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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 *

A Goncalves Joana

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/22/2018

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Street)

(State)

10% Owner Director

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify 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

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

STAMFORD. CTÂ 06902

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

(Zip)

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**

5. 4 Conversion or Exercise

Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title

Amount or

Price of Derivative Security

Derivative Security: Direct (D)

Date Exercisable

Date

Number of

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Shares or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Darren DeStefano, Attorney-in-Fact

10/24/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * 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).

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Remarks:

No Securities are beneficially owned.

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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