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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* <u>Davidson David</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET  (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02142  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>bluebird bio, Inc. [ BLUE ]</u>	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 Medical Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/02/2018</u>	
	4. 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	07/02/2018		M		10,000	A	\$5.5004	34,905	D	
Common Stock	07/02/2018		s <sup>(1)</sup>		2,818	D	\$153.3564 <sup>(2)</sup>	32,087	D	
Common Stock	07/02/2018		s <sup>(1)</sup>		5,982	D	\$154.0672 <sup>(3)</sup>	26,105	D	
Common Stock	07/02/2018		s <sup>(1)</sup>		1,200	D	\$154.8463 <sup>(4)</sup>	24,905	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						Title
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.5004	07/02/2018		M		10,000	(S)	01/16/2023	Common Stock	10,000	\$0.00	53,951	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 13, 2017.
- The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$152.70 to \$153.6750. The average weighted price was \$153.3564. 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.
- The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$153.70 to \$154.65. The average weighted price was \$154.0672. 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.
- The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$154.75 to \$155.00. The average weighted price was \$154.8463. 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 to purchase shares of our common stock was granted on January 16, 2013 with performance-based vesting criteria that were met as of April 1, 2013 and May 1, 2013. The shares underlying these options vested as follows: 25% vested on April 1, 2014 and May 1, 2014, respectively, with the remainder of the shares vesting in equal monthly installments over the following three years.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-Fact 07/03/2018

\*\* 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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