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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

À Nallicheri Melanie I

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/11/2011

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

GERON CORP [GERN]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O GERON CORPORATION, Â 230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE

(Street)

10% Owner Director

_X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP Corp Dev

(Check all applicable)

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

5. If Amendment, Date Original

X Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

MENLO PARK. CAÂ 94025

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

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

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3.

(I) (Instr. 5)

Ownership

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

or Indirect

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Common Stock $15,000 \frac{(1)}{}$ 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to	(2)	04/20/2021	Common	100,000	\$ 4.9	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Nallicheri Melanie I						
C/O GERON CORPORATION	Â	â	SVP Corp Dev	â		
230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE	А	A	A SVP Corp Dev	A		
MENLO PARK. CA 94025						

Signatures

/s/ Olivia Bloom for Melanie I. Nallicheri

05/23/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- The shares of restricted stock will remain subject to a repurchase right of Geron until April 1, 2013, at which time such repurchase right (1) will lapse. The lapse of Geron's repurchase right is conditioned on the executive continuing to provide services to Geron until the full vesting date of April 1, 2013.
- This option is exercisable in a series of installments commencing on April 1, 2011 with one-eighth (1/8) of the total number of shares (2) vesting after six (6) months, and the balance of option shares vesting in a series of forty-two (42) equal and consecutive monthly installments of whole shares over the period thereafter, provided the optionee continues to provide services to the Company.

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