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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mohindru Mani

Symbol Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

10% Owner

C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS. INC., 4 STAMFORD PLAZA, 107

ELM STREET, 9TH FL

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/06/2019

Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

CFO & Chief Strategy Officer

(Check all applicable)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

STAMFORD, CT 06902

(Instr. 3)

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

1. Title of Derivative

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.1	03/06/2019		A		75,000		<u>(1)</u>	03/06/2029	Common Stock	75,000

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 03/08/2019

**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).

The shares shall vest and become exercisable in a series of 48 successive equal monthly installments beginning on April 6, 2019, in each
(1) case subject to the Reporting Person's Continuous service (as that term is defined in the Issuer's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan) as of each such date.

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