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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**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): January 16, 2015

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**Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

001-36548  
(Commission  
File Number)

46-0920988  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

701 Gateway Boulevard, Suite 200  
South San Francisco, CA  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94080  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (415) 287-2410

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 January 16, 2015, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. (the “*Company*”) approved discretionary cash bonus payments to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer and named executive officers in recognition of the Company’s performance during 2014 as set forth in the table below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Bonus</b>
Isaac Ciechanover	Chief Executive Officer	\$262,500
John McGrath	Chief Financial Officer	121,720
Christopher Haqq	Chief Medical Officer	168,750
Gad Soffer	Chief Operating Officer	116,250

In addition, the Compensation Committee approved an additional discretionary bonus to Dr. Ciechanover of \$100,000 in recognition of his contributions during 2014, for a total cash bonus to Dr. Ciechanover of \$362,500.

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## 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 thereunto duly authorized.

**Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.**

By: /s/ John McGrath  
John McGrath  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 20, 2015