## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Yarema Kristin                                    |   |                                      |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ATRA] |       |                 |                                      |  |                            |                               | 5                                       | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner  |  |  |   |                               |             |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS,<br>INC., 611 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 900 |   |                                      |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2021                       |       |                 |                                      |  |                            |                               |   | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chief Commercial Officer  |  |  |   |                               |             |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080  |   |                                      |  | 4. If A  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                              |       |                 |                                      |  |                            |                               |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  _X_Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |   |                               |             |
| (City   | )   | (State)                              | (Zip)  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |       |                 |                                      |  |                            |                               | Owned                                   |   |  |  |   |                               |             |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)   |   |                                      | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)   | Execu<br>any   | ,   | ĺ     | Code (Instr. 8) |                                      | (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                            | of (E                         | (D) Benefici<br>Reported                |   | unt of Securities<br>ially Owned Following<br>d Transaction(s) |  | Ownership<br>Form:                                  | Beneficial                    |             |
|   |   |                                      |  | (Month/Day/Year)   |   | Co    | ode             | V Amount (A) or (D) Price            |  |                            | or (I                         |   |   | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4)                 | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |   |                               |             |
| Common  | Common Stock 05/18/2021   |                                      |  |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>  |       |                 | 761                                  | D                                      | \$<br>14.5<br>(2)          | 55                            | 91,528                                  |   |  | D  |   |                               |             |
| Kellinder.  | Report on a s   | separate fine i                      | or each class of secu<br>Table II -          | Deriva   | ative Se  | curit | ies Ac          | equire                               | Pers<br>cont<br>the t                  | sons whatained if form dis | no resp<br>n this f<br>splays | orm a                                   | are<br>rrent  | not requ<br>tly valid  |  | ormation<br>spond unle<br>rol numbe                 | ss                            | 1474 (9-02) |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transactic<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/ | on 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Day<br>(Year) any | 4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8)   |   | 5.    |                 | and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |  |                            | 7<br>A<br>U<br>S              | Titi<br>Amou<br>Inder<br>Secur<br>Instr | cle and<br>unt of<br>orlying<br>rities<br>: 3 and   | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                           | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction ((Instr. 4) | Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct ( or Indire | Beneficial Ownersh (Instr. 4) |             |
|   |   |                                      |  |  | Code  | V     | (A)             | (D)                                  | Date                                   | -                          | Expirati<br>Date              | ion T                                   | itle  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                         |  |   |                               |             |

# **Reporting Owners**

|  | Relationships |              |                          |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer                  | Other |  |  |  |  |
| Yarema Kristin<br>C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.<br>611 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 900<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 |               |              | Chief Commercial Officer |       |  |  |  |  |

### **Signatures**

| /s/ David Tucker, Attorney-in-Fact for Kristin Yarema | 05/20/2021 |  |  |
|---|------------|--|--|
| **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, 2021 and May 19, 2021 on behalf of a group of employees of the Issuer to satisfy the payment of withholding tax liability of such employees.

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