

ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Form 4

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**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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
St Peter Steven

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC.  
[PETX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/13/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

C/O ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC., 11400 TOMAHAWK CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 340

(Street)

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

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

LEAWOOD, KS 66211

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/13/2017                           |  | A                              | V   | 139,900   | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 682,693   | D  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 86,997  | I  | By LLC <sup>(1)</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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 8.02  | 01/13/2017                           |  | A                              | 185,000   | (2) 01/12/2027   |   | Common Stock | 185,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| St Peter Steven<br>C/O ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC.<br>11400 TOMAHAWK CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 340<br>LEAWOOD, KS 66211 | X             |           | PRESIDENT AND CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John C. Ayres as Attorney-in-Fact for Steven St. Peter  
01/17/2017

\*\*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) Held in the name of Vie Venture LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Vie Venture"). The Reporting Person has sole voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Vie Venture, but disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held thereby except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Vests as to 25% of the total number of shares (rounded down to the nearest whole share) on January 29, 2018 and as to an additional 1/48th of the total number of shares (rounded down to the nearest whole share) on the same day of each of the 36 successive calendar months thereafter, such that the stock option shall be vested as to all shares on January 29, 2021, subject to continued service with the Issuer through the applicable vesting dates.

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