

DURECT CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 29, 2008

# 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

October 29, 2008

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported)

## DURECT CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

000-31615  
(Commission File Number)

94-3297098  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

2 Results Way

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Cupertino, CA 95014

(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))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On October 29, 2008, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( DURECT ), issued a press release announcing that its previously announced development and license agreement with Alpharma Ireland Limited, an affiliate of Alpharma Inc. (NYSE: ALO), granting such party the exclusive worldwide rights to develop and commercialize ELADUR , DURECT 's investigational transdermal bupivacaine patch, has cleared review under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 and has become effective.

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 October 29, 2008

**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: October 29, 2008

By: /s/ James E. Brown  
James E. Brown

President and Chief Executive Officer

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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