FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Townsend Adam J.  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR					Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     01/21/2022								(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chief Commercial Officer					
(Street) WALTHAM MA 02451 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line)	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date					action 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. 4. Securit Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ties Acquir	ed (A	A) or	5. Amou Securitie Beneficia Owned F	int of 6. C es For ally (D) Following (I) (		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
Common Stock 01/21/					./2022			Code	v	Amount 26,051	(D)		Price \$0	(Instr. 3	orted nsaction(s) str. 3 and 4) 45,708 <sup>(2)</sup>		D	(Instr. 4)	
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 Da if any (Month/Day/	ate, Tr	4. Transactio Code (Instr 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			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. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Co	ode \	v	(A)		Date Exercisab		expiration Pate	Title	or Nu of	nount mber ares					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$35.46	01/21/2022			A		36,951		(3)	0	1/20/2032	Common Stock	36	5,951	\$0	36,951	1	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 792 shares form 04/30/21 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

\*\* 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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