UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

| FORM 8-K |
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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 09, 2023

Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-36548 (Commission File Number) 46-0920988 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2380 Conejo Spectrum Street Suite 200 Thousand Oaks, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

91320 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (805) 623-4211

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: | | | | | | | |
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| | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | | | | | | |
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| Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: | | | | | | | |
| Trading | | | | | | | |
| | Title of each class Symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ATRA The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC | | | | | | |
| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter). | | | | | | | |
| Emerging growth company \square | | | | | | | |
| | If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box | | | | | | |

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 8, 2023, Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), announced that Charlene Banard, the Company's Executive Vice President, Chief Technical Officer, would depart the Company on June 9, 2023.

On June 9, 2023, Ms. Banard's final day of employment with the Company, Ms. Banard and the Company and entered into a consulting agreement pursuant to which Ms. Banard will provide consulting services to the Company through September 30, 2023. Ms. Banard will be paid a consulting fee of \$2,000 monthly for up to a specified number of consulting hours per month through September 30, 2023, and will receive additional compensation of \$220 per hour in excess of such specified number of consulting hours in any month. Ms. Banard's outstanding equity awards will continue to vest during the consulting term.

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.

Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.

Date: June 9, 2023 By: /s/ Amar Murugan

Amar Murugan

Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer