DURECT CORP Form 8-K January 19, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: January 19, 2010

(Date of earliest event reported)

DURECT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

000-31615 (Commission File Number) 94-3297098 (IRS Employer

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of incorporation) Identification No.)

2 Results Way

Cupertino, CA 95014

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(408) 777-1417

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 19, 2010, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation (<u>DUREC</u>T), issued a press release announcing that it has begun dosing patients in its U.S. pivotal Phase III clinical trial to evaluate POSIDUR (SABER-Bupivacaine), an investigational drug, for the treatment of post-surgical pain. A copy of DURECT s press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated January 19, 2010

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DURECT Corporation

Date: January 19, 2010 By: /s/ James E. Brown

James E. Brown President and Chief Executive Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit

Number Description

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