

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 Person * MCGRATH JOHN		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ATRA]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ EVP & Chief Financial Officer	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 611 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 900		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2018			
(Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)		Table 1 - 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	01/11/2018		S(1)		3,500	D	\$ 20.77 (2)	93,154	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2018		M(1)		30,000	A	\$ 11	123,154	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2018		S(1)		3,500	D	\$ 22.32 (3)	119,654	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2018		S(1)		30,000	D	\$ 25 (4)	89,654	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11	01/12/2018		M(1)			30,000	(5)	10/14/2021	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 0	10,000	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCGRATH JOHN 611 GATEWAY BOULEVARD SUITE 900 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080			EVP & Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Kim Merritt, Attorney-in-Fact for John F. McGrath, Jr. 01/12/2018
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) Transaction pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 Plan adopted July 6, 2016.

(2) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$20.70 to \$20.925. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

(3) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$22.15 to \$22.35. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

(4) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$25.00 to \$25.025. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

(5) 1/48th of the shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable each month following October 15, 2014.

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