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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Patel Ajay</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ASSERTIO HOLDINGS, INC.</u> <u>100 SOUTH SAUNDERS ROAD,</u> <u>SUITE 300</u>  (Street) <u>LAKE FOREST IL 60045</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/11/2021</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Assertio Holdings, Inc. [ ASRT ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SVP and CAO</u></p>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>34,123</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>6,000<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>07/31/2022</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>64,480</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>02/04/2023</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>39,864</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>02/11/2024</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>568,182</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>D</u>

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares purchased pursuant to the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). In accordance with the Plan, 3,000 shares were purchased on May 31, 2020 at \$0.65 per share and 3,000 shares were purchased on November 30, 2020 at \$0.36 per share.
- One-third of these restricted stock units are scheduled to vest on each of July 31, 2020, 2021 and 2022, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.
- One-third of these restricted stock units are scheduled to vest on each of February 4, 2021, 2022 and 2023, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.
- One-third of these restricted stock units are scheduled to vest on each of February 11, 2022, 2023 and 2024, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Jennifer Hipelius,  
attorney in fact for Ajay Patel      03/22/2021

\*\* 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY  
Assertio Holdings, Inc.

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Sam Schlessinger, Jennifer Hipelius and Paul Schwichtenberg, individually, as the undersignedTMs true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute and deliver on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersignedTMs capacity as an officer and/or director of Assertio Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), any and all documents relating to insider reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, without limitation, the execution and filing of all Forms ID, 3, 4 and 5 (collectively, the Section 16 Filings),

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Section 16 Filings, complete and execute any amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-factTMs discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to the attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-factTMs substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of theundersignedTMs responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Section 16 Filings with respect to the undersignedTMs holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 26th day of February 2021.

/s/ Ajay Patel

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Ajay Patel