FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Print or Type Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------|--|----------|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting I Newell Joe | 2. Issuer Name and Atara Biotherape | | | ~ . | ol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPE GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE | 3. Date of Earliest T 09/22/2021 | ransaction (| Mont | th/Day/Ye | ear) | X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Operations Officer | | | | | |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, | 4. If Amendment, D | ate Original | Filed | d(Month/Day | /Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securi (A) or D (Instr. 3, | isposed | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Beneficial Ownership | |
| Common Stock | 09/22/2021 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 10,500 | A | \$ 12.15 | 130,429 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 09/22/2021 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 10,500 | D | \$ 17 | 119,929 | D | | |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line | for each class of securities | peneficially owned d | | | • | respon | nd to th | e collection of information contain | ined SEC | 1474 (9-02) | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | Cransaction of Derivative | | 6. Date Exei Expiration I (Month/Day | Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following | Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | Beneficial | |
|--|---|--|---|------------------|---------------------------|-----|--|---------------------|--|-----------------|--|--|--|------------|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.15 | 09/22/2021 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 8,375 | (2) | 02/28/2030 | Common Stock | 8,375 | \$ 17 | 34,875 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.15 | 09/22/2021 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 2,125 | (2) | 02/28/2030 | Common Stock | 2,125 | \$ 17 | 10,625 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Newell Joe C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC. 611 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 900 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | | | Chief Operations Officer | | | | |

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) Transaction pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 Plan adopted September 14, 2020.
- (2) 1/48th of the shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable each month with the initial installment vesting on April 1, 2020, subject to the reporting person's continuous service.

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