

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Menzaghi Frederique Ph.D. (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC., Â 1 PARROTT DRIVE (Street) SHELTON, Â CT Â 06484 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2014 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP-Research & Development | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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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 | 160,000 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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) Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 07/11/2015 | Common Stock 20,000 \$ 0.25 | D Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 11/07/2017 | Common Stock 20,000 \$ 2.48 | D Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 08/14/2018 | Common Stock 10,000 \$ 2.25 | D Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 10/15/2020 | Common Stock 40,000 \$ 2.05 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Menzaghi Frederique Ph.D. C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 1 PARROTT DRIVE SHELTON, CT 06484 | Â | Â | Â VP-Research & Development | Â |

Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano,
Attorney-in-Fact
01/30/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Immediately exercisable.
- (2) This option vests and becomes exercisable over a four-year period as follows: 25% of the shares underlying the option vested on October 15, 2011 with the remainder vesting in equal monthly installments over the following 36 months.

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Remarks:
 Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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