## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			or Section So(ii) of the investment Company Act of 1940				
1	ess of Reporting Pera rederique Ph.D		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [ CARA ]		ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director Officer (give title	rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 4 STAMFORD PLAZA, 107 ELM ST, 9TH FLOOR		NC.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2019		below) below) Sr VP-Research & Development		
(Street) STAMFORD (City)	CT (State)	06902 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filir Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More tha Person	porting Person	

### 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)	Code (Ins		Disposed Of	Acquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	02/28/2019		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		1,500	D	\$17.5	142,779	D	

 

 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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	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)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 19, 2018.

Remarks:

#### /s/Darren DeStefano, Attorney-03/04/2019

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $\ast$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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