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GERON CORP Form 8-K January 23, 2009 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 23, 2009

#### **GERON CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-20859 75-2287752
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

#### 230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE

#### **MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA 94025**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

### (650) 473-7700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

#### N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 23, 2009, Geron Corporation (the "Company") publicly disseminated a press release announcing that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted clearance of the Company's Investigational New Drug (IND) application for the clinical trial of GRNOPC1 in patients with acute spinal cord injury.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Company's Press Release dated January 23, 2009, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
  - 99.1 Press release dated January 23, 2009.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### GERON CORPORATION

Date: January 23, 2009 By: /s/ David L. Greenwood

Name: David L. Greenwood

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

# **Exhibit**

99.1 Press release dated January 23, 2009