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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 Perso<br>Fust Matthew K              | 2. Issuer Name <b>an</b><br>Atara Biotherape |  |             | •••    | ool                    | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director 10% Owner |   |  |  |                         |
| (Last) (First)<br>C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTIC<br>GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUIT | S, INC., 611                                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/15/2018                   |             |        |                        |  |   | Officer (give title below)O  | Other (specify be                                      | low)                    |
| (Street)<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 9                                 |  | 4. If Amendment, D   | ate Origina | l File | d(Month/D              | ay/Year)   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form 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<br>(Instr. 3)                                     | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)   | Execution Date, if   | (Instr. 8)  |        | (A) or D<br>(Instr. 3, | (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>(A) or  |   | 5. Amount of Securities<br>Beneficially Owned Following<br>Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) | Beneficial<br>Ownership |
| Common Stock  | 02/15/2018                                   |  | Code<br>M   | V      | Amount 1,603           | Α  | Price<br>\$ 0<br>(1)  | 32,106   | (Instr. 4)<br>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

| ( <i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |            |  |                    |      |     |  |   |  |                    |   |  |                                      |  |  |            |
|---|------------|--|--------------------|------|-----|--|---|--|--------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|------------|
| -   | Conversion | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Code | ion | of<br>Der<br>Secu<br>Acq<br>(A)<br>Disp<br>of (I | ivative<br>urities<br>uired<br>or<br>posed<br>D)<br>tr. 3, 4, | ber 6. Date Exercisable 7.<br>and Expiration Date A<br>tive (Month/Day/Year) U<br>ties Steed (I:<br>ed |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying |  | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect | Beneficial |
|   |            |  |                    | Code |     | (A)  |   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                      |  |  |            |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units  | <u>(2)</u> | 02/15/2018                                 |                    | М    |     |  | 1,603   | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>         | Common<br>Stock                         | 1,603                                  | \$ 0                                 | 534  | D  |            |

## **Reporting Owners**

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

# Signatures

| /s/ David Tucker, Attorney-in-Fact for Matthew K. Fust | 02/20/2018 |
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| **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) Shares issued upon settlement of vested restricted stock units.

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

The restricted stock units ("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 (3) 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 March 14, 2015 and 1/48th of the total number of shares monthly thereafter, subject to the holder's continuous service through each such date.

(4) The earlier of (i) March 27, 2021 or (ii) the recipient's termination date.

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#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, as a Section 16 reporting person of Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints John McGrath, David Tucker, Nimit Arora, Heather Turner, and Kim Merritt the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact to:

1. Complete and execute Forms 3, 4 and 5 and other forms and all amendments thereto as such attorneys-in-fact shall in their discretion determine to be required or advisable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor laws and regulations, as a consequence of the undersigned's ownership, acquisition or disposition of securities of the Company; and

2. Do all acts necessary in order to file such forms with the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange or national association, the Company and such other person or agency as the attorneys-in-fact shall deem appropriate.

The undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended).

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

The undersigned hereby terminates all prior powers of attorney regarding the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of December 7, 2017.

Signature: /s/ Matthew Fust Matthew Fust