bluebird bio, Inc. Form 4 January 31, 2017

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Mandell James			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC., 150 SECOND STREET			01/27/2017	Officer (give title Other (specification) below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(State)

(Zip)

(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi corr Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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)
Common Stock	01/27/2017		M	5,000	A	\$ 21.43	6,000	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2017		S <u>(1)</u>	5,000	D	\$ 70.0998 (2)	1,000	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ive Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.43	01/27/2017		M	5,000	(3)	01/08/2024	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Mandell James C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 150 SECOND STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141	X						

Signatures

**Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-Fact 01/31/2017

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) This sales reported in the Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 13, 2016.
 - The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$70.00 to \$70.30. The average weighted price was \$70.0998. The
- (2) 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) This option vests ratably over three years in annual installments, commencing on January 8, 2014.

Date

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