FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Congress Division D | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
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| Gregory Philip D | | | | | _ [| Statema oro, mer [Blot] | | | | | | | | | r (give title | Other | Owner (specify | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/05/2019 | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Scientific Officer | | | | | |
| (Street) CAMBR (City) | CAMBRIDGE MA 02142 | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Indiv _ine) X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | | Tab | le I - | Non-Deri | vati | ive Securi | ities A | cquir | ed, I | Disposed | of, or | Benefic | ially (| Owned | l | | | |
| 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 | es ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | Code | | | | | v | Amount | ount (A) or (D) Price | | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | | 04/05/20 |)19 | | | M | | 600 | A | \$50. | 51 | 33 | ,192 | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | | 04/05/20 |)19 | | | M | | 700 | A | \$75. | .6 | 33 | ,892 | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | | 04/05/20 |)19 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 800 | D | \$156.33 | 325 ⁽²⁾ | 33 | ,092 | D | | |
| Common Stock 04/05/201 | | | | | |)19 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 300 | D | \$157.90 |)67 ⁽³⁾ | 32 | ,792 | D | | |
| Common Stock 04/05/20: | | | |)19 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 700 | D | \$158.91 | L86 ⁽⁴⁾ | 32 | ,092 | D | | | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Т | ransaction | 3A. D | eemed | 4. | 5. | Number | ber 6. Date Exercisable | | rcisable and | 7. Title | 7. Title and 8 | | Price of | 9. Number o | of 10. | 11. Nature | |

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| 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) | Code (| Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\) | ate | 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 | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$50.51 | 04/05/2019 | | M | | | 600 | (5) | 03/01/2026 | Common Stock | 600 | \$0.00 | 11,600 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$75.6 | 04/05/2019 | | M | | | 700 | (6) | 02/01/2027 | Common Stock | 700 | \$0.00 | 27,800 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on July 2, 2018.
- 2. The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$156.01 to \$156.65. The average weighted price was \$156.3325. 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.
- 3. The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$157.76 to \$157.98. The average weighted price was \$157.9067. 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.
- 4. The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$158.64 to \$159.38. The average weighted price was \$158.9186. 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.
- 5. 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 thereafter.
- 6. This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on January 4, 2018 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

Remarks:

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-

04/09/2019

Fact

** 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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