

# 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		
611 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 900			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2018					
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)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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	02/15/2018		S(1)		6,500	D	\$ 46.77 (2)	99,056	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M		5,132	A	\$ 0 (3)	104,188	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		F(4)		2,926	D	\$ 47.05	101,262	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2018		S(1)		4,000	D	\$ 46.93 (5)	97,262	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2018		S(1)		2,500	D	\$ 48.08 (6)	94,762	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units	(7)	02/15/2018		M		5,132	(8)(9)	(10)	Common Stock	5,132	\$ 0	0	I	See footnote (1)

## 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/ David Tucker, Attorney-in-Fact for John F. McGrath, Jr.	02/20/2018
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 \$46.50 to \$47.25. 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) Shares issued upon settlement of vested restricted stock units ("RSUs").

(4) Shares withheld to cover tax obligation from settlement of vested restricted stock units.

(5) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$46.65 to \$47.15. 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.

(6) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$47.70 to \$48.325. 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.

(7) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock or a cash settlement.

(8) The RSUs were granted with both (a) a liquidity event-based vesting condition and (b) a service-based vesting condition, both of which conditions must be satisfied in order for the RSUs to vest. The liquidity event-based condition was satisfied upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering (the "IPO"). The shares that vested on the closing date of the IPO, and the shares that vested thereafter through May 15, 2015, were settled on May 15, 2015. The service-based vesting condition provides that 25% of the total number of shares on January 6, 2015 and 1/48th of the total number of shares monthly thereafter, subject to the holder's continuous service through each such date.

(9) Fully vested.

(10) The earlier of (i) December 12, 2020 or (ii) the recipient's termination date.

(11) The shares are held by the David B. Horowitz and John McGrath Jr. Revocable Living Trust dated 6/3/11, of which the Reporting Person is trustee.

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