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Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 20, 2017, Pain Therapeutics, Inc., DURECT's licensee for REMOXY® ER, announced that it plans to resubmit the REMOXY ER NDA after completing two additional studies regarding REMOXY ER based on guidance following a recent meeting with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The two studies are a clinical abuse potential study via the intranasal route of abuse and a non-clinical abuse potential study using household solvents. Pain Therapeutics expects to complete these studies by year end 2017, after which they intend to have a pre-NDA meeting with the FDA followed by resubmission of the REMOXY NDA, with anticipated Priority Review, under 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. REMOXY ER is an oral, long-acting oxycodone gelatin capsule under development with Pain Therapeutics to which we have licensed exclusive, worldwide, development and commercialization rights under a development and license agreement entered into in December 2002.

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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

Date: March 21, 2017 By: /s/ James E. Brown  
James E. Brown  
President and Chief Executive Officer