

Leschly Nick  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Leschly Nick

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC., 60  
BINNEY STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

(Street)  
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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. 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	12/13/2017		M	37,873 A \$ 5.5004	293,232	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>	14,947 D \$ 181.722 <sup>(2)</sup>	278,285	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>	27,797 D \$ 182.4893 <sup>(3)</sup>	250,488	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>	19,221 D \$ 183.4565 <sup>(4)</sup>	231,267	D	
	12/13/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>	18,930 D	212,337	D	

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Common Stock					\$	184,5288			
					(5)				
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>	16,369	D	\$	185,4139	195,968	D
						(6)			
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>	12,006	D	\$	186,5618	183,962	D
						(7)			
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>	5,700	D	\$	187,5675	178,262	D
						(8)			
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,530	D	\$	188,4907	175,732	D
						(9)			
Common Stock							17,186		I
									Nick Leschly 2001 Trust

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)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.5004	12/13/2017		M	37,873	(10) 01/16/2023	Common Stock	37,873

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Leschly Nick C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

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

12/15/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## 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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 22, 2016.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$181.0500 to \$182.0000. The average weighted price was \$181.7220.
- (2) 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 \$182.0500 to \$183.0000. The average weighted price was \$182.4893.
- (3) 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 \$183.0500 to \$184.0000. The average weighted price was \$183.4565.
- (4) 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 \$184.0500 to \$185.0000. The average weighted price was \$184.5288.
- (5) 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 \$185.0500 to \$186.0000. The average weighted price was \$185.4139.
- (6) 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 \$186.0500 to \$187.0000. The average weighted price was \$186.5618.
- (7) 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 \$187.0500 to \$188.0000. The average weighted price was \$187.5675.
- (8) 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 \$188.1500 to \$188.8000. The average weighted price was \$188.4907.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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. The shares underlying these options vested as follows: 25% vested on January 1, 2014, with the remainder of the shares vesting in equal monthly installments over the following three years.

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