

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
^ Lewis Michael E		(Month/Day/Year)	Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		01/30/2014		
C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC., ^ 1 PARROTT DRIVE			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
SHELTON, ^ CT ^ 06434			(give title below)	(specify below)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Chief Scientific Advisor	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	322,250	D	^

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Series A Preferred Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	40,000 \$ (1)		D	Â
Series D Preferred Stock	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	3,572 \$ (2)		D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lewis Michael E C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 1 PARROTT DRIVE SHELTON,Â CTÂ 06434	Â	Â	Â Chief Scientific Advisor	Â

Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/30/2014

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 the reporting person will automatically convert on a 1-for-2.5 basis into shares of common stock upon the closing of the issuer's initial public offering. The Series A Preferred Stock has no expiration date.
- (2) The Series D Preferred Stock held by the reporting person will automatically convert on a 1-for-2.5 basis into shares of common stock upon the closing of the issuer's initial public offering. The Series D Preferred Stock has no expiration date.

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Remarks:

ExhibitÂ ListÂ -Â ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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