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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
	(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC., 60	12/13/2017	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
BINNEY STREET	12,10,201,	below) below)			
DIVILLI STREET		President and CEO			
(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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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or ecution Date, if TransactionDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/13/2017		M	37,873	A	\$ 5.5004	293,232	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S <u>(1)</u>	14,947	D	\$ 181.722 (2)	278,285	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S <u>(1)</u>	27,797	D	\$ 182.4893 (3)	250,488	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S(1)	19,221	D	\$ 183.4565 (4)	231,267	D	
	12/13/2017		S(1)	18,930	D		212,337	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 184.5288 (5)			
Common Stock	12/13/2017	S <u>(1)</u>	16,369	D	\$ 185.4139 (6)	195,968	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017	S <u>(1)</u>	12,006	D	\$ 186.5618 (7)	183,962	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017	S <u>(1)</u>	5,700	D	\$ 187.5675 (8)	178,262	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017	S <u>(1)</u>	2,530	D	\$ 188.4907 (9)	175,732	D	
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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	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

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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.
- 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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