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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> Davidson David			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>bluebird bio, Inc.</u> [ BLUE ]		tionship of Reporting Pe all applicable) Director	rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 150 SECOND STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2017		Officer (give title below) Chief Medical	Other (specify below) Officer		
(Street) CAMBRIDGE (City)	MA (State)	02141 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>X Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>				

#### 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	03/01/2017		М		5,000	A	\$2.09	22,177	D		
Common Stock	03/01/2017		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		2,000	D	<b>\$89.345</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	20,177	D		
Common Stock	03/01/2017		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		3,000	D	<b>\$90.3179</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	17,177	D		

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

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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 (1 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)	\$2.09	03/01/2017		М			5,000	(4)	04/13/2022	Common Stock	5,000	\$0.00	18,239	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 12, 2016.

2. The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$89.05 to \$89.85. The average weighted price was \$89.3450. 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. The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$90.00 to \$90.65. The average weighted price was \$90.3179. 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.

4. This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on February 13, 2013 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

Remarks:

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

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03/03/2017

\*\* 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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