

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 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) <div><div><div>Director</div><div>10% Owner</div></div><div><div>X Officer (give title below)</div><div>Other (specify below)</div></div></div> <div>Chief Operations Officer</div>				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC., 611 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 900		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2021						
(Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <div><div>X Form filed by One Reporting Person</div><div>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div></div>				
(City) (State) (Zip)		Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
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)
			<div>Code</div>	<div>V</div>	<div>Amount</div>	<div>(A) or (D)</div>	<div>Price</div>	
Common Stock	08/17/2021		S(1)		2,426	D	\$12,532(2)	126,545
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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)
				<div>Code</div>	<div>V</div>	<div>(A)</div>	<div>(D)</div>	<div>Date Exercisable</div>	<div>Expiration Date</div>	<div>Title</div>	<div>Amount or Number of Shares</div>		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Newell Joe C/O ATARA BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC. 611 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 900 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080			Chief Operations Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Nimit Arora, Attorney-in-Fact for Joe Newell		08/19/2021
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 August 17, 2021 and August 18, 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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