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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* DOW STEPHEN M						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CYTOKINETICS INC [CYTK]									ck all appli	,		rson(s) to Is		
(Last)	(Fi	rst) ((Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2009										Officer (give title below)		Other (s	specify	
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities A Disposed Of (E and 5)						5. Amor Securiti Benefic Owned	es ially	Forn (D) o	orm: Direct D) or ndirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	rative Conversion Date Execution Date, rity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		4. 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			ive ies ed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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Stock Option (Right To Buy)	\$2.85	01/02/2009			A		17,543		02/02/2009 ⁽¹⁾	0	1/02/2019	Common Stock	17,5	543	\$1.14 ⁽²⁾	17,543		D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock Options vest and are exercisable monthly over a period of one year, beginning February 2, 2009.
- 2. This option was issued to the reporting person pursuant to the Cytokinetics 2004 Equity Incentive Plan in lieu of an annual retainer of \$20,000.

John V. Jaggers, As Attorney-In-Fact 01/06/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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