

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

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

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)	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).

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(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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