EBERSMAN DAVID A

Form 4

January 20, 2009

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

01/15/2009

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EBERSMAN DAVID A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GENENTECH INC [DNA]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) 1 DNA WAY	(Month/D			•	nsaction	-		(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER			
SO SAN FRA	94080	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 Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o 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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122 (1) A

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\$0 4,977

by Trust

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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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