

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.  
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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 \*  
 Slagel Dean

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ESPERANTE AB, PO BOX 30127

(Street)

LIMHAMN, V7 SE-20061

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/05/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by 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. 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	02/05/2014		C <sup>(1)</sup>	80,000	A	\$ 0	1,463,000	I	By Esperante AB <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/05/2014		C <sup>(3)</sup>	84,149	A	\$ 0	1,547,149	I	By Esperante AB <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Derivative 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Series A Preferred Stock	(1)	02/05/2014		C	200,000	(1) (1)	Common Stock	80,000
Series D Preferred Stock	(3)	02/05/2014		C	210,373	(3) (3)	Common Stock	84,149

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Slagel Dean C/O ESPERANTE AB PO BOX 30127 LIMHAMN, V7 SE-20061	X			

## Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/05/2014

\*\*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) The Series A Preferred Stock held by Esperante AB automatically converted on a 1-for-2.5 basis into shares of common stock upon the closing of the issuer's initial public offering.  
These shares are owned by Esperante AB. The reporting person is a director of the issuer and the Managing Director of Esperante AB and, as such, holds voting and/or dispositive power of the shares held by Esperante AB. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) The Series D Preferred Stock held by Esperante AB automatically converted on a 1-for-2.5 basis into shares of common stock upon the closing of the issuer's initial public offering.

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