# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES AN	ID EXCHANGE CO	MMISSION
•	Washington, D.C. 20549	
	Form 8-K	
	Current Report	
Pursuant to Section 13	or 15(d) of the Securities Exchar	age Act of 1934
	December 20, 2004	
	Date of Report	
	(Date of earliest event reported)	
DUREC	CT CORPORATION	ON
(Exact nar	me of Registrant as specified in its charter)	
Delaware	000-31615	94-3297098
(State or other jurisdiction of	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)		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)

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)
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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 December 20, 2004, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation (<u>DUREC</u>T), issued a press release announcing the acceptance of the Investigational New Drug Application and clinical protocol by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a DURIN based leuprolide acetate treatment of Alzheimer s disease under development. 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 20, 2004

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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**

By: /s/ James E. Brown

Date: December 22, 2004

James E. Brown President and Chief Executive Officer

### DURECT CORPORATION

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Exhibit	
Number	Description

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