

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
Mandell James			bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			
C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC.			02/14/2017			
150 SECOND STREET			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
(Street)					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
CAMBRIDGE MA 02141						
(City) (State) (Zip)						

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/14/2017		M		4,000	A	\$21.43	5,000	D	
Common Stock	02/14/2017		M		1,950	A	\$25.16	6,950	D	
Common Stock	02/14/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		5,950	D	\$80.0128 ⁽²⁾	1,000	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)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$21.43	02/14/2017		M		4,000	(3)	01/08/2024	Common Stock	4,000	\$0.00	0	D
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$25.16	02/14/2017		M		1,950	(4)	06/11/2024	Common Stock	1,950	\$0.00	5,550	D

Explanation of Responses:

- This sales reported in the Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 13, 2016.
- The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$80.00 to \$80.15. The average weighted price was \$80.0128. 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 ratably over three years in annual installments, commencing on January 8, 2014.
- This option vests 100% on the earlier of June 11, 2015 or the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders.

Remarks:

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-Fact 02/16/2017

** 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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