FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Dunlop A. Sinclair |   |  |  |                               | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ] |                                   |  |  |                           |                           |   |   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Г  |   |  |  |                               |   |                                   |  |  |                           |                           |   |   |   | 2   | Direc  | ctor  |   | 10% (  | wner   |  |
| (Last) C/O APE   | (Fi   | rst) (                                     | Middle)  | 12/18/2019                    |   |                                   |  |  | nsaction (Month/Day/Year) |                           |   |   |   |   | Offic<br>below                               | er (give title<br>w)  |   |  | (specify   |  |
| 6400 WE  | STWIND V  | WAY, SUITE A                               |  |                               | -   |                                   |  |  |                           |                           |   |   |   | +   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| ,  |   |  |  | 4. If                         | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                  |                                   |  |  |                           |                           |   |   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>CRESTW   | OOD K   | Y 4  | 40014  |                               |   |                                   |  |  |                           |                           |   |   |   | 1 1   | Forn   | n filed by M  | One Reporting Person<br>More than One Reporting |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (St   | ate) (                                     | (Zip)  |                               |   |                                   |  |  |                           |                           |   |   |   |   | Pers   | on  |   |  |  |  |
|  |   | Tab  | le I - No  | on-Deriv                      | ative   | Sec                               | uritie   | s Ac   | guired                    | l, Di                     | sposed o  | f, or   | Benef   | iciall  | y Own  | ed  |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                              |   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, |   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |                           |                           | 5. Amount of<br>and Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Followi |   | unt of<br>es<br>ially<br>Following  | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect                             |  | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  |   |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |  |                               |   | Code                              | v  | Amount   | (A)<br>(D)                | or Pri                    | се  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |   |  | (Instr. 4)  |   |  |  |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  | 12/18/2019 s <sup>(1)</sup> 25,890 D \$28.55 374,791 I |                               |   | See<br>Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>    |  |  |                           |                           |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |  | 12/19/2                       | 2019  |                                   |  |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>          |                           | 54,110  | Г   | \$  | 28.99   | 320  | 0,681   | I   |  | See<br>Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>                                     |  |
| Common   | ommon Stock 1   |  |  | 12/19/2019                    |   |                                   |  | S <sup>(3)</sup>   |                           | 31,000                    | D \$29.5  |   | 29.51   | 249,728   |  | I   |   | See<br>Footnote <sup>(4)</sup>                         |  |  |
| Common   | mon Stock 12/2  |  | 12/20/2  | /2019                         |   |                                   |  | S <sup>(3)</sup>   |                           | 25,000                    | Г   | \$  | 29.53   | 224,728   |  | I   |   | See<br>Footnote <sup>(4)</sup>                         |  |  |
|  |   | Ta   | able II -  |                               |   |                                   |  |  |                           |                           | osed of,<br>convertib   |   |   |   | Owned  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)          | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | se (Month/Day/Year)                        | 3A. Dee<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/              | on Date,                      | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (I<br>8)   |                                   | of<br>Derive<br>Secur<br>Acqu<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr | of   |                           | Exerc<br>ion Da<br>/Day/Y |   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Inst<br>and 4) |   | Der<br>Sec<br>(Ins  | Price of<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>estr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | y Di<br>or<br>(I)                               | vnership<br>vrm:<br>rect (D)<br>Indirect<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |  |                               | Code  | V (A)                             |  | (D)  | Date                      | abla                      | Expiration  | Title   | or<br>Numb  | er  |  |   |   |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The reported transaction involved a sale of shares held by Epidarex Capital I, LP ("Epidarex"). The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. On December 18, 2019, the shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$28.17 to \$29.16. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., any security holder of Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (1) and (3) to this Form 4.
- 2. The securities are held by 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.
- 3. The reported transaction involved a sale of shares held by MASA Life Science Ventures, LP ("MASA"). The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. On December 19, 2019, the shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$29.30 to \$29.80. On December 20, 2019, the shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$29.25 to \$29.76.
- 4. 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.

## Remarks:

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

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

12/20/2019

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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