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*     DeLong Mark Jeffrey					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]								(Che	eck all appli Directo	ationship of Reporting F k all applicable) Director Officer (give title		10% Owner Other (specify		
	(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/21/2021									below)	below) below) Senior Vice President			
(Street) WALTHAM MA 02451				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  K Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				n	
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curiti	ies Ac	quired	Dis	posed o	of, or B	enef	iciall	y Owned	t l			
District of desarry (means)			Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			4 and Secur Benef		es ially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	(A) or (D) Pr		Transac	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(50.7)
Common Stock				07/21	/2021				M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	O A	. [	\$15.5	2 10	10,490		D	
Common Stock 07/2				07/21	L/ <mark>202</mark> 1	/2021			S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	0 D :		\$65	9,	9,490		D	
		T	able II -								osed of converti				Owned				
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/Ye	Date,	Code (Ins		on of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	or Nui of	mber ares					
Stock Option (Right to	\$15.52	07/21/2021			M <sup>(1)</sup>			1,000	(2)	0	2/04/2028	Commo	1,	000	\$0	42,000	)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This is a scheduled exercise from an established 10B5-1 trading plan.
- 2. This stock option will vest as to 25% of the shares underlying the options on the first anniversary of the grant date, with the remaining 75% of the shares underlying the options vesting in equal monthly installments thereafter through the fourth anniversary of the grant, subject to continued service.

/s/ David Watson, attorney-infact for Mark Delong

07/22/2021

\*\* 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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