FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/28/2019	- ^A below) below) Sec'y; Chief Compliance & G.C.
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/28/2019

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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Disposed Of (5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/28/2019		A		8,333(1)	A	\$0.00	14,719	D	
Common Stock	05/29/2019		S ⁽²⁾		2,303 ⁽³⁾	D	\$21.38(4)	12,416	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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/Y	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. Represents the number of shares that vested under a performance-based restricted stock unit award (the "RSU") based on the Issuer's satisfaction of certain performance criteria of the award. In light of the performance-based vesting conditions of the award, such shares were not reportable under Section 16 until vesting was determined, which occurred on May 28, 2019. The vested shares represent one-third of the total number of shares subject to the award, and the remaining shares subject to the award will vest only upon the satisfaction of additional performance vesting criteria. Each RSU represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer.

2. This sale was effected pursuant to a "sell to cover" arrangement adopted by the Reporting Person in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 on September 6, 2018 to satisfy the tax withholding obligations triggered by the vesting and of the RSUs reported herein as described in greater detail in footnote (1), and does not represent a discretionary trade by the Reporting Person.

3. Represents the number of shares required to be sold by the Reporting Person to cover tax withholding as described in footnote (2).

4. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.25 to \$21.55, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (4) to this Form 4.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Darren DeStefano,</u> <u>Attorney-in-Fact</u>

05/30/2019

** 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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