

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BAINS HARRISON M JR**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS,  
 INC., 4 STAMFORD PLAZA, 107  
 ELM STREET

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**06/15/2016**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
  
**STAMFORD, CT 06902**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8.
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Security (Instr. 3) or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)						
		Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.32	06/15/2016	A	15,000	<u>(1)</u>	06/15/2026	Common Stock	15,000			

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAINS HARRISON M JR C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC., 4 STAMFORD PLAZA, 107 ELM STREET STAMFORD, CT 06902	X			

## Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano,  
Attorney-in-Fact

06/17/2016

\*\*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).
- This option was granted to the reporting person pursuant to the issuer's non-employee director compensation policy. The shares
- (1) underlying the option vest and become exercisable on June 15, 2017, subject to the reporting person's continued service as a director through such date.

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