

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Vifor (International) Ltd</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>RECHENSTRASSE 37</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>CH-9014</u> <u>ST. V8</u> <u>GALLEN</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/20/2021</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [ CARA ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	7,396,770	I	See Notes <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
Vifor (International) Ltd  


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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
Vifor Pharma Ltd.  


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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal  
Pharma Ltd.

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**Explanation of Responses:**

1. In addition to Vifor (International) Ltd., an entity formed under the laws of Switzerland ("Vifor (International)"), this Form 3 is being filed by Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma Ltd., an entity formed under the laws of Switzerland ("VFMCRP"), and Vifor Pharma Ltd., an entity formed under the laws of Switzerland ("Vifor Pharma" and together with Vifor and VFMCRP, the "Reporting Persons"). The business addresses for each of the Reporting Persons are listed above. Each of the Reporting Persons may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in securities reported by it on this Form 3 (the "Subject Securities").

2. VFMCRP's beneficial ownership of the common stock referred to herein is being reported solely because VFMCRP may be deemed to beneficially own 6,221,943 shares of Common Stock of Cara Therapeutics, Inc. as a result of its right to acquire such shares upon exercise of an option granted to it by Vifor (International). Vifor Pharma's beneficial ownership of the common stock referred to herein is being reported solely because Vifor Pharma may be deemed to beneficially own 7,396,770 shares of Common Stock of Cara Therapeutics, Inc. as a result of its indirect ownership of 100% of the equity interests of Vifor (International) and 55% of the equity interests of VFMCRP.

3. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims any beneficial ownership of any of the Subject Securities, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

**Remarks:**

VIFOR  
(INTERNATIONAL)  
LTD., By: /s/ Georg Frey,  
Title: Head Legal 10/21/2021  
Corporate, By: /s/ Markus  
Frenzen, Title: Group  
Treasurer

VIFOR PHARMA LTD.,  
By: /s/ Georg Frey, Title:  
Head Legal Corporate, By: 10/21/2021  
/s/ Markus Frenzen, Title:  
Group Treasurer

VIFOR FRESENIUS  
MEDICAL CARE  
RENAL PHARMA LTD.,  
By: /s/ Georg Frey, Title: 10/21/2021  
Head Legal Corporate, By:  
/s/ Markus Frenzen, Title:  
Group Treasurer

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 5 (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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