

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Cole Jason</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC.</u> <u>60 BINNEY STREET</u> (Street) <u>CAMBRIDGE MA 02142</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/06/2017</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Legal Officer</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/06/2017 | | M | | 15,070 | A | \$22.53 | 30,871 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/06/2017 | | M | | 1,740 | A | \$50.51 | 32,611 | D | |
| Comon Stock | 06/06/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 16,810 | D | \$100.2204 ⁽²⁾ | 15,801 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/07/2017 | | M | | 435 | A | \$50.51 | 16,236 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/07/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 435 | D | \$100.05 | 15,801 | 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$22.53 | 06/06/2017 | | M | | 15,070 | (3) | 02/10/2024 | Common Stock | 15,070 | \$0.00 | 36,812 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$50.51 | 06/06/2017 | | M | | 1,740 | (4) | 03/01/2026 | Common Stock | 1,740 | \$0.00 | 13,935 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$50.51 | 06/07/2017 | | M | | 435 | (4) | 03/01/2026 | Common Stock | 435 | \$0.00 | 13,500 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The sales reported in the Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 15, 2016
- The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$100.00 to \$100.70. The average weighted price was \$100.2204. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on March 6, 2015 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on January 4, 2017, and in 36 equal monthly installments.

Remarks:/s/ Jason F. Cole06/08/2017

** 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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