FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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Instruction 1(b).	Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  von Moltke Lisa					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Cara Therapeutics, Inc.</u> [ CARA ]							eck all applic	cable) or	Person(s) to Is	wner	
	RA THERA	APEUTICS, INC			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2023							Officer below)	(give title	Other below)	specify	
107 ELM STREET, 4 STAMFORD PLAZA				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) STAMFO	ORD C	Т	06902									Y Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(S	state)	(Zip)													
		Tab	le I - Non-D	Derivativ	e Se	curities	s Acc	quired, Di	sposed c	f, or Be	neficiall	y Owned				
Date			Transaction ate Ionth/Day/Y	Execution Date,		Date,	Code (Instr. 5)			Beneficia	s ally ollowing	Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
							Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)		
		•	Гаble II - De (e.					uired, Dis , options,				Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	e (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: y Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.74	01/02/2023		A		45,841		(1)	01/02/2033	Common Stock	45,841	\$0.00	45,841	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The shares shall vest and become exercisable in twelve (12) equal quarterly installments beginning on November 1, 2022, in each case subject to the Reporting Person's continued service as of each such date.

## Remarks:

/s/ Darren DeStefano, Attorney- 01/19/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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