## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Grossi Federico	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</u> [ APLS ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2021	X         Officer (give title below)         Other (specify below)           CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER
(Street) WALTHAM MA 02451 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person 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)			4. Securities Disposed Of (			Securities	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	03/05/2021		М		5,000	Α	\$3.2	62,814	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2021		S		5,000	D	\$48.615	57,814	D	

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

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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. Transa Code ( 8)				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)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.2	03/05/2021		М			5,000	(1)	12/12/2024	Common Stock	5,000	\$0	34,073	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option was granted on December 12, 2014 and is fully vested.

#### /s/ David Watson, attorney-infact for Dr. Federico Grossi 03/08/2021

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Da

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

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