BENITO SIMON X

Form 4

September 26, 2017

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BENITO SIMON X | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DURECT CORP [DRRX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|--|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 10260 BUB | B ROAD | | (Month/Day/Year) 09/25/2017 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec | | |
| CUPERTINO, CA 95014 | | 1 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative Securities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Transaction Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A) oner Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially | 6. Ownership Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code V | (A) or Amount (D) Price | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 09/25/2017 | | M | 25,000 A \$ 0.8198 | 85,000 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and An Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 0.8198 | 09/25/2017 | | M | 25,000 | 06/19/2013(1) | 06/20/2022 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| BENITO SIMON X 10260 BUBB ROAD CUPERTINO, CA 95014 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Simon X Benito 09/26/2017

**Signature of Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 100% of the total shares of this Grant Dated June 20, 2012 shall vest on the day before the first year anniversary of the Grant Date.

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