

bluebird bio, Inc.
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Mandell James

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC., 150
SECOND STREET

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2017

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) Other (specify below)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2017 | | M | A | \$ 21.43 | 5,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2017 | | M | A | \$ 25.16 | 6,950 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 80.0128 ⁽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)

| 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) | \$ 21.43 | 02/14/2017 | | M | 4,000 | ⁽³⁾ 01/08/2024 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 25.16 | 02/14/2017 | | M | 1,950 | ⁽⁴⁾ 06/11/2024 | Common Stock | 1,950 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

02/16/2017

__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) This sales reported in the Form 4 were effectd 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 \$80.00 to \$80.15. The average weighted price was \$80.0128. 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.

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- (3) This option vests ratably over three years in annual installments, commencing on January 8, 2014.
- (4) This option vests 100% on the earlier of June 11, 2015 or the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders.

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