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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| (Print or Typ | e Responses | s) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- Newell Joe | | | | 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 | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC., 611 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 900 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2018 | | | | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Tech. Operations Officer | | | | | |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X. Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (D) Owned Follow | | | | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | Cod | e V | Amou | (A) or (D) | Price | ice | | (| or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | 11/01/2018 | | | M ⁽¹ | J | 1,500 | A | \$ 20.4 | 33,358 | |] | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | 11/01/2018 | | | S(1 |) | 1,500 | D | \$ 35 | 31,858 | | 1 | D | | |
| | | | | e.g., puts, | calls, w | arrants, | conta form ired, Dis options, | ined i displa posed o conver | n this for ys a curr of, or Ben tible secu | rm are r rently v eficially rities) | alid OMB c | d to respo ontrol nur | nd unless t | he | 1474 (9-02) | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | | ransaction of Code Derivary (Instr. 8) Code Acq (A) Disp of (I | | rivative curities quired) or sposed (D) str. 3, 4, | urities puired or posed D) tr. 3, 4, | | ; | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security Direct (I or Indire | Ownersh (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | V (A | (D) | Date Exercisa | | piration te | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.4 | 11/01/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,500 | (2) | 04. | /03/2024 | Comn | . 11.500 | \$ 0 | 74,000 | D | | |
| Repor | ting O | wners | | | | | | | | | · | | | | · | |
| | | N / 1 1 2 | | | R | elations | hips | | | | | | | | | |
| Reporting Owner Name / Address Director | | | | | | | Other | | | | | | | | | |
| 611 GATI | RA BIOTH EWAY BL | IERAPEUTICS, VD., SUITE 900 ICISCO, CA 940 |) | | Ch | ief Tecl | ı. Opera | tions (| Officer | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ David Tucker, Attorney-in-Fact for Joe Newell

**Signature of Reporting Person

Signatures

- * 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).

11/02/2018 Date

- (1) Transaction pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 Plan adopted May 29, 2018.
- (2) 25% of the shares shall vest one year from April 3, 2017, and the remaining shares shall vest in 36 equal monthly installment thereafter, subject to the reporting person's continuous service.

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