Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT O	F CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Shiff Susan Ph.D.					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [ CARA ]							5. Rel (Chec X	k all applic Directo	able) r	g Pers	son(s) to Iss 10% Ov	ner		
(Last)	•	irst) .PEUTICS, INC	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/26/2020									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify
4 STAMFORD PLAZA, 107 ELM STREET, 9TH F.				TH FL	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street)	ORD C	Γ	06902								X	,							
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
Date			2. Transa Date (Month/D	Execution Date,		Code (In	Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) Code (Instr. 5)		ed (A) o	4 and Securitie Beneficia		es Form ally (D) o Following (I) (Ir		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
						Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Pric	се	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ction(s)			,,,,,			
	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  (Instr. 3)  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			ate, Ti	ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		ive ies ed ed nstr.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)				ies g Secur	Derivative Security		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$17.03	06/26/2020			A		38,000		(1)	0	6/26/2030	Common Stock	38,0	00	\$0.00	38,00	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option shall vest and become exercisable in twelve (12) equal quarterly installments beginning on September 26, 2020 such that the option will be fully vested and exercisable on June 26, 2023, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service to the Issuer on each such date.

## Remarks:

/s/ Alison Haggerty, Attorneyin-Fact

06/30/2020

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).
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