FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FINGER ALISON CECILY						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol bluebird bio, Inc. [ BLUE ]									(Check all a			g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2018										below)		below percial Office	v) .	
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02142 (City) (State) (Zip)							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								5. 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-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
Date				Date	Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr.		rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			4 and 5) Sed Bei Ow		ount of ities icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D	) or )	Price			action(s) 3 and 4)		(111511.4)	
Common	08/20	08/20/2018				S		159(1)		D	\$158	3.05	15,767(2)		D					
Common Stock 08					08/20/2018				S		100(1)		D	\$158.1		15,667 <sup>(2)</sup>		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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	n Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		te	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr and 4)		ı			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V (A)		(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	or Nu of	nount mber ares								

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares were sold to cover tax withholding obligations incurred in connection with the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- $2. Includes \ 87 \ shares \ that \ were \ acquired \ by \ the \ Reporting \ Person \ under \ the \ bluebird \ bio, Inc. \ employee \ stock \ purchase \ plan \ on \ July \ 31, \ 2018.$

## Remarks:

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-Fact 08/22/2018

\*\* 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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