Cara Therapeutics, Inc. Form 4

January 05, 2016 FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Slagel Dean

> (First) (Middle)

> > (Zip)

C/O ESPERANTE **BV., SIRIUSDREEF 22**

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2015

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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Officer (give title

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

Issuer

_X__ Director

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Beneficially Form Owned (D) o	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2015		S <u>(1)</u>	12,776	D	\$ 17 (2)	1,345,562	I	By Esperante BV (3)
Common Stock	01/05/2016		S <u>(1)</u>	31,224	D	\$ 17.01 (4)	1,314,338	I	By Esperante BV (3)

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

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerci	isable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onNumber	Expiration Da	te	Amour	nt of	Derivative	1
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Y	(ear)	Underl	lying	Security	5
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						1
					(A) or						1
					Disposed						-
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									A		
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable Date		Number			
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Slagel Dean C/O ESPERANTE BV, SIRIUSDREEF 22 HOOFDDORP, P7 2132 WT	X						

Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano, Attorney-in-Fact 01/05/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) These sales were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Esperante BV on December 17, 2015 (See Footnote 3 herein).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$17.00 \$17.08, 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 ranges set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.
- These shares are owned by Esperante BV. The Reporting Person is a director of the Issuer and the Managing Director of Esperante BV and, as such, holds voting and/or dispositive power of the shares held by Esperante BV. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$17.00 \$17.14, 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 ranges set forth in footnote (4) to this Form 4.

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