

Walsh Jeffrey T.
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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 *
Walsh Jeffrey T.

(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
bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/10/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___X___ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial / and Strategy Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	08/10/2018		M		1,500	A	\$ 5.5004 36,995
Common Stock	08/10/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		425	D	\$ 155.4059 36,570
Common Stock	08/10/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		350	D	\$ 156.6293 36,220
Common Stock	08/10/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		620	D	\$ 157.8581 35,600

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Common Stock	08/10/2018		S ⁽¹⁾	105	D	\$ 158.5667 (5)	35,495	D
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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	08/10/2018		M	1,500	(6) 01/16/2023	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Walsh Jeffrey T. C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142			Chief Financial	and Strategy Officer

Signatures

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

08/14/2018

**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 July 2, 2018.

The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$155.15 to \$156.05. The average weighted price was \$155.4059. The

(2) 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 \$156.20 to \$156.95. The average weighted price was \$156.6293. The

(3) 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 \$157.30 to \$158.20. The average weighted price was \$157.8581. The

(4) 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 \$158.55 to \$158.90. The average weighted price was \$158.5667. The

(5) 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

(6) 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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