

Soffer Gad  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Soffer Gad

(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)

08/15/2017

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 Strategy Officer

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2017                           |                                                    | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 7,000 D                                                           | \$ 15 257,409                                                                                 | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2017                           |                                                    | M                              | 4,145 A                                                           | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup> 261,554                                                                   | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/16/2017                           |                                                    | S <sup>(3)</sup>               | 2,464 D                                                           | \$ 14.53 <sup>(4)</sup> 259,090                                                               | D                                                        |                                   |

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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                              | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (5)                                                    | 08/15/2017                           |                                                    | M                              | 4,145                                                                                   | (6)                                                      | (7)                                                           | Common Stock                       | 4,145                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                    | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Soffer Gad<br>611 GATEWAY BOULEVARD<br>SUITE 900<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 |               |           | EVP & Chief Strategy Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Tina Gullotta, Attorney-in-Fact for Gad Soffer  
 08/17/2017  
 \*\*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 September 26, 2016.
- (2) Shares issued upon settlement of vested restricted stock units ("RSUs").
- (3) Shares sold to cover tax liability from settlement of RSUs.
- (4) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The prices actually received ranged from \$14.30 to \$14.85. 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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock or a cash settlement.

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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

(6) 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.

(7) The earlier of (i) January 10, 2021 or (ii) the recipient's termination date.

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