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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>VOGELBAUM MARTIN</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>C/O RHO VENTURES</b><br><b>152 WEST 57TH STREET, 23RD FLOOR</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>NEW YORK NY 10019</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [ CARA ]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>06/01/2023</b>                  |   |
|  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               |   |

**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) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |        | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/01/2023                           |  | A                              |   | 64,724 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A          | \$0.00 | 109,712   | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 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 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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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$3.09   | 06/01/2023                           |  | A                              |   | 89,923   |     | (2)  | 06/01/2033      | Common Stock  | 89,923                                     | \$0.00   | 89,923  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents the number of shares underlying restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's non-employee director compensation policy. Each RSU represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer. The RSUs vest on the earlier of (i) June 1, 2024 and (ii) immediately prior to the Issuer's next annual meeting of stockholders following the grant date, in each case, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service as a director through such date.
- This option was granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's non-employee director compensation policy. The shares underlying the option vest and become exercisable on the earlier of (i) June 1, 2024 and (ii) immediately prior to the Issuer's next annual meeting of stockholders following the grant date, in each case, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service as a director through such date.

**Remarks:**

/s/Darren DeStefano, Attorney-in-Fact 06/05/2023

\*\* 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 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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