

DURECT CORP
Form 8-K
October 22, 2004

UNITED STATES
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 22, 2004

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)

000-31615
(Commission

File Number)

94-3297098
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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10240 Bubb Road

Cupertino, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

95014
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(408) 777-1417

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 22, 2004, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation (DURECT), announced the initiation of a Phase I trial for its proprietary transdermal sufentanil patch. This Current Report is filed to disclose nonpublic information required to be disclosed by Regulation FD.

A copy of DURECT's press release announcing the initiation of a Phase I trial for its proprietary transdermal sufentanil patch 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 October 22, 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: October 22, 2004

By: */s/* JAMES E. BROWN
James E. Brown

President and Chief Executive Officer

DURECT CORPORATION

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