

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**

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. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Slagel Dean

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ESPERANTE  
BV,, SIRIUSDREEF 22

(Street)

HOOFFDORP, P7 2132 WT

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2015

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2015		S <sup>(1)</sup>	12,776 D \$ 17 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,345,562	I	By Esperante BV <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	01/05/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>	31,224 D \$ 17.01 <sup>(4)</sup>	1,314,338	I	By Esperante BV <sup>(3)</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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3 and 4)
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### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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  
Date: 01/05/2016

### 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4)

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