FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person $^*$ Lewis Michael E						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [ CARA ]								Check	all applic Directo	able)	g Pers	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 1 PARROTT DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2014								X	below)				poony	
(Street) SHELTON CT 06434  (City) (State) (Zip)					4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								. Indivine)	·					
		Tal	ole I - Nor	ı-Deri	vativ	e Se	curi	ties Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	nefici	ally	Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date					ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s ally following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) o	r Price	e	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 02/05/					)5/201	2014		C <sup>(1)</sup>		40,000	0 A	\$0	.00	362,250			D			
Common Stock 02/05/						/2014			C <sup>(2)</sup>		3,572	. A	\$0	.00	365,822		D			
			Table II -								osed of, onvertil				wned				•	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day	ate,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		е	of Securi Underlyi Derivativ	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported	i i illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
				С	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares	er		Transaction (Instr. 4)				
Series A Preferred Stock	(1)	02/05/2014			С			100,000	(1)		(1)	Common Stock	40,00	00	\$0.00	0		D		
Series D Preferred	(2)	02/05/2014			С			8.931	(2)		(2)	Common	3,57	2	\$0.00	0		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The Series A Preferred Stock held by the reporting person automatically converted on a 1-for-2.5 basis into shares of common stock upon the closing of the issuer's initial public offering.
- 2. The Series D Preferred Stock held by the reporting person automatically converted on a 1-for-2.5 basis into shares of common stock upon the closing of the issuer's initial public offering.

## Remarks:

Stock

/s/Darren DeStefano, Attorneyin-Fact <u>02/05/2014</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Da

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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