Mohindru Mani Form 4 March 15, 2019

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mohindru Mani

Symbol

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/13/2019

C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS. INC., 4 STAMFORD PLAZA, 107 ELM STREET, 9TH FL

STAMFORD, CT 06902

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

CFO & Chief Strategy Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	n(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	(D) or	Ownership
					Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Reported	(Instr. 4)	

(A)

		Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
Common Stock	03/13/2019	M(1)	16,041	A	\$ 14.06	24,067	D
Common Stock	03/13/2019	S <u>(1)</u>	16,041	D	\$ 19.12	8,026	D

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.06	03/13/2019		M <u>(1)</u>	16,041	(2)	08/15/2027	Common Stock	16,041

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mohindru Mani C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 4 STAMFORD PLAZA,107 ELM STREET, 9TH FL STAMFORD, CT 06902

CFO & Chief Strategy Officer

Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano, Attorney-in-Fact

03/15/2019

**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) This exercise and corresponding sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 7, 2018.
- One-fourth (1/4th) of the 385,000 shares subject to this option vested and became exercisable on August 15, 2018; the balance of the shares shall vest and become exercisable in a series of 36 successive equal monthly installments measured from August 15, 2018, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of each such date.

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