

Hofstaetter Thomas  
Form 4  
May 13, 2011

**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 \*  
Hofstaetter Thomas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GERON CORPORATION, 230  
CONSTITUTION DRIVE

(Street)

MENLO PARK, CA 94025

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

GERON CORP [GERN]

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

05/11/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	05/11/2011		A	(A) or (D) 4,073 (1)	\$ 0 (1)	50,641	D
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	05/11/2011		A	6,000 (2)	\$ 0 (2)	56,641	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.91	05/11/2011		A		12,000		05/11/2011	05/11/2021	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.91	05/11/2011		A		15,000		<u>(3)</u>	05/11/2021	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hofstaetter Thomas C/O GERON CORPORATION 230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Olivia Bloom for Thomas Hofstaetter

05/13/2011

\_\_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).
- (1) Shares issued in lieu of cash payment for annual board of directors retainer fee. Number of shares issued based on close price on May 11, 2011 of \$4.91 per share.  
The shares of restricted stock will remain subject to a repurchase right of Geron over four years, during such time the repurchase right will lapse with respect to 25% of such shares on the earlier of each anniversary date of May 11, 2011 or the annual stockholders meeting date in that year. The lapse of Geron's repurchase right is conditioned on the director continuing to provide services to Geron through each vesting date.
- (2) This option is exercisable in a series of three equal consecutive annual installments commencing from March 25, 2010, provided the optionee continues to provide services to Geron through each vesting date.
- (3)

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