# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres Gregory Phili	1 0	on*	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>bluebird bio, Inc.</u> [ BLUE ]	(Check	tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director Officer (give title	on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2018	X	below) Chief Scientific	below)	
(Street) CAMBRIDGE (City)	MA (State)	02142 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than Person	rting 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. Transa Code ( 8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/01/2018		A		8,500	A	\$0.00	32,272	D			
Common Stock	02/01/2018		М		1,250	A	\$50.51	33,522	D			
Common Stock	02/01/2018		S <sup>(2)</sup>		301	D	\$202.5349 <sup>(3)</sup>	33,221	D			
Common Stock	02/01/2018		S <sup>(2)</sup>		400	D	\$203.725 <sup>(4)</sup>	32,821	D			
Common Stock	02/01/2018		S <sup>(2)</sup>		800	D	\$205.225 <sup>(5)</sup>	32,021	D			
Common Stock	02/01/2018		<b>S</b> <sup>(2)</sup>		749	D	\$206.1235(6)	31,272	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	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		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$205.25	02/01/2018		A		34,000		(7)	02/01/2028	Common Stock	34,000	\$0.00	34,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$50.51	02/01/2018		М			1,250	(8)	03/01/2026	Common Stock	1,250	\$0.00	19,500	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted stock units for common stock vest over a four-year period at a rate of 25% on 01/04/2019, 25% on 01/04/2020, 25% on 01/04/2021, and 25% on 01/04/2022.

2. This sales reported in the Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 17, 2017.

3. The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$202.20 to \$203.15. The average weighted price was \$202.5349. 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 \$203.25 to \$204.05. The average weighted price was \$203.7250. 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. The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$204.80 to \$205.65. The average weighted price was \$205.2250. 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

6. The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$205.85 to \$206.40. The average weighted price was \$206.1235. 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

7. This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on January 4, 2019, and in 36 equal monthly installments.

8. 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.

Remarks:

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

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02/05/2018

\*\* 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).

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