Cara Therapeutics, Inc. Form 4

January 31, 2014

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Schoell Josef

> (First) (Middle)

C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS.

INC., 1 PARROTT DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

SHELTON, CT 06484

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]

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

3.

01/30/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

4. Securities

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Issuer

below)

Person

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

(D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

7. Nature of

10% Owner

Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

below)

Estimated average

burden hours per

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (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 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares **Employee** Stock Common (1) 01/30/2024 Option \$11 01/30/2014 50,000 50,000 A Stock (Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Schoell Josef

C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

1 PARROTT DRIVE Chief Financial Officer

SHELTON, CT 06484

Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano, Attorney-in-Fact 01/31/2014

**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).

One-fourth (1/4th) of the shares shall vest and become exercisable on January 30, 2015; the balance of the shares shall vest and become exercisable in a series of 36 successive equal monthly installments measured from January 30, 2015, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of each such date.

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