

Walsh Jeffrey T.  
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.

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)  
12/11/2017

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	12/11/2017		M		9,900	A	\$ 24.47 37,205
Common Stock	12/11/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,299	D	\$ 210.2482 35,906
Common Stock	12/11/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		101	D	\$ 211.0594 35,805
Common Stock	12/11/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,200	D	\$ 212.7004 34,605

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Common Stock	12/11/2017	S <sup>(1)</sup>	520	D	\$ <u>(5)</u>	213.6462	34,085	D
Common Stock	12/11/2017	S <sup>(1)</sup>	380	D	\$ <u>(6)</u>	214.5842	33,705	D
Common Stock	12/11/2017	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,550	D	\$ <u>(7)</u>	217.3318	31,155	D
Common Stock	12/11/2017	S <sup>(1)</sup>	950	D	\$ <u>(8)</u>	218.0895	30,205	D
Common Stock	12/11/2017	S <sup>(1)</sup>	800	D	\$ <u>(9)</u>	219.4855	29,405	D
Common Stock	12/11/2017	S <sup>(1)</sup>	680	D	\$ <u>(10)</u>	220.5206	28,725	D
Common Stock	12/11/2017	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,420	D	\$ <u>(11)</u>	221.5169	27,305	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)

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. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.47	12/11/2017		M	9,900	<u>(12)</u>	03/03/2024	Common Stock	9,900

# 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, 12/13/2017  
 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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 23, 2016.  
  
The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$210.0500 to \$210.8750. The average weighted price was \$210.2482.
  - (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 \$211.0500 to \$212.0000. The average weighted price was \$211.0594.
  - (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 \$212.1000 to \$213.0000. The average weighted price was \$212.7004.
  - (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 \$213.1500 to \$214.0000. The average weighted price was \$213.6462.
  - (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 \$214.4000 to \$215.1000. The average weighted price was \$214.5842.
  - (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 \$217.0000 to \$217.9500. The average weighted price was \$217.3318.
  - (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 \$218.0000 to \$218.2500. The average weighted price was \$218.0895.
  - (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 \$219.0000 to \$219.7000. The average weighted price was \$219.4855.
  - (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.  
  
The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$220.1500 to \$221.0500. The average weighted price was \$220.5206.
  - (10) 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 \$221.3000 to \$221.6750. The average weighted price was \$221.5169.
  - (11) 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.

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- (12) This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on January 1, 2015 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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