#### FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Typ   | e Responses   | )          |   |   |   |                                 |  |                     |                          |   |  |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |             |
|---|---|------------|---|---|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|-------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gallagher Carol Giltner                         |   |            |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ATRA] |   |                                 |  |                     |                          |   |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)X_ Director10% Owner |  |  |                                      |  |  |             |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC., 611 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 900 |   |            | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/08/2021 |   |   |                                 |  |                     |                          |   | (  | Officer (give   | e title below)   | Oth                                    | er (specify belo                     | w)   |  |             |
| (Street)  |   |            |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                              |   |                                 |  |                     |                          |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |             |
| SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080   |   |            |   |   |   |                                 |  |                     |                          |   |  |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |             |
| (City   | ")  | (State)    | (Zip)   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui   |   |                                 |  |                     |                          | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                          |  |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |             |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)   |   |            | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                       |   | ate, if                         | (Instr. 8)                                       |                     | (A                       | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  |   | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially<br>Owned Following Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |                                      | Ownership<br>Form:   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |             |
|   |   |            |   |   |   | ,                               | Cod  | e                   | V A                      | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price   |  |  |                                      | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)   | •  |             |
| Common  | Stock   |            | 06/08/2021  |   |   |                                 | A  |                     |                          | 1,000   | A  | \$ 0  | 111,   | 818                                    |                                      |  | D  |             |
|   |   |            | Table II -  | Derivati  |   |                                 |  | in<br>di:<br>uired, | this f<br>splay<br>Dispo | orm are<br>s a curi   | e not re<br>ently v  | equired<br>valid O<br>ficially  | d to re  | espond<br>ontrol n                     | unless the                           | ion contain<br>form  | cu bec   | 1474 (9-02) |
| Derivative<br>Security  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. 5. Nu f Transaction of De Code Secur (Instr. 8) Acqu or Dis of (D) (Instr. 8)  |   | 5. Numl<br>of Deriv<br>Securiti | mber rivative Expiration (Month/sposed ) . 3, 4, |                     | ate Exe                  | exercisable and   |  | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                      |  | g                                      | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | Owners<br>Form of<br>Derivati<br>Security<br>Direct (<br>or Indire | (Instr. 4)  |
|   |   |            |   | Code  | V | (A)                             | (D)  | Date<br>Exerc       |                          | Expira<br>Date  | tion   | Title   |  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                      | (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4  | )           |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                                 | \$ 13.80  | 06/08/2021 |   | A   |   | 17,500                          |  |                     | (2)                      | 06/07   | //2031   | Comi<br>Sto   |  | 17,500                                 | \$ 0                                 | 17,500   | D  |             |

### **Reporting Owners**

|   | Relationships |              |         |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| Gallagher Carol Giltner<br>C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.<br>611 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 900<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | X             |              |         |       |  |  |

## **Signatures**

| /s/ David Tucker, Attorney-in-Fact | 06/09/2021 |  |  |
|------------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| **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).
- These restricted stock units shall vest on the earlier of June 8, 2022 or the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service.
- (2) The option shall vest on the earlier of June 8, 2022 or the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service.

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