

ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC.
Form SC 13D/A
August 20, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT

TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO

§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 3)¹

Aratana Therapeutics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

03874P101

(CUSIP Number)

glenn w. welling

engaged capital, llc

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

August 16, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box “.

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1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person’s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see the Notes*).

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3	SEC USE ONLY
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The following constitutes Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 3"). This Amendment No. 3 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The Shares purchased by Engaged Capital Flagship Master and held in the Engaged Capital Account were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business). The aggregate purchase price of the 3,500,530 Shares beneficially owned by Engaged Capital Flagship Master is approximately \$17,178,977, including brokerage commissions. The aggregate purchase price of the 373,881 Shares held in the Engaged Capital Account is approximately \$1,844,862, including brokerage commissions.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Items 5(a) and (c) are hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 47,671,117 Shares outstanding as of July 30, 2018, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as reported in the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 3, 2018.

As of the close of business on August 20, 2018, Engaged Capital Flagship Master beneficially owned 3,500,530 Shares, constituting approximately 7.3% of the Shares outstanding. Each of Engaged Capital Fund and Engaged Capital Offshore, as feeder funds of Engaged Capital Flagship Master, may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,500,530 Shares owned by Engaged Capital Flagship Master, constituting approximately 7.3% of the Shares outstanding.

As of the close of business on August 20, 2018, 373,881 Shares were held in the Engaged Capital Account, constituting less than 1% of the Shares outstanding.

Engaged Capital, as the general partner and investment adviser of Engaged Capital Flagship Master and the investment adviser of the Engaged Capital Account, may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,874,411 Shares owned in the aggregate by Engaged Capital Flagship Master and held in the Engaged Capital Account, constituting approximately 8.1% of the Shares outstanding. Engaged Holdings, as the managing member of Engaged Capital, may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,874,411 Shares owned in the aggregate by Engaged Capital Flagship Master and held in the Engaged Capital Account, constituting approximately 8.1% of the Shares outstanding. Mr. Welling, as the Founder and CIO of Engaged Capital and sole member of Engaged Holdings, may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,874,411 Shares owned in the aggregate by Engaged Capital Flagship Master and held in the Engaged Capital Account, constituting approximately 8.1% of the Shares outstanding.

(c) Schedule A annexed hereto lists all transactions in securities of the Issuer by the Reporting Persons since the filing of Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D. All of such transactions were effected in the open market.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 20, 2018

Engaged Capital Flagship Master Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling

Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Flagship
Fund, Ltd.

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Director

Engaged Capital, LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling

Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Holdings,
LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Sole Member

/s/ Glenn W. Welling
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SCHEDULE A

Transactions in Securities of the Issuer Since the Filing of Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D

<u>Nature of the Transaction</u>	<u>Securities</u>	<u>Price Per Share (\$)</u>	<u>Date of Purchase / Sale</u>
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Engaged Capital Flagship Master Fund, LP

Purchase of Common Stock	19,569	5.0174	08/08/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	4,124	5.0416	08/09/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	17,300	5.1173	08/10/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	77,800	5.1176	08/13/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	89,214	5.1187	08/14/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	182,067	5.0112	08/15/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	67,762	5.1862	08/16/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	63,309	5.0297	08/17/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	12,939	5.0490	08/20/2018

Engaged Capital, LLC

(Through the Engaged Capital Account)

Purchase of Common Stock	22,500	5.0416	08/09/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	42,700	5.1173	08/10/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	17,433	5.0112	08/15/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	7,238	5.1862	08/16/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	6,762	5.0297	08/17/2018
Purchase of Common Stock	1,382	5.0490	08/20/2018