

BARKAS ALEXANDER E  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BARKAS ALEXANDER E**

(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)  
 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>	05/11/2011		A	14,000 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	338,122	D	
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	05/11/2011		A	5,000 <u>(2)</u> A \$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	343,122	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	28,000	05/11/2011	05/11/2021	Common Stock	28,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Olivia Bloom for Alexander E.  
Barkas  
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) 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) The shares of restricted stock will remain subject to a repurchase right of Geron over two years, during which time the repurchase right will lapse with respect to 50% of such shares on each anniversary date of March 20, 2011. The lapse of Geron's repurchase right is conditioned on the director continuing to provide services to Geron through each vesting date.

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