

Goncalves Joana  
Form 4  
October 24, 2018

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Goncalves Joana

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS,  
INC., 4 STAMFORD PLAZA, 107  
ELM STREET, 9TH FL

(Street)

STAMFORD, CT 06902

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]

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

10/22/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Chief Medical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             |                                                                      | Price                                                             |

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<br>Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of<br>Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|

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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)                           | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | (Month/Day/Year) |     | (Instr. 3 and 4)    |                    |                 |                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|                                                  |                                                   |                         | Code               | V                                                                           | (A)              | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>Number<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 19.27                                          | 10/22/2018              | A                  |                                                                             | 250,000          |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 10/22/2028         | Common<br>Stock | 250,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                   | Relationships                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                  | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Goncalves Joana<br>C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.<br>4 STAMFORD PLAZA, 107 ELM STREET, 9TH FL<br>STAMFORD, CT 06902 | Chief Medical Officer            |

## Signatures

/s/ Darren DeStefano,  
Attorney-in-Fact 10/24/2018

\_\_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 October 22, 2019; the balance of the shares shall vest and become  
(1) exercisable in a series of 36 successive equal monthly installments measured from October 22, 2019, subject to the reporting person's  
continuous service with the issuer as of each such date.

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