

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Walsh Jeffrey T.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02142 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial / and Strategy Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2018	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	08/02/2018		M		21,500	A	\$5.5004	56,995	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		7,965	D	\$150.3137 ⁽²⁾	49,030	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		3,976	D	\$151.5876 ⁽³⁾	45,054	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		2,601	D	\$152.5134 ⁽⁴⁾	42,453	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		3,358	D	\$153.3472 ⁽⁵⁾	39,095	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		3,100	D	\$154.579 ⁽⁶⁾	35,995	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		500	D	\$155.42 ⁽⁷⁾	35,495	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.5004	08/02/2018		M			21,500	(8)	01/16/2023	Common Stock	21,500	\$0.00	5,507	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on July 2, 2018.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$150.00 to \$150.95. The average weighted price was \$150.3137. 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.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$151.00 to \$151.95. The average weighted price was \$151.5876. 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.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$152.00 to \$152.95. The average weighted price was \$152.5134. 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.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$153.00 to \$153.95. The average weighted price was \$153.3472. 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.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$154.00 to \$154.95. The average weighted price was \$154.5790. 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.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$155.35 to \$155.55. The average weighted price was \$155.42. 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.
- This option to purchase shares of our common stock was granted on January 16, 2013 with performance-based vesting criteria that were met as of January 1, 2013 and as of May 1, 2013. The shares underlying these options vested as follows: 25% vested on January 1, 2014 and May 1, 2014, respectively, with the remainder of the shares vesting in equal monthly installments over the following three years.

Remarks:

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-Fact 08/06/2018

** 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).

** 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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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Jason F. Cole, Kory Wentworth, and Helen Fu, and each of them individually, and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) Complete and execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or ten percent (10%) shareholder of bluebird bio, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") any and all instruments, certificates and documents required to be executed on behalf of the undersigned as an individual or on behalf of the undersigned's company or partnership, as the case may be, pursuant to Section 13 and Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or the rules and regulations thereunder;

(2) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such instruments, certificates or documents required to be filed pursuant to Sections 13 and 16 of the Exchange Act or the rules or regulations thereunder and timely file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by any such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact, acting singly, full power and authority to do and perform any and every act which is necessary, proper or desirable to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any such attorney-in-fact, or any such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 13 or Section 16 of the Exchange Act or the rules or regulations thereunder. The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify each attorney-in-fact and the Company from and against any demand, damage, loss, cost or expense arising from any false or misleading information provided by the undersigned to such attorney-in fact.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file any instruments, certificates and documents pursuant to Section 13 and 16 of the Exchange Act or the rules or regulations thereunder with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of March 7, 2018.

/s/ Jeffrey T. Walsh
Jeffrey T. Walsh