

MCGRATH JOHN  
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**FORM 4**

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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MCGRATH JOHN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

611 GATEWAY  
BOULEVARD, SUITE 900

(Street)

SOUTH SAN  
FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ATRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

01/11/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EVP & Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/11/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,500	D	\$ 20.77 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	01/12/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>		30,000	A	\$ 11
Common Stock	01/12/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,500	D	\$ 22.32 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	01/12/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		30,000	D	\$ 25 <sup>(4)</sup>

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11	01/12/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>	30,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 10/14/2021	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCGRATH JOHN 611 GATEWAY BOULEVARD SUITE 900 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080			EVP & Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Kim Merritt, Attorney-in-Fact for John F. McGrath, Jr. 01/12/2018

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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) Transaction pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 Plan adopted July 6, 2016.

The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$20.70 to \$20.925. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

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The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$22.15 to \$22.35. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

(4) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$25.00 to \$25.025. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

(5) 1/48th of the shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable each month following October 15, 2014.

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