

DURECT CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## Form 8-K

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### Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 23, 2004

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported)

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## DURECT CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

000-31615  
(Commission File Number)

94-3297098  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

10240 Bubb Road  
Cupertino, CA 95014

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(408) 777-1417

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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  - .. 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 December 23, 2004, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation (DURECT), issued a press release announcing the initiation of Phase III clinical testing for Remoxy, a novel long-acting, abuse-deterrent oral formulation of oxycodone based on DURECT's ORADURechnology licensed to Pain Therapeutics, Inc. 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.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated December 23, 2004

**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: December 23, 2004

By: /s/ James E. Brown

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James E. Brown  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**DURECT CORPORATION**

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1                      | Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated December 23, 2004 |