

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

140755109

(CUSIP Number)

January 31, 2014

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- ☐ Rule 13d-1(b)
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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Ascent Biomedical Ventures I, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) ☐(b) ☒

SEC USE ONLY

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

Not applicable

SHARED VOTING POWER

963,896

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Not applicable

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

963,896

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

963,896

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) ☒ (1)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

4.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

PN

(1) See footnote to Item 4 herein.

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Ascent Biomedical Ventures I Annex, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) ☐(b) ☒

SEC USE ONLY

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

Not applicable

SHARED VOTING POWER

105,730

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Not applicable

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

105,730

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

105,730

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) ☒ (2)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

PN

(2) See footnote to Item 4 herein.

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Ascent Biomedical Ventures I NY, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) ☐(b) ☒

SEC USE ONLY

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

Not applicable

SHARED VOTING POWER

604,428

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Not applicable

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

604,428

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

604,428

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) ☒ (3)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

2.7%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

PN

(3) See footnote to Item 4 herein.

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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ABV, LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) ☐(b) ☒

SEC USE ONLY

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

Not applicable

SHARED VOTING POWER

1,674,054 (4)

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Not applicable

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,674,054 (4)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,674,054 (4)

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) ☒ (5)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

7.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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(4) Comprised of shares of common stock held by Ascent Biomedical Ventures I, L.P., Ascent Biomedical Ventures I Annex, L.P. and Ascent Biomedical Ventures I NY, L.P, of which ABV, LLC is the general partner.

(5) See footnote to Item 4 herein.

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Geoffrey W. Smith

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) ☐(b) ☒

SEC USE ONLY

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

Not applicable

SHARED VOTING POWER

1,674,054 (6)

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Not applicable

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,674,054 (6)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,674,054 (6)

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) ☒ (7)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

7.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

IN

(6) Comprised of shares of common stock held by Ascent Biomedical Ventures I, L.P., Ascent Biomedical Ventures I Annex, L.P. and Ascent Biomedical Ventures I NY, L.P.

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Steve Hochberg

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) ☐(b) ☒

SEC USE ONLY

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

Not applicable

SHARED VOTING POWER

1,674,054 (8)

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Not applicable

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,674,054 (8)

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,674,054 (8)

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) ☒ (9)

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

7.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

IN

(8) Comprised of shares of common stock held by Ascent Biomedical Ventures I, L.P., Ascent Biomedical Ventures I Annex, L.P. and Ascent Biomedical Ventures I NY, L.P.

(9) See footnote to Item 4 herein.

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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer:

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1 Parrott Drive, Shelton, Connecticut 06484

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing:

(i) Ascent Biomedical Ventures I, L.P. ("Ascent")

(ii) Ascent Biomedical Ventures I Annex, L.P. ("Ascent Annex")

(iii) Ascent Biomedical Ventures I NY, L.P. ("Ascent NY")

(iv) ABV, LLC ("ABV")

(v) Geoffrey W. Smith ("Geoffrey Smith")

(vi) Steve Hochberg ("Steve Hochberg" and together with Ascent, Ascent Annex, Ascent NY, ABV, and Geoffrey Smith, the "Reporting Persons")

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

(i) 142 West 57th Street, 4A, New York, NY 10019

(ii) 142 West 57th Street, 4A, New York, NY 10019

(iii) 142 West 57th Street, 4A, New York, NY 10019

(iv) 142 West 57th Street, 4A, New York, NY 10019

(v) 142 West 57th Street, 4A, New York, NY 10019

(vi) 142 West 57th Street, 4A, New York, NY 10019

(c) Citizenship:

(i) Delaware limited liability partnership

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- (ii) Delaware limited liability partnership
 - (iii) Delaware limited liability partnership
 - (iv) Delaware limited liability company
 - (v) United States Citizen
 - (vi) United States Citizen
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(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number:

140755109

Item 3.

Not applicable.

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned**:

The responses of the Reporting Persons to Rows (9) through (10) of the cover pages of this Statement are incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Percent of Class**:

The responses of the Reporting Persons to Row (11) of the cover pages of this Statement are incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has**:

The responses of the Reporting Persons to Rows (5) through (8) of the cover pages of this Statement are incorporated herein by reference.

ABV is the general partner of Ascent, Ascent Annex and Ascent NY. The directors of ABV are Geoffrey Smith and Steve Hochberg.

**See footnotes on cover pages which are incorporated by reference herein. The shares reported herein do not include an aggregate of 350,000 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by the individuals and entities listed on Exhibit B hereto, which individuals and entities are not reporting persons hereunder but may be deemed to constitute a group for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) under the Exchange Act of 1934, with the Reporting Persons. The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership over the shares held by the individuals and entities listed on Exhibit B hereunder and disclaim the existence of a group with such individuals and entities.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable.

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Member of the Group.

See Exhibit B.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.

Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit A: Joint Filing Agreement

Exhibit B: Item 8 Statement

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 10, 2014

ASCENT BIOMEDICAL VENTURES I, L.P.

By: ABV, LLC
its general partner

/s/ Steve Hochberg
Signature

Director
Name/Title

ASCENT BIOMEDICAL VENTURES I ANNEX, L.P.

By: ABV, LLC
its general partner

/s/ Steve Hochberg
Signature

Director
Name/Title

ASCENT BIOMEDICAL VENTURES I NY, L.P.

By: ABV, LLC
its general partner

/s/ Steve Hochberg
Signature

Director
Name/Title

ABV, LLC

/s/ Steve Hochberg
Signature

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Director
Name/Title

GEOFFREY W. SMITH

/s/ Geoffrey W. Smith
Signature

STEVE HOCHBERG

/s/ Steve Hochberg
Signature
