FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Dunlop A. Sinclair</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [APLS] | | | | | | | | | elationshi ck all app | olicable) | | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | | |
|--|--|--|------------------|--------------------|---|---|--|-----------------|---|---|---------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | LLIS PH | | MACEUTICA | Middle) LS, INC | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2018 Officer below, | | | | | | | | | er (give title w) | e | Othe belov | r (specify v) | |
| (Street) CRESTV (City) | WOOD 1 | | | 40014 Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Fil Line) X Form filed by One Re Form filed by More the Person | | | | | | | | porting Per | rson | | | | |
| | | | Tabl | e I - No | n-Deriv | ative | Sec | uritie | s Acc | quired | , Dis | sposed o | f, or l | Benefi | ciall | y Own | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | y/Year) Exec | | A. Deemed xecution Date, any Month/Day/Year) | | ction Instr. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | and Securit Benefic Owned | | es ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | | ce | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common | Stock | | | | 05/07/ | /2018 | | | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 94,357 | A | \$ | 0.00 | 280 | 0,728 | | I | See Footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 400 | 0,679 | | See Footnote ⁽³⁾ | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | e Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Date (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 8) | | Transa Code (| | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo (Instrand 5 | ative rities ired osed | Date Expiration Date Expiration Expiration Expiration Date Expiration Exercisable Date | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amount of Number of Shares | | 3 Discourse of the second of t | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Distribution from Potentia Holdings, LLC, of which the reporting person is a member of the board of directors and MASA Life Science Ventures, LP ("MASA") is a non-managing member.
- 2. The securities are held by MASA and the reporting person, a managing partner of MASA, may be deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the shares held by MASA. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership over the shares held by MASA except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. The securities are held by Epidarex Capital I, LP ("Epidarex") and the reporting person, a general partner of Epidarex, may be deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Epidarex. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership over the shares held by Epidarex except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

/s/ David Watson, attorney-infact for A. Sinclair Dunlop

05/08/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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