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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Instruction 1(b). | |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>LYNCH DANIEL</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>bluebird bio, Inc.</u> [BLUE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------|---|---|---|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | <u></u> | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 150 SECOND STREET | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2017 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| (Street) CAMBRIDGE | MA | 02141 | | X | Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than Person | 0 | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | |

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) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------|---|------------------------------------|---|----------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1150.4) |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2017 | | М | | 150 | A | \$2.0864 | 1,550 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 150 | D | \$80.2236 ⁽²⁾ | 1,400 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 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 | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$2.0864 | 02/15/2017 | | М | | | 150 | (3) | 07/13/2021 | Common Stock | 150 | \$0.00 | 22,508 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 14, 2016.

2. The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$80.00 to \$80.50. The average weighted price was \$80.2236. 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.

3. This option vests over a four-year period in 48 equal monthly installments beginning on April 15, 2011

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-</u> <u>Fact</u> 02/17/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

 $\label{eq:resonance} \mbox{Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. }$

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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