EBERSMAN DAVID A

Form 4

January 20, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

Common

Stock

01/15/2009

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EBERSMAN DAVID A			Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	GENENTECH INC [DNA] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)				
1 DNA WAY			(Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2009					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER			
		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
SO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080							Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o l of (D)	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	01/15/2009			G	122 (1)	D	\$0	3,533	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

EBERSMAN DAVID A 1 DNA WAY SO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

EVP & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Signatures

DAVID A

EBERSMAN 01/20/2009

**Signature of Reporting 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) Transfer of shares to the Ebersman Family Trust UAD 5/29/02, for which the reporting person is a co-trustee along with his spouse.

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