FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Watson David O.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]								heck all app Direc	,		10%	Owner (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC 100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2022								X Officer (give title Officer (specify below)  General Counsel					
(Street) WALTHAM MA 02451 (City) (State) (Zip)				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 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)					Execution			Transaction D		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			Benefici	es ally Following	Form	nership : Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaci (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(111511. 4)
Common Stock 01/28/20					022	22			F <sup>(1)</sup>		650	D	\$38.5	9 132	,935	D		
Common Stock														10,	,000		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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ate Execu		4. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/		ate	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. Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirec (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This represents shares used to cover tax withholding on a Restricted Stock Unit release.
- 2. The securities are held by The Watson Education Trust (the "Trust"), for which the reporting person 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

01/31/2022

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- \* 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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