

DURECT CORP
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February 16, 2010

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

SCHEDULE 13G

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. __)***

DURECT CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

266605104

(CUSIP Number)

DECEMBER 31, 2009

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 266605104

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2. (a) ¹
(b) ^o

SEC USE ONLY

3.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4. Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5. NUMBER OF 3,757,159

SHARED VOTING POWER

6. SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7. EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,757,159

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8. WITH: 0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9. 3,757,159

10. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

4.3%²

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

¹ Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P., Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC, VHCP Management, LLC, Anders Hove and Bryan Roberts are members of a group for purposes of this Schedule 13G.

² This percentage is calculated based upon 86,748,668 shares of the Issuer's common stock outstanding as of October 30, 2009, as set forth in the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 2009.

CUSIP No. 266605104

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2. (a) p¹
(b) o

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4. Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5.

NUMBER OF 687,285

SHARED VOTING POWER

6.

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7.

EACH REPORTING PERSON 687,285

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8.

WITH: 0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9. 687,285

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

10.

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.

0.8%²

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12.

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CUSIP No. 266605104

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. VHCP Management, LLC

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2. (a) p¹
(b) o

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4. Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5.

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

6.

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,444,444²

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7.

EACH REPORTING PERSON 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8.

WITH: 4,444,444²

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9. 4,444,444²

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

10.

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.

5.1%³

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12.

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CUSIP No. 266605104

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Hove, Anders

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2. (a) ¹
(b) _o

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4. United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5.

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

6.

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,444,444²

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7.

EACH REPORTING PERSON 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8.

WITH: 4,444,444²

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9. 4,444,444²

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11.

5.1%³

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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CUSIP No. 266605104

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Roberts, Bryan

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2. (a) ¹
(b) _o

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4. United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5.

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

6.

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,444,444²

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7.

EACH REPORTING PERSON 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8.

WITH: 4,444,444²

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9. 4,444,444²

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.

5.1%³

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Introductory Note: This Statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (VHCP LP), Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (Venrock Co-Investment), Venrock Management, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (VHCP Management) and collectively with VHCP LP and Venrock Co-Investment, the Venrock Entities), Anders Hove and Bryan Roberts in respect of Common Stock of Durect Corporation.

Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer

Durect Corporation

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

2 Results Way
Cupertino, CA 95014

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing

Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.
Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC
VHCP Management, LLC
Anders Hove
Bryan Roberts

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

New York Office:

530 Fifth Avenue
22nd Floor
New York, NY 10036

Palo Alto Office:

3340 Hillview Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94304

Cambridge Office:

55 Cambridge Parkway
Suite 100
Cambridge, MA 02142

(c) Citizenship

All entities were organized in Delaware. The individuals are all United States citizens.

(d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number

266605104

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.	3,757,159(1)
Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC	687,285(2)
VHCP Management, LLC	4,444,444(3)
Anders Hove	4,444,444(3)
Bryan Roberts	4,444,444(3)

Percent of Class:

Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.	4.3%
Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC	0.8%
VHCP Management, LLC	5.1%
Anders Hove	5.1%
Bryan Roberts	5.1%

Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.	3,757,159(1)
Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC	687,285(2)
VHCP Management, LLC	0
Anders Hove	0
Bryan Roberts	0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.	0
Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC	0
VHCP Management, LLC	4,444,444(3)
Anders Hove	4,444,444(3)
Bryan Roberts	4,444,444(3)

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.	3,757,159(1)
Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC	687,285(2)
VHCP Management, LLC	0
Anders Hove	0
Bryan Roberts	0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.	0
Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC	0
VHCP Management, LLC	4,444,444(3)
Anders Hove	4,444,444(3)
Bryan Roberts	4,444,444(3)

(1) These shares are owned directly by Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P. VHCP Management, LLC is the general partner of Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.

(2) These shares are owned directly by Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC. VHCP Management, LLC is the manager of Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC.

(3) These shares are owned directly as follows:
3,757,159 shares by Venrock Healthcare

Capital Partners,
L.P.; and
687,285 by
Venrock
Co-Investment
Holdings, LLC.
VHCP
Management,
LLC is the
general partner
of Venrock
Healthcare
Capital Partners,
L.P. and the
manager of
Venrock
Co-Investment
Holdings, LLC.
Messrs. Hove
and Roberts are
the managing
members of
VHCP
Management,
LLC.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following o.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

The identities of each of the Venrock Entities and Messrs. Hove and Roberts are stated in Item 2(a).

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of a Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 16, 2010

Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P.

By: VHCP Management, LLC,
its General Partner

By: /s/ David L. Stepp
Name: David L. Stepp
Title: Authorized Signatory

Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC

By: VHCP Management, LLC,
its Manager

By: /s/ David L. Stepp
Name: David L. Stepp
Title: Authorized Signatory

VHCP Management, LLC

By: /s/ David L. Stepp
Name: David L. Stepp
Title: Authorized Signatory

/s/ David L. Stepp, as attorney-in-fact
Anders Hove

/s/ David L. Stepp, as attorney-in-fact
Bryan Roberts

EXHIBITS

A: Joint Filing Agreement

B: Power of Attorney for Anders Hove

C: Power of Attorney for Bryan Roberts

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