FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Hull Hans  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O PLIANT THERAPEUTICS, INC.  260 LITTLEFIELD AVENUE				- <u>PI</u>	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     PLIANT THERAPEUTICS, INC. [ PLRX ]      3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     01/25/2023								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chief Business Officer							
(Street) SOUTH FRANCE	SAN ISCO C.	A tate)	94080 (Zip)		-						d (Month/Da		l	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-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day				action	tion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a 5)			5. Amount of		t of	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			on(s)			,	
Common Stock 01/25/				5/2023	2023		A		54,000	1) <b>A</b>	\$	\$0		,191		D				
Common Stock															3,8	21			ee ootnote <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock												13,9		985		1 1 1	ee ootnote <sup>(3)</sup>			
Common Stock													13,985		I		ee ootnote <sup>(4)</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)	erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date E Expiratic (Month/D	n Dat		7. Title and Amor of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security		9. Numb derivativ Securitie Beneficia Owned Followin Reported Transact (Instr. 4)	re es ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership tt (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er						
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$34.65	01/25/2023			A		76,200		(5)		01/24/2033	Common Stock	76,20	00	\$0	76,20	00	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These are restricted stock units that vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 16, 2023, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer on each such date.
- 2. The shares are held by The Sloger Hull Family Trust. The Reporting Person and his spouse serve as trustees for the trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 3. The shares are held by a trust for the Reporting Person's minor child ("Child A Trust"). The Reporting Person and his spouse serve as trustees for Child A Trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 4. The shares are held by a trust for the Reporting Person's minor child ("Child B Trust"). The Reporting Person and his spouse serve as trustees for Child B Trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 5. 1/48th of the shares subject to such option vest and become exercisable in substantially equal installments on each monthly anniversary of January 1, 2023, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer on each such date.

/s/ Mike Ouimette, attorney-in-01/27/2023 fact

\*\* 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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