

CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Symbol	CARA
SIC Code	2834 - Pharmaceutical Preparations
Industry	Biotechnology & Medical Research
Sector	Healthcare
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Menzaghi Frederique Ph.D. (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC., 107 ELM STREET, 9TH FLOOR (Street) STAMFORD, CT 06902 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Sr VP-Research & Development
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">11/7/2017</p>		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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	11/7/2017		M		20000	A	\$2.48	137000	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: 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				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.48	11/7/2017		M		20000		(1)	11/7/2017	Common Stock	20000	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Immediately exercisable.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Menzaghi Frederique Ph.D. C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 107 ELM STREET, 9TH FLOOR STAMFORD, CT 06902			Sr VP-Research & Development	

Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano, Attorney-in-Fact

11/9/2017

**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).

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