

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Sullivan Eric</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>bluebird bio, Inc. [ BLUE ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Principal Accounting Officer</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/06/2017</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC.</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
<u>60 BINNEY STREET</u>								
(Street)								
<u>CAMBRIDGE</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>02142</u>						
(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	07/05/2017		M		250	A	\$20.7	6,657	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2017		M		196	A	\$24.47	6,853	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2017		M		201	A	\$50.51	7,054	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2017		M		2,933	A	\$56.3	9,987	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2017		S		3,580	D	\$107.2936 <sup>(1)</sup>	6,407	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2017		S		733 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$107.2242 <sup>(3)</sup>	5,674	D	
Common Stock								300	I	By spouse <sup>(4)</sup>

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$20.7	07/05/2017		M			250	(5)	12/02/2023	Common Stock	250	\$0.00	1,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$24.47	07/05/2017		M			196	(6)	03/03/2024	Common Stock	196	\$0.00	1,020	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$50.51	07/05/2017		M			201	(7)	03/01/2026	Common Stock	201	\$0.00	6,069	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$56.3	07/05/2017		M			2,933	(8)	08/01/2026	Common Stock	2,933	\$0.00	8,802	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$107.25 to \$107.40. The average weighted price was \$107.2936. The 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.
- Shares were sold to cover tax withholding obligations incurred in connection with the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- The range in prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$107.15 to \$107.30. The average weighted price was \$107.2242. The 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.
- Equity grants held by the reporting person's spouse, who is employed by the issuer
- This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on November 11, 2014 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- 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.
- This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on January 4, 2017, and in 36 equal monthly installments.

8. This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on July 4, 2017 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-Fact      07/07/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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