus, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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ABOUT CURIS, INC.

We are a drug discovery and development company that is committed to leveraging our innovative signaling pathway drug technologies in seeking to develop next generation targeted cancer therapies. We are building upon our experience in modulating signaling pathways, including the Hedgehog signaling pathway, in our effort to develop our targeted cancer therapies. We conduct our research programs both internally and through strategic collaborations.

Our most advanced program is our Hedgehog pathway inhibitor program under collaboration with Genentech, Inc., a member of the Roche Group. The lead drug candidate being developed under this program is GDC-0449, a first-in-class orally-administered small molecule Hedgehog pathway inhibitor. Genentech and Roche are conducting two clinical trials of GDC-0449, a pivotal phase II trial in advanced basal cell carcinoma, or BCC, and a phase II clinical trial of GDC-0449 as a single-agent therapy for patients with operable BCC. In addition to clinical trials being conducted directly by Genentech and Roche, GDC-0449 is also currently being tested in other cancers, including in pancreatic, small cell lung, esophageal, stomach, breast and prostate cancers, in National Cancer Institute, or NCI, sponsored trials under a collaborative relationship between Genentech and the NCI.

Our internal drug development efforts are focused on our proprietary targeted cancer programs that target multiple signaling pathways. We believe that this approach of targeting multiple nodes in various signaling pathway networks may provide a better therapeutic effect than many of the cancer drugs currently marketed or in development. Our lead candidate from these programs is CUDC-101, a small molecule compound that is the first-in-class compound designed to simultaneously target histone deacetylase, or HDAC, epidermal growth factor receptor, or EGFR, and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2, or Her2, all of which are validated cancer targets. CUDC-101 is currently in a phase Ib expansion trial to test CUDC-101 in approximately 50 patients with specific tumor types, including head and neck, breast, gastric, non-small cell lung and liver cancers. We also anticipate initiating a phase I clinical trial of CUDC-101 in head and neck cancer patients within the first half of 2011.

In addition to our CUDC-101 development efforts, in August 2009, we granted a worldwide, exclusive royalty-bearing license to our Hsp90 inhibitor technology, including CUDC-305 to Debiopharm S.A., a Swiss pharmaceutical development company, or Debiopharm. Debiopharm has assumed all future development responsibility and will incur all future costs related to the development, registration and commercialization of products under the agreement. Debiopharm is currently treating patients in a phase I clinical trial with this molecule.

We also continue to progress additional proprietary preclinical programs and currently expect that we will select an additional small molecule inhibitor from our preclinical portfolio in early 2011.

We were organized as a Delaware corporation in February 2000. Our principal executive office is located at 4 Maguire Road, Lexington, Massachusetts 02421 and our telephone number is (617) 503-6500. Our website is located at www.curis.com. The information on our website or any other website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement. Our website address is included as an inactive textual reference only.

Curis and the Curis logo are our trademarks. This prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference into this prospectus may also contain trademarks and trade names of others.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risk. Please see the risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and the other risk factors and other information that may be contained in, or incorporated by reference from, other filings we make with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations. Please also refer to the section below entitled Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we currently intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities for general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to:

to conduct further preclinical testing and clinical studies of our product candidates;

for capital expenditures; and

working capital.

We may temporarily invest the net proceeds in investment-grade, interest-bearing securities until they are used for their stated purpose. We have not determined the amount of net proceeds to be used specifically for such purposes. As a result, management will retain broad discretion over the allocation of net proceeds.

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DILUTION

We will set forth in any prospectus supplement the following information regarding any material dilution of the equity interests of investors purchasing securities in an offering under this prospectus:

the net tangible book value per share of our equity securities before and after the offering;

the amount of the increase in such net tangible book value per share attributable to the cash payments made by the purchasers in the offering; and

the amount of the immediate dilution from the public offering price which will be absorbed by such purchasers.

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THE SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

The descriptions of the securities contained in this prospectus, together with the applicable prospectus supplements, summarize all the material terms and provisions of the various types of securities that we may offer. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to any securities the particular terms of the securities offered by that prospectus supplement. If we indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, the terms of the securities may differ from the terms we have summarized below. We will also include in the prospectus supplement information, where applicable, about material United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities, and the securities exchange, if any, on which the securities will be listed.

We may sell from time to time, in one or more offerings:

common stock;

preferred stock; and

warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock.

In this prospectus, we refer to the common stock, preferred stock and warrants collectively as securities. The total dollar amount of all securities that we may issue will not exceed \$60,000,000.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

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DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED STOCK

The following description of our common stock and preferred stock, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the common stock and preferred stock that we may offer under this prospectus. For the complete terms of our common stock and preferred stock, please refer to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, which are incorporated by reference into the registration statement which includes this prospectus. The terms of our common stock and preferred stock may also be affected by Delaware law.

Under our charter, our authorized capital stock consists of 125,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share. As of December 17, 2010, we had 75,731,161 shares of common stock outstanding and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

Common Stock

Annual Meeting. Annual meetings of our stockholders are held on the date designated in accordance with our by-laws. Written notice must be mailed to each stockholder entitled to vote not less than ten nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting. The presence in person or by proxy of the holders of record of a majority of our issued and outstanding shares entitled to vote at such meeting constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the stockholders. Special meetings of the stockholders may be called for any purpose by the board of directors and shall be called by the chairman of the board or the secretary upon the written request, stating the purpose of such meeting, of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of all classes of capital stock entitled to vote at the meeting. Except as may be otherwise provided by applicable law, our restated certificate of incorporation or our by-laws, all elections shall be decided by a plurality, and all other questions shall be decided by a majority, of the votes cast by stockholders entitled to vote thereon at a duly held meeting of stockholders at which a quorum is present.

Voting. For all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share registered in his or her name on our books. Our common stock does not have cumulative voting rights. As a result, holders of a majority of our outstanding common stock can elect all of the directors who are up for election in a particular year.

Dividends. If our board of directors declares a dividend, holders of common stock will receive payments from our funds that are legally available to pay dividends. However, this dividend right is subject to any preferential dividend rights we may grant to the persons who hold preferred stock, if any is outstanding.

Liquidation and Dissolution. If we are liquidated or dissolve, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to share ratably in all the assets that remain after we pay our liabilities and any amounts we may owe to the persons who hold preferred stock, if any is outstanding.

Other Rights and Restrictions. Holders of our common stock do not have preemptive or subscription rights, and they have no right to convert their common stock into any other securities. Our common stock is not subject to redemption by us. The rights, preferences and privileges of common stockholders are subject to the rights of the stockholders of any series of preferred stock which we may designate in the future. Our charter and bylaws do not restrict the ability of a holder of common stock to transfer his or her shares of common stock.

Listing. Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol CRIS.

Transfer Agent and Registrar. The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is BNY Mellon Shareowner Services.

Preferred Stock

General. Our charter authorizes our board of directors to issue preferred stock in one or more series and to determine the voting rights, dividend rights, liquidation preferences, conversion rights and redemption rights, including sinking fund provisions and redemption prices, and other terms and rights of each series of preferred stock. We will fix the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of the preferred stock of each series in the certificate of designation relating to that series. We will incorporate by reference

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as an exhibit to the registration statement which includes this prospectus the form of any certificate of designation which describes the terms of the series of preferred stock we are offering before the issuance of the related series of preferred stock. This description will include:

the title and stated value;

the number of shares we are offering;

the liquidation preference per share;

the purchase price;

the dividend rate, period and payment date, and method of calculation for dividends;

whether dividends will be cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends will accumulate;

the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any;

the provisions for a sinking fund, if any;

the provisions for redemption or repurchase, if applicable, and any restrictions on our ability to exercise those redemption and repurchase rights;

any listing of the preferred stock on any securities exchange or market;

whether the preferred stock will be convertible into our common stock, and, if applicable, the conversion price, or how it will be calculated, and the conversion period;

whether the preferred stock will be exchangeable into debt securities, and, if applicable, the exchange price, or how it will be calculated, and the exchange period;

voting rights, if any, of the preferred stock;

preemptive rights, if any;

restrictions on transfer, sale or other assignment, if any;

whether interests in the preferred stock will be represented by depositary shares;

a discussion of any material United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the preferred stock;

the relative ranking and preferences of the preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our affairs;

any limitations on issuance of any class or series of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with the series of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our affairs; and

any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of, or restrictions on, the preferred stock.

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If we issue shares of preferred stock under this prospectus, the shares will be fully paid and nonassessable and will not be subject to any preemptive or similar rights.

Voting Rights. The General Corporation Law of Delaware provides that the holders of preferred stock will have the right to vote separately as a class on any proposal involving fundamental changes in the rights of holders of that preferred stock. This right is in addition to any voting rights that may be provided for in the applicable certificate of designation.

Other. The preferred stock could have other rights, including economic rights senior to our common stock, so that the issuance of the preferred stock could adversely affect the market value of our common stock. The issuance of the preferred stock may also have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of us without any action by the stockholders.

Certain Effects of Authorized But Unissued Stock

We have shares of common stock and preferred stock available for future issuance without shareholder approval, subject to any limitations imposed by the listing standards of The Nasdaq Global Market. We may utilize these additional shares for a variety of corporate purposes, including for future public offerings to raise additional capital or facilitate corporate acquisitions or for payment as a dividend on our capital stock.

The existence of unissued and unreserved common stock and preferred stock may enable our board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management or to issue preferred stock with terms that could render more difficult or discourage a third-party attempt to obtain control of us by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, thereby protecting the continuity of our management. In addition, the board of directors has the discretion to determine designations, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences of each series of preferred stock, all to the fullest extent permissible under Delaware law and subject to any limitations set forth in our certificate of incorporation. The purpose of authorizing our board of directors to issue preferred stock and to determine the rights and preferences applicable to such preferred stock is to eliminate delays associated with a stockholder vote on specific issuances. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or could discourage a third party from acquiring, a majority of our outstanding voting stock.

Delaware Law and Charter and Bylaw Provisions

Business Combinations. We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. Subject to certain exceptions, Section 203 prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the person became an interested stockholder, unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. A business combination includes mergers, asset sales and other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Subject to exceptions, an interested stockholder is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or within the prior three years did own, 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock.

Staggered Board of Directors. Our bylaws provide for the division of our board of directors into three classes as nearly equal in size as possible with staggered three-year terms. Our bylaws also provide that directors may be removed only for cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of 75% of the shares of our capital stock issued, outstanding and entitled to vote. The classification of our board of directors and the limitations on the removal of directors could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or of discouraging a third party from attempting to acquire, control of our company. Our bylaws require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 75% of our outstanding voting securities to amend or repeal the provision relating to the division of our board of directors into three classes.

Limitation of Liability; Indemnification. Our charter contains provisions permitted under the General Corporation Law of Delaware relating to the liability of directors. The provisions eliminate a director's liability for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty, except to the extent that the elimination or limitation of such liability is not permitted by the General Corporate Law of Delaware. The limitation of liability described above does not alter the liability of our directors and officers under federal securities laws. Furthermore, our charter contains provisions to indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of Delaware. These provisions do not limit or eliminate our right or the right of any shareholder of ours to seek non-monetary relief, such as an injunction or rescission in the event of a breach by a director or an officer of his duty of care to us.

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Stockholder Action; Special Meeting of Stockholders. Our bylaws provide that action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders at an annual meeting of stockholders may only be taken if it is properly brought before the meeting and may not be taken by written consent in lieu of a meeting. Our bylaws also provide that special meetings of stockholders may only be called by the chairman of our board of directors, the chief executive officer (or if there is no chief executive officer, our president), or by our board of directors. These provisions could have the effect of delaying until the next stockholders meeting stockholder actions which are favored by the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities.

Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations. Our bylaws provide that nominations for election to our board of directors may be made either by our board of directors or by a stockholder who complies with specified notice provisions. Our bylaws contain similar advance notice provisions for stockholder proposals for action at stockholder meetings. These provisions prevent stockholders from making nominations for directors and stockholder proposals from the floor at any stockholder meeting and require any stockholder making a nomination or proposal to submit the name of the nominees for board seats or the stockholder proposal, together with specified information about the nominee or any stockholder proposal, prior to the meeting at which directors are to be elected or action is to be taken. These provisions ensure that stockholders have adequate time to consider nominations and proposals before action is required, and they may also have the effect of delaying stockholder action.

Directors Liability

Our certificate of incorporation provides that a member of the board of directors will not be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of their legal duties to us or our stockholders as a director, except for liability:

for any breach of the director's legal duty to act in the best interests of us and our stockholders;

for acts or omissions by the director with dishonest intentions or which involve intentional misconduct or an intentional violation of the law;

for declaring dividends or authorizing the purchase or redemption of shares in violation of Delaware law; or

for transactions where the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Our certificate of incorporation also allows us to indemnify directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by Delaware law.

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DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and the related warrant agreements and warrant certificates. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we indicate in the prospectus supplement, the terms of any warrants offered under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. Specific warrant agreements will contain additional important terms and provisions and will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement which includes this prospectus.

General. We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock and/or preferred stock in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock and/or preferred stock, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities.

We will evidence each series of warrants by warrant certificates that we will issue under a separate agreement. We may enter into the warrant agreement with a warrant agent. We will indicate the name and address and other information regarding the warrant agent in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of warrants.

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of warrants, including:

the offering price and aggregate number of warrants offered;

the currency for which the warrants may be purchased;

if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;

if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;

the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, purchasable upon the exercise of one warrant and the price at which these shares may be purchased upon such exercise;

the effect of any merger, consolidation, sale or other disposition of our business on the warrant agreement and the warrants;

the terms of any rights to redeem or call the warrants;

any provisions for changes to or adjustments in the exercise price or number of securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;

the dates on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and expire;

the manner in which the warrant agreement and warrants may be modified;

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federal income tax consequences of holding or exercising the warrants;

the terms of the securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants; and

any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of or restrictions on the warrants.

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Before exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive dividends, if any, or, payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or to exercise voting rights, if any.

Exercise of Warrants. Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase the securities that we specify in the applicable prospectus supplement at the exercise price that we describe in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants at any time up to 5:00 P.M. New York time on the expiration date that we set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

Holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants by delivering the warrant certificate representing the warrants to be exercised together with specified information, and paying the required amount to the warrant agent in immediately available funds, as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. We will set forth on the reverse side of the warrant certificate and in the applicable prospectus supplement the information that the holder of the warrant will be required to deliver to the warrant agent.

Upon receipt of the required payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue and deliver the securities purchasable upon such exercise. If fewer than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate are exercised, then we will issue a new warrant certificate for the remaining amount of warrants. If we so indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may surrender securities as all or part of the exercise price for warrants.

Enforceability of Rights By Holders Of Warrants. Each warrant agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable warrant agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any warrant. A single bank or trust company may act as warrant agent for more than one issue of warrants. A warrant agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable warrant agreement or warrant, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a warrant may, without the consent of the related warrant agent or the holder of any other warrant, enforce by appropriate legal action its right to exercise, and receive the securities purchasable upon exercise of, its warrants.

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RATIO OF FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERENCE DIVIDENDS TO EARNINGS

Our ratio of combined fixed charges and preference dividends to earnings for each of the five most recently completed fiscal years and any required interim periods will each be specified in a prospectus supplement or in a document that we file with the SEC and incorporate by reference pertaining to the issuance, if any, by us of preference securities in the future.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell securities:

through underwriters;

through dealers;

through agents;

directly to purchasers; or

through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

In addition, we may issue the securities as a dividend or distribution or in a subscription rights offering to our existing security holders.

We may directly solicit offers to purchase securities, or agents may be designated to solicit such offers. We will, in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering, name any agent that could be viewed as an underwriter under the Securities Act, and describe any commissions that we must pay. Any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment or, if indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, on a firm commitment basis. This prospectus may be used in connection with any offering of our securities through any of these methods or other methods described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions:

at a fixed price, or prices, which may be changed from time to time;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

Each prospectus supplement will describe the method of distribution of the securities and any applicable restrictions.

The prospectus supplement with respect to the securities of a particular series will describe the terms of the offering of the securities, including the following:

the name of the agent or any underwriters;

the public offering or purchase price;

any discounts and commissions to be allowed or paid to the agent or underwriters;

all other items constituting underwriting compensation;

any discounts and commissions to be allowed or paid to dealers; and

any exchanges on which the securities will be listed.

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If any underwriters or agents are utilized in the sale of the securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will enter into an underwriting agreement or other agreement with them at the time of sale to them, and we will set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering the names of the underwriters or agents and the terms of the related agreement with them.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the securities in respect of which the prospectus is delivered, we will sell such securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell such securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale.

If we offer securities in a subscription rights offering to our existing security holders, we may enter into a standby underwriting agreement with dealers, acting as standby underwriters. We may pay the standby underwriters a commitment fee for the securities they commit to purchase on a standby basis. If we do not enter into a standby underwriting arrangement, we may retain a dealer-manager to manage a subscription rights offering for us.

Agents, underwriters, dealers and other persons may be entitled under agreements which they may enter into with us to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

If so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase securities from us pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date stated in the prospectus supplement. Each contract will be for an amount not less than, and the aggregate amount of securities sold pursuant to such contracts shall not be less nor more than, the respective amounts stated in the prospectus supplement. Institutions with whom the contracts, when authorized, may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and other institutions, but shall in all cases be subject to our approval. Delayed delivery contracts will not be subject to any conditions except that:

the purchase by an institution of the securities covered under that contract shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which that institution is subject; and

if the securities are also being sold to underwriters acting as principals for their own account, the underwriters shall have purchased such securities not sold for delayed delivery. The underwriters and other persons acting as our agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of delayed delivery contracts.

Certain agents, underwriters and dealers, and their associates and affiliates may be customers of, have borrowing relationships with, engage in other transactions with, and/or perform services, including investment banking services, for us or one or more of our respective affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

In order to facilitate the offering of the securities, any underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities or any other securities the prices of which may be used to determine payments on such securities. Specifically, any underwriters may overallocate in connection with the offering, creating a short position for their own accounts. In addition, to cover overallocations or to stabilize the price of the securities or of any such other securities, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, the securities or any such other securities in the open market. Finally, in any offering of the securities through a syndicate of underwriters, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing the securities in the offering if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed securities in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities above independent market levels. Any such underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. The applicable prospectus supplement may provide that the original issue date for your securities may be more than three scheduled business days after the trade date for your securities. Accordingly, in such a case, if you wish to trade securities on any date prior to the third business day before the original issue date for your securities,

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you will be required, by virtue of the fact that your securities initially are expected to settle in more than three scheduled business days after the trade date for your securities, to make alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

The securities may be new issues of securities and may have no established trading market. The securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. We can make no assurance as to the liquidity of or the existence of trading markets for any of the securities.

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VALIDITY OF SECURITIES

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement indicated otherwise, the validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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\$20,000,000

Common Stock

Curis, Inc.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

McNicoll, Lewis & Vlak, LLC

June 13, 2011