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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Koppikar Utpal | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ATRA] | | | | | | | | 5 | 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) 05/18/2020 | | | | | | | | X Office | er (give title belo Chie | ow) f Financial (| Other (specify Officer | below) | | |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City |) | (State) | (Zip) | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | equir | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Exec | , | | Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquir (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (I | (D) Benefici Reported | | ant of Securities ially Owned Following d Transaction(s) | | 6. Ownership Form: | Beneficial | | |
| | | | | (Month/Day/Yea | | i cai) | | ode | V | Amoun | (A) or (D) | Prio | | (Instr. 3 a | iliu 4) | | | Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | 05/18/2020 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | (1) | | 1,428 | D | \$ 11.2 (2) | 22 | 137,375 (3) | | | D | | | |
| Tellimaer. | report on a . | separate line is | or each class of secu Table II - | Deriv | ative Se | curit | ies Ac | equire | Pers cont the f | sons whatained if form dis | no respo n this fo splays a | orm a cui | are rren cially | not requ tly valid | | ormation spond unle rol numbe | ss | 1474 (9-02) | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Day Month/Day/Year) any | | 4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8) | | 5. | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7 A U S | 7. Tit Amou Jnde Secur | tle and unt of orlying rities : 3 and | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction ((Instr. 4) | Owners Form of Derivat Securit Direct of Or India | f Benefici Ownersh (y: (D) ect | | |
| | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exe | e rcisable | Expirati Date | ion T | Γitle | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | | |
| Koppikar Utpal C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC. 611 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 900 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | | | Chief Financial Officer | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ David Tucker, Attorney-in-Fact for Utpal Koppikar | 05/20/2020 |
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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 sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 arrangement to satisfy tax obligations in connection with the vesting of previously granted Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) The sale price of the reporting person's shares represents the weighted average price of all shares sold by a broker on May 18, 2020 and May 19, 2020 on behalf of a group of employees of the Issuer to satisfy the payment of withholding tax liability of such employees.
- (3) Includes 817 shares issued on May 31, 2019 and 656 shares issued on November 29, 2019 pursuant to the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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