

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Sadr Ahmad</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 100 FIFTH AVENUE (Street) WALTHAM MA 02451 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [APLS]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) See Remarks |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2020 | |
| | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2020 | | A | | 2,725 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0.00 | 2,725 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$44.33 | 02/10/2020 | | A | | 16,350 | | (2) | 02/09/2030 | Common Stock | 16,350 | \$0.00 | 16,350 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Consists of shares of Common Stock issuable under 2,725 restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted pursuant to the Company's 2017 Stock Incentive Plan. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Common Stock upon vesting. This RSU was granted on February 10, 2020 and will vest as to 25% of the shares underlying the RSU on the first anniversary of the grant, and 25% of the shares underlying the RSU on each anniversary of the grant thereafter through the fourth anniversary of the grant.
- This option was granted on February 10, 2020 and will vest 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 option vesting in equal monthly installments thereafter through the fourth anniversary of the grant, subject to continued service.

Remarks:

Senior Vice President, Technical Operations

/s/ David Watson, attorney-in-fact for Ahmad Sadr 02/12/2020

** 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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