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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

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TO PROSPECTUS DATED MARCH 28, 2001

GENENTECH, INC.

SHARES OF COMMON STOCK

This prospectus supplement relates to the sale by certain selling shareholders of our common stock, par value \$.02 per share, that was originally delivered in exchange for Liquid Yield Option Notes due 2015 issued by Roche Holdings, Inc.

This prospectus supplement should be read in conjunction with the prospectus dated March 28, 2001, which is to be delivered with this prospectus supplement. All capitalized terms used but not defined in the prospectus supplement shall have the meanings given them in the prospectus.

The table below sets forth information as of the date hereof concerning beneficial ownership of the common stock of the selling shareholders as listed below. All information concerning beneficial ownership has been furnished by the selling shareholders.

	NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OWNED PRIOR TO	NUMBER OF	NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OWNED AFTER THE	PERCENTAGE OF COMMON STOCK
NAME	OFFERING	SHARES OFFERED	OFFERING	OUTSTANDING
CGNU Life Global Convertibles	46,290	27,690	18,600	*
CU Life Global Convertibles	57,512	34,612	22,900	*
NULAP WP Global Convertibles	89,518	51,918	37,600	*
Alica Convertibles EG Builder 200 Convertible & Preferred MOC	51,918	51,918	0	*
Value Line Convertible Fund Inc	6,056	6,056	0	*
Basler Kantonalbank	19,902	19,902	0	*

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Morley Fund
Management A/C
Alica
Conv

25,959 25,959 0

* Less than 1%

THE SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY INVOLVE A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK. SEE [RISK FACTORS] BEGINNING ON PAGE 3 OF THE PROSPECTUS.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this Prospectus Supplement is June 9, 2004.