Cara Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 4 June 10, 2015

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BAINS HARRISON M JR**

> (First) (Middle)

C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS. INC.., 1 PARROTT DRIVE

SHELTON, CT 06484

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/08/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

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

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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

Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	-	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.94	06/08/2015		A		13,500		<u>(1)</u>	06/08/2025	Common Stock	13,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BAINS HARRISON M JR C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC., 1 PARROTT DRIVE SHELTON, CT 06484

X

Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano, Attorney-in-Fact 06/10/2015

**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 8, 2016, subject to the reporting person's continued service as a director through such date

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