

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): December 18, 2015

bluebird bio, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-35966

(Commission File Number)

13-3680878

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**150 Second Street
Cambridge, MA**

(Address of principal executive offices)

02141

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(339) 499-9300**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 18, 2015, Dr. Steve Gillis notified bluebird bio, Inc. (the “Company”) of his resignation from the Company’s board of directors (the “Board”), effective immediately. Dr. Gillis’ resignation was not caused by any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company’s operations, policies or practices. The Company thanks Dr. Gillis for his service on the Board for over four years.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 21, 2015

bluebird bio, Inc.

By: /s/ Jason F. Cole

Jason F. Cole

Senior Vice President, General Counsel