

RALES STEVEN M  
Form SC 13D/A  
July 31, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D/A**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 1)\***

**Danaher Corporation**

**(Name of Issuer)**

**Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share**

**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**23585110**

**(CUSIP Number)**

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CUSIP No. 23585110

1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

Steven M. Rales

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)  x

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

USA

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares 29,072,748

8. Shared Voting Power

Beneficially by

Owned by

None

Each

9. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Person 29,072,748

10. Shared Dispositive Power

With

None

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

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29,072,748

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

9.1%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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## Introductory Statement

This Amendment No. 1 (this Amendment) to the Statement on Schedule 13D (the Statement) relates to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share of Danaher Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware (the Company). This Amendment amends and supplements the Statement originally filed on March 30, 2007 with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Steven M. Rales (the Reporting Person). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Statement.

### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

All shares held by Steven M. Rales are held for investment purposes. Steven M. Rales may, subject to the continuing evaluation of the factors discussed herein, acquire from time to time additional securities of the Company in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, by exchange offer or otherwise. Depending on the factors discussed herein, Steven M. Rales may, from time to time, retain or sell all or a portion of his holdings of the shares of common stock in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. Any actions that Steven M. Rales might undertake will depend upon his review of numerous factors, including, among other things, the availability of shares of the Company for purchase and the price levels of such shares; general market and economic conditions; ongoing evaluation of the Company's business operations and prospects; the relative attractiveness of alternative business and investment opportunities; the actions of the management and the Board of Directors of the Company; personal financial planning; personal philanthropic endeavors; estate planning; and other future developments.

Other than as set forth in this statement, Steven M. Rales does not have any present plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the consequences listed in paragraphs (a)-(j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D, or any agreement regarding such matters, although he may in the future take actions which would have such consequences.

### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

As of the date hereof, Steven M. Rales is the beneficial owner of 29,072,748 shares of common stock representing approximately 9.1% of the approximately 319,738,236 Shares outstanding, as disclosed in Danaher Corporation's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 3, 2009, which ownership consists of (i) 22,000,000 shares owned by limited liability companies (SMRDHR LLC, SMRDHR II LLC and SMRDHR III LLC) in which Steven M. Rales is the sole member, (ii) 7,007,370 shares owned directly by Steven M. Rales, (iii) 3,378 shares attributable to Steven M. Rales' 401(k) account (determined as of March 9, 2009, the latest date for which information is available) and (iv) 62,000 shares owned by a charitable foundation of which Steven M. Rales is a director. Steven M. Rales disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares that are owned directly or indirectly by Mitchell P. Rales, his brother, and also disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares held through the charitable foundation.

Shares of common stock held by SMRDHR LLC, SMRDHR II LLC and SMRDHR III LLC, along with 2,000,000 shares held directly by Steven M. Rales, are pledged to secure lines of credit with certain financial institutions and each of these entities is in compliance with these lines of credit. Some of the shares held directly by Steven M. Rales are pledged as collateral to secure a loan of shares by Capital Yield Corporation (CYC), an entity owned by Messrs. Steven M. Rales and Mitchell P. Rales.

### Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

This Item incorporates by reference the information in Item 4 and Item 5 hereof. In addition, other than the loan by CYC described in Item 5 hereof, which contains standard default provisions and allows Steven M. Rales to retain sole investment and voting power with respect to the pledged shares, there are presently no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons named in Item 2, or between such persons and any other person, with respect to any securities of the Company, including, but not limited to, transfer or voting of any securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

*Signature*

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

July 31, 2009

Date

/s/ Steven M. Rales

Signature

Steven M. Rales, Director and Chairman

Name/Title

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative (other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement: provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

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