

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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	
Â Slagel Dean		(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 ESPERANTE AB,Â PO			(Check all applicable)	
BOX 30127			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
LIMHAMN,Â V7Â SE-20061			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<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	1,383,000	I	By Esperante AB <sup>(1)</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 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 (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	80,000 \$ (2)		I	By Esperante AB (1)
Series D Preferred Stock	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	84,149 \$ (3)		I	By Esperante AB (1)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Slagel Dean C/O ESPERANTE AB PO BOX 30127 LIMHAMN, V7 SE-20061	Â X	Â	Â	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) These shares are owned by Esperante AB. The reporting person is a director of the issuer and the Managing Director of Esperante AB and, as such, holds voting and/or dispositive power of the shares held by Esperante AB. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) The Series A Preferred Stock held by Esperante AB 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.
- (3) The Series D Preferred Stock held by Esperante AB 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:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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