

DURECT CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2006

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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

January 26, 2006

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)
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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 January 26, 2006, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation (DURECT), issued a press release announcing that it plans expand its worldwide development program for its post-operative pain relief depot, SABER-Bupivacaine, by initiating additional Phase II studies for soft tissue and orthopedic surgical procedures. In addition, DURECT announced that clinical studies will be conducted in the U.S. under the accepted U.S. Investigational New Drug (IND) application for SABER-Bupivacaine. 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 January 26, 2006

**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 26, 2006

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>   |
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| 99.1                      | Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated January 26, 2006 |