FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Grossi Federico | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [APLS] | | | | | | | | | k all app Direc | tionship of Reportir all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) Chief Med | | rson(s) to Is 10% Ov Other (s | wner |
|--|--|-------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2023 | | | | | | | | | below | | | below) | specify |
| (Street) WALTH. (City) | | | 2451 Zip) | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Ind Line) | ′ | | | | |
| | | Table | I - No | n-Deriva | tive S | Secu | rities | Acq | uired, | Dis | posed of | , or E | Bene | ficiall | y Own | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acqu Disposed Of (D) (I | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or P | rice | Transa | ction(s) 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 01/0 | | | | | 2023 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,500 | D | \$ | 48.79 | 94,884 | | | 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) | ivative Conversion Date urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5 | rities lired r osed) r. 3, 4 | 6. Date Expirati (Month/ | ion Da | ear) Secur Under Deriva | | int of rities rlying ative rity (Ins 4) | Str. | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | у | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expiration Date | Title | Numl of Share | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This is a scheduled sale from 10b5-1 trading plan.

/s/ David Watson, attorneyin-fact for Federico Grossi

01/09/2023

** 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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