

Kelsey Stephen Michael  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Kelsey Stephen Michael

(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)  
 05/20/2011

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 below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP, R&D Head, CMO

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

\_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2011		A		37,500 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	401,631 D
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	05/20/2011		A		40,000 <u>(2)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	441,631 D
Common Stock <u>(3)</u>	05/20/2011		A		40,000 <u>(3)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>	481,631 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.65	05/20/2011		A	75,000	(4) 05/20/2021	Common Stock	75,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kelsey Stephen Michael C/O GERON CORPORATION 230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025			EVP, R&D Head, CMO	

## Signatures

/s/ Olivia Bloom for Stephen M. Kelsey 05/24/2011

*\*\*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).

- The shares of restricted stock will remain subject to a repurchase right of Geron over four years, during such time the repurchase right
- (1) will lapse with respect to 25% of such shares on each anniversary date of May 28, 2011. The lapse of Geron's repurchase right is conditioned on the employee continuing to provide services to Geron through each vesting date.
  - (2) The shares of restricted stock will remain subject to a reacquisition right of Geron over 19 months until the achievement of certain performance milestone criteria in connection with the Company's GRN1005 program.
  - (3) The shares of restricted stock will remain subject to a reacquisition right of Geron over three years until the achievement of certain performance milestone criteria in connection with the Company's GRN1005 program.
  - (4) This option is exercisable in a series of 48 consecutive equal monthly installments commencing May 20, 2011, provided the optionee continues to provide services to the Company.

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