FORM 4

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Instruction 1(b)

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GILLIS STEVEN</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol bluebird bio, Inc. [ BLUE ]									5. Relationshi (Check all app X Direct		•		n(s) to Is	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARCH VENTURE PARTNERS					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/25/2015											Office below	er (give title w)	Other (specify below)		
8725 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, SUITE 290(Street)					4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
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		Tabl	e I - Noi	า-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	efici	ally	Owne	ed			
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									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	Transa		ted action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 06/25					/2015				J <sup>(1)</sup>		538,076		D	(1	1) 32		23,675	]	I	By ARCH Venture Fund VII, L.P.
Common Stock 06/25/					/2015	2015			J <sup>(1)(3)</sup>		11,837		A	(	(1) 1		3,507	I	)	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Distribution of Common Stock held by a limited partnership to its partners for no consideration.
- 2. These shares are owned directly by ARCH Venture Fund VII, L.P. ("ARCH Fund VII"). The sole general partner of ARCH Fund VII is ARCH Venture Partners VII, L.P. ("ARCH Partners VII"). The sole general partner of ARCH Partners VII is ARCH Venture Partners VII, LLC ("ARCH VII LLC"). The Managing Directors of ARCH VII LLC, Robert T. Nelsen, Keith Crandell and Clinton Bybee, are deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the shares and may be deemed to beneficially own Fund shares held by ARCH Fund VII. Each Managing Director disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Managing Director is the beneficial owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.
- 3. Change from indirect to direct ownership of shares previously reported as beneficially owned by the reporting person Steven Gillis owns an interest in ARCH Partners VII but does not have voting or investment control over the shares held by ARCH Fund VII and disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Steven Gillis is the beneficial owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

## Remarks:

/s/ Steven Gillis

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

06/29/2015

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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