Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Francois Cedric | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [APLS] | | | | | | Relationship of Rep Check all applicable) X Director | Reporting Person(s) to Issuer able) 10% Owner | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR (Street) WALTHAM MA 02451 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2020 | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer | | | |
| | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 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 - No | on-Derivat | ive Securities Ac | quire | d, D | isposed o | of, or B | enefic | ially Owned | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | 08/18/202 | 0 | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,543 | D | \$30 | 1,096,536 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | 234,411 | I | See Footnote ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| | | Table II | - Derivativ | e Securities Acq | uired | , Dis | posed of | , or Be | neficia | lly Owned | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Conversion

or Exercise

Price of Derivative

Security

1. Title of

Security

1. This is a scheduled sale from 10B5-1 trading plan.

3. Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

2. The securities are held by The Francois-DuBois Educational Trust (the "Trust"), for which Fiduciary Trust Company of New England serves as trustee. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership over the shares held by the Trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(D)

(A)

5. Number

Derivative

Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Transaction

Code (Instr.

8)

Code

6. Date Exercisable and

Expiration Date

Date Exercisable

Expiration

Date

(Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and

Amount of

Securities

Underlying Derivative

Title

Security (Instr. 3 and 4)

Amount Number

Shares

3. The securities are held by The Francois-DuBois Educational Trust (the "Trust"), for which the Fiduciary Trust Company of New England serves as trustee. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership over the shares held by the Trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

> /s/ David Watson, attorney-in-08/19/2020 fact for Cedric François

8. Price of 9. Number of

derivative

Securities

Beneficially Owned

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

Derivative

Security

(Instr. 5)

10.

Ownership Form:

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

11. Nature

of Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 4)

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

3A. Deemed

if any

Execution Date,

(Month/Day/Year)

- * 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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