FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| | | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [APLS] | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, | | | Relationship of Reporting Per (Check all applicable) X Director | son(s) to Issue | (Mo | Amendment, Danth/Day/Year) | ate of Original Filed | | |
| INC. 6400 WESTWIND WAY, SUITE A | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (spe below) | App | licable Line) | /Group Filing (Check | | |
| (Street) CRESTWOOD KY 40014 | | | | | | - | y More than One | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect ((Instr. 5) | cṫ (D) (Inst | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 381,325 | D | | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Co | | Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | n Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 12/04/2023 | 3 Common Stock | 187,529 | 2.67 | D | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | (2) | 11/08/2027 | 7 Common Stock | 121,894 | 14 | D | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option was granted on December 5, 2013 and has vested as to 25% of the shares underlying the options on the first anniversary of the grant, with the remaining 75% of the shares underlying the options vesting in equal monthly installments thereafter through the fourth anniversary of the grant, subject to continued service.

2. This option was granted on November 8, 2017 and immediately vested as to 50% of the shares underlying the option on November 8, 2017, with the remainder vesting in 12 equal monthly installments with the first installment vesting on December 8, 2017.

Remarks:

/s/ Alec Machiels

11/08/2017

** 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 5 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of David Watson and Timothy Sullivan, signing singly and each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power and authority as hereinafter described to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to prepare, complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, prepare, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely deliver and file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority;
- (3) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to such attorney-in-fact and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming nor relieving, nor is the Company assuming nor relieving, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The undersigned acknowledges that neither the Company nor the foregoing attorneys-in-fact assume (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 8th day of November, 2017.

| /s/ Alec Machiels | |
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| Signature | |
| Alec Machiels | |
| Print Name | |