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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HIGH SUSANNA GATTI | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------|---|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| <u>IIIGH SUSANNA GALLI</u> | | | | | Director Officer (give title | 10% Owner Other (specify | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | - x | below) | below) | | | |
| C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. | | | 02/28/2018 | | Chief Operating Officer | | | | |
| 60 BINNEY STREET | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| (Street) CAMBRIDGE | MA | 02142 | | X | Form filed by One Report | ing Person | | | |
| | | | | | Form filed by More than C Person | One Reporting | | | |
| (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 | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1150.4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2018 | | М | | 1,044 | A | \$68.65 | 18,544 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 400 | D | \$202.1 ⁽²⁾ | 18,144 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 644 | D | \$203.0312 ⁽³⁾ | 17,500 | 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 Deri Sec Acq (A) (Disp of (I | oosed D) tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | 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) | \$68.65 | 02/28/2018 | | М | | | 1,044 | (4) | 12/01/2026 | Common Stock | 1,044 | \$0.00 | 44,162 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This sales reported in the Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 18, 2017.

2. The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$201.75 to \$202.60. The average weighted price was \$202.10. 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 \$202.90 to \$203.2750. The average weighted price was \$203.0312. 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. This option vests over a four-year period at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on November 30, 2017, and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

Remarks:

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

fact

03/02/2018

** 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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