

MCGRATH JOHN  
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**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 \*  
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)  
02/15/2018

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	02/15/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>	6,500 D	\$ 46.77 (2)	99,056	D
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M	5,132 A	\$ 0 (3)	104,188	D
Common Stock	02/15/2018		F <sup>(4)</sup>	2,926 D	\$ 47.05	101,262	D
Common Stock	02/16/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,000 D	\$ 46.93 (5)	97,262	D



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(2) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$46.50 to \$47.25. 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.

(3) Shares issued upon settlement of vested restricted stock units ("RSUs").

(4) Shares withheld to cover tax obligation from settlement of vested restricted stock units.

(5) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$46.65 to \$47.15. 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.

(6) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$47.70 to \$48.325. 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.

(7) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock or a cash settlement.

(8) The RSUs were granted with both (a) a liquidity event-based vesting condition and (b) a service-based vesting condition, both of which conditions must be satisfied in order for the RSUs to vest. The liquidity event-based condition was satisfied upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering (the "IPO"). The shares that vested on the closing date of the IPO, and the shares that vested thereafter through May 15, 2015, were settled on May 15, 2015. The service-based vesting condition provides that 25% of the total number of shares on January 6, 2015 and 1/48th of the total number of shares monthly thereafter, subject to the holder's continuous service through each such date.

(9) Fully vested.

(10) The earlier of (i) December 12, 2020 or (ii) the recipient's termination date.

(11) The shares are held by the David B. Horowitz and John McGrath Jr. Revocable Living Trust dated 6/3/11, of which the Reporting Person is trustee.

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