# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)\*

# Cara Therapeutics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

## Common Stock, par value \$0.0001

(Title of Class of Securities)

## 140755109

(CUSIP Number)

#### December 31, 2020

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

**⊠** Rule 13d-1(b)

o Rule 13d-1(c)

o Rule 13d-1(d)

\*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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in 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).

	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS					
1	First Manhattan Co.					
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) 0 (b) x					
3	SEC USE ONLY					
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION					
4	New York					
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER  3,099,096			
S BEN	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		SHARED VOTING POWER  113,700			
RE			SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,099,096			
			SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 113,700			
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,212,796					
10	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES 0					
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 6.45%					
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON BD, IA					

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Item 1.	(a) Name of Issuer	_	
	Cara Therapeutics, Inc.		
Item 1.	(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Ex	xecutive Offices	
	4 Stamford Plaza		
	107 Elm Street, 9th Floor		
	Stamford, Connecticut 06902		
Item 2.	(a) Name of Person Filing:		
	First Manhattan Co.		
Item 2.	(b) Address of Principal Business C	Office:	
	399 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022		
Item 2.	(c) Citizenship:		
	New York		
Item 2.	(d) Title of Class of Securities		
	Common Stock, par value \$0.000	l	
Item 2.	(e) CUSIP No.:		
	140755109		
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Item 3.	If this statement is filed pursuant t		
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Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,212,796
- (b) Percent of class: 6.45%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 3,099,096
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 113,700
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 3,099,096
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 113,700

#### Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

# Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable.

# Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not Applicable.

# Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable.

# **Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**

Not Applicable.

#### Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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# **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 16, 2021

First Manhattan Co.

By: /s/ Thomas Kennedy

Thomas Kennedy, Chief Compliance Officer