# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-K/A**

(Amendment No. 1)

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from

to

Commission File Number 001-36548

# ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 701 Gateway Blvd., Suite 200 South San Francisco, CA (Address of principal executive offices) 46-0920988 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 94080 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 278-8930

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 Per Share; Common stock traded on the NASDAQ stock market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES 🛛 NO 🗵

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. YES 🛛 NO 🗵

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  $\boxtimes$  NO  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (222.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES  $\boxtimes$  NO  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (229.405) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a small reporting company)

Accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES 🗆 NO 🗵

The Registrant did not have a public float on the last business day of its most recently completed second fiscal quarter because there was no public market for the registrant's common equity as of such date.

The number of shares of Registrant's Common Stock outstanding as of February 18, 2015 was 24,360,247.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's definitive proxy statement relating to its 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report where indicated. Such proxy statement will be filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this report relates.

#### **Explanatory Note**

Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") is filing this Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A (this "Amendment") to its Annual Report on Form 10-K ("Form 10-K") for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2015, solely to file Exhibit 21.1, List of Subsidiaries of the Company, to this Amendment. Exhibit 21.1 was inadvertently omitted from the original filing of the Form 10-K.

As required by the applicable rules, currently-dated Section 302 certifications from the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are included as exhibits to this Amendment. Because no financial statements have been included in this Amendment and this Amendment does not contain or amend any disclosure with respect to Items 307 and 308 of Regulation S-K, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the certifications have been omitted.

Except as described above, no other revisions or amendments have been made to any other portion of the Form 10-K. This Amendment does not reflect events that may have occurred after February 26, 2015, the date of the original filing of the Form 10-K, or modify or update any disclosures that may have been affected by subsequent events.

### PART IV

#### Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

The following documents are filed as exhibits to this report:

<u>Exhibit</u>	
<u>Number</u>	Exhibit Description

- 21.1 List of subsidiaries
- 31.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of South San Francisco, State of California, on the 6th day of March, 2015.

#### Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.

By:/s/ John F. McGrath, Jr.

John F. McGrath, Jr.

Chief Financial Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

		Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith	
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# The following is a list of subsidiaries of the Company as of December 31, 2014:

# Subsidiary Name

#### Nina Biotherapeutics, Inc Pinta Biotherapeutics, Inc. Santa Maria Biotherapeutics, Inc

Jurisdiction of Incorporation Delaware

Delaware Delaware

#### **CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### **PURSUANT TO**

## SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT RULES 13A-14(A) AND 15D-14(A)

I, Isaac Ciechanover, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.; and
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.

Date: March 6, 2015

/s/ Isaac Ciechanover

Isaac Ciechanover Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

#### **CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

#### **PURSUANT TO**

## SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT RULES 13A-14(A) AND 15D-14(A)

I, John F. McGrath, Jr., certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.; and
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.

Date: March 6, 2015

/s/ John F. McGrath, Jr.

John F. McGrath, Jr. Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)