FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Machiels Alec					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
Machiels Alec					-									X Director			10%	Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/21/2021								Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)					
100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR					4 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
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(City)	(Si	cate)	Zip)											Perso					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
Date			2. Transa Date (Month/D		y/Year) if a		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Of Code (Instr. 5)		ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		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	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			(.11501.4)		
Common Stock			04/21/	./2021				M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,500	A	\$2.67	672,	672,044		D			
Common Stock 04			04/21/	/2021	2021					2,500	D	\$45.70	669,	669,544		D			
Common Stock												1,9	50		I	See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>			
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security (Instr. 3)  1. Title of Conversion Date (Month/Day Price of Derivative Security			Execution Date, if any			Transaction Code (Instr.		of		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. Numb derivativ Securiti Benefici Owned Followir Reporte Transac (Instr. 4)	ive Owners ties Form: Direct (i) or Indirect ed (i) (Insti		Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to	\$2.67	04/21/2021			M <sup>(1)</sup>			2,500	(3)		12/04/2023	Common Stock	2,500	\$0	147,5	529	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This is a scheduled exercise from 10B5-1 trading plan.
- 2. Owned by spouse.
- 3. This option was granted on December 5, 2013 and fully vested.

/s/ David Watson, attorney-infact for Alec Machiels

04/22/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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