Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.

Form 4

February 18, 2016

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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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Soffer Gad

> (Last) (First) (Middle)

701 GATEWAY

BOULEVARD, SUITE 200

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ATRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below) below)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	rivative S	ecuri	ties Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			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)
Common Stock	02/16/2016		Code V M	Amount 9,615	(D)	Price \$ 0 (1)	130,075	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2016		M	4,146	A	\$ 0 (1)	134,221	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2016		S(2)(3)	1,928	D	\$ 16.07 (4)	132,293	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2016		S(2)(3)	3,783	D	\$ 17.13 (5)	128,510	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op for 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. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	02/16/2016		M	9,615	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock	9,615	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	02/16/2016		M	4,146	<u>(9)</u>	(10)	Common Stock	4,146	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Soffer Gad

701 GATEWAY BOULEVARD SUITE 200

Chief Operating Officer

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

Signatures

/s/ Tina Gullotta, Attorney-in-Fact for Gad

Soffer 02/18/2016

**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 issued upon settlement of vested restricted stock units ("RSUs").
- (2) Transaction pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 Plan adopted May 14, 2015.

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- (3) Shares sold to cover tax liability from settlement of RSUs.
- The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$15.68 to \$16.4817. 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.
- The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$16.80 to \$17.64. 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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock or a cash settlement.
 - 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 March 25, 2014 and 1/48th of the total number of shares monthly thereafter, subject to the holder's continuous service through each such date.
- (8) The earlier of (i) March 13, 2020 or (ii) the recipient's termination date.
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- (9) 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 1/48th of the total number of shares shall vest monthly from January 10, 2014, subject to the holder's continuous service through each such date.
- (10) The earlier of (i) January 10, 2021 or (ii) the recipient's termination date.

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