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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Walsh Jeffrey T. <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC., 150 SECOND STREET <hr/> (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02141 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Operating Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2014	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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	05/12/2014		M		4,500	A	\$ 2.09	4,500	D	
Common Stock	05/12/2014		S ⁽¹⁾		4,500	D	\$ 18.93 ⁽²⁾	0	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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.09	05/12/2014		M			4,500	(3)	07/13/2021	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 0	200,807	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 October 11, 2013.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$18.30 to \$19.20. The average weighted price was \$18.9329. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a 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 May 16, 2012 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-
in-Fact 05/14/2014

** 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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