

# 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>Turner Heather D                                |  | 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>____ Director<br>____ 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) EVP, General Counsel & Sec.<br>____ Other (specify below) |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC., 611 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 900 |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/06/2017                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| (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>____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                                 |  |

**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) | 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                    | 02/06/2017                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 49,500<br>(1)                                                     | A          | \$ 0  | 98,357                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |

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) |
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|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V |                                                                                         | (A)                                                      | (D) |                                                               |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                                                  |                                                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                           | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                                          | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Turner Heather D<br>C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.<br>611 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 900<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 |               |           | EVP, General Counsel & Sec. |       |

## Signatures

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| /s/ Tina Gullotta, Attorney-in-Fact for Heather D. Turner | 02/08/2017 |
| 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) These restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continuous service.

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