

# FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br>Ciechanover Isaac E. |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ATRA]       |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br>Chief Executive Officer |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>701 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 200     |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/16/2016                          |  |   |  |
| (Street)<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080                       |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |  | <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |  |   |  |

| 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                    | 02/16/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 5,908   | A          | \$ 0 (1) | 217,321   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |          | 379,211   | I  | See footnote (2)                                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |          | 450,824   | I  | See footnote (3)                                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |          | 180,000   | I  | See footnote (4)                                      |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----|---|--|--|--|--|------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |   | (A)  | (D) |   |  |  |  |  | Date Exercisable |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (5)  | 02/16/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 5,908   | (6)  | (7) | Common Stock  | 5,908                                      | \$ 0   | 45,292   | D  |                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Ciechanover Isaac E.<br>701 GATEWAY BOULEVARD<br>SUITE 200<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

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| /s/ Tina Gullotta, Attorney-in-Fact for Isaac E. Ciechanover |  | 02/18/2016 |
| 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) Shares issued upon settlement of vested restricted stock units ("RSUs").

(2) Shares are held by the Isaac E. Ciechanover and Allison M. Ciechanover Family Trust dated 8/8/08, of which the Reporting Person is a trustee.

(3) Shares are held by the Ciechanover Family GRAT, of which the Reporting Person is a trustee.

(4) Shares are held by the The Ciechanover 2015 GRAT, of which the Reporting Person is a trustee.

(5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock or a cash settlement.

The RSUs were granted with both (a) a liquidity event-based vesting condition and (b) a service-based vesting condition, both of which conditions must be satisfied in order for the RSUs to vest. The liquidity event-based condition was satisfied upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering (the "IPO"). The shares that vested on the closing date of the IPO, and the shares that vested thereafter through May 15, 2015, were settled on May 15, 2015. The service-based vesting condition provides that 1/48th of the total number of shares shall vest monthly from January 10, 2014, subject to the holder's continuous service through each such date.

(7) The earlier of (i) January 10, 2021 or (ii) the recipient's termination date.

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