March 8, 2022

Christopher Posner Chief Executive Officer Cara Therapeutics, Inc. 4 Stamford Plaza 107 Elm Street, 9th Floor Stamford, Connecticut 06902

Re: Cara Therapeutics,

Inc.

Registration

Statement on Form S-3

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Dear Mr. Posner:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

 $\,$  Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you

that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their  $\,$ 

disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Michael Davis at 202-551-4385 or Celeste Murphy at 202-551-3257 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance

Office of Life Sciences

cc: Darren DeStefano