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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 <sup>*</sup><br>LYNCH DANIEL | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)                 |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| LINCHDANIEL                                                          |                                                                                 | X Director 10% Owner                                                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC.                    | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>06/20/2017                  | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)                                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 BINNEY STREET                                                     | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>CAMBRIDGE MA 02142                                       |                                                                                 | X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                                 |                                                                                 |                                                                                         |  |  |  |  |  |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| Table I - I                     | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                                                             |                                |   |                                                                      |               |              |                                                               |                                                                   |                                                     |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                       | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Di<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |              | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |  |  |
|                                 |                                                                                  |                                                             | Code                           | v | Amount                                                               | (A) or<br>(D) | Price        | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                |                                                                   | (Instr. 4)                                          |  |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 06/20/2017                                                                       |                                                             | М                              |   | 2,500                                                                | A             | \$2.0864     | 5,300                                                         | D                                                                 |                                                     |  |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 06/20/2017                                                                       |                                                             | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,500                                                                | D             | \$120.028(2) | 2,800                                                         | D                                                                 |                                                     |  |  |  |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of<br>Deri<br>Sec<br>Acq<br>(A) (<br>Disp<br>of (I | oosed<br>D)<br>tr. 3, 4 | Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | piration Date Amount of<br>onth/Day/Year) Securities |                                        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                            |                                                             | Code                         | v | (A)                                                | (D)                     | Date<br>Exercisable                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                                     |                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                    |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$2.0864                                                              | 06/20/2017                                 |                                                             | М                            |   |                                                    | 2,500                   | (3)                                 | 07/31/2021         | Common<br>Stock                                      | 2,500                                  | \$0.00                                              | 2,008                                                                                                                      | 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 14, 2016.

2. The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$120.00 to \$120.20. The average weighted price was \$120.0280. 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:** 

| /s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in- | 00/22/2017 |
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| Fact                            | 06/22/2017 |

\*\* 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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