

ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

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 *
STEPHANUS JULIA A

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/22/2016

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER

LEAWOOD, KS 66211

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	01/22/2016		A		27,500	A	\$ 0
					157,503	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)

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.14	01/22/2016		A	45,000	(1) 01/21/2026	Common Stock	45,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEPHANUS JULIA A C/O ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 11400 TOMAHAWK CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 340 LEAWOOD, KS 66211			CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER	

Signatures

/s/ John C. Ayres as Attorney-in-Fact for Julia A. Stephanus

 **Signature of Reporting Person

01/26/2016

 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) Vests as to 25% of the total number of shares (rounded down to the nearest whole share) on January 29, 2017 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, 2020, subject to continued service with the Issuer through the applicable vesting dates.

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