FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Lewis Karen (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [APLS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2022 | | | | | | | | ck all applic Directo Officer below) | able) | Š | 10% Ow Other (s below) | /ner | |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--------------------------------|----------------|--|-----|--|--|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR (Street) WALTHAM MA 02451 | | | 4 | 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 | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | • | (Zip) | Derivati | ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date | | | 2. Transacti | action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | 3. Transac Code (I 8) | ction nstr. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | ed (A) str. 3, 4 | or 5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported | | nt of 6. Over the form ally (D) of following (I) (Ir | | n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 01/2 | | | 01/21/20 | <u> </u> | | 17,466 | (D) P110 | | \$0 | (Instr. 3 and 4) 23,908 ⁽²⁾ | | | D | | | | | |
| 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | saction e (Instr. | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | e V | (A) | | Date Exercisab | | Expiration Date | Title | Amor or Num of Share | ber | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$35.46 | 01/21/2022 | | A | | 24,774 | | (3) | C | 01/20/2032 | Common Stock | 24,7 | 774 | \$0 | 24,774 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This represents a restricted stock unit grant made on January 21, 2022 that vests 25% annually in equal installments over four years from the date of grant, subject to continued service.
- 2. Includes 61 shares from 04/30/21 ESPP purchase and 131 shares from 10/29/21 ESPP purchase.
- 3. This represents a non-qualified stock option grant made on January 21, 2022 that vests over a four year period with 25% vesting one year from grant date and the remaining 75% vesting in equal monthly installments thereafter through the fourth anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued service.

/s/ David Watson, Attorney-in-01/25/2022 fact for Karen Lewis

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- ** 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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