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

June 16, 2010

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 000-31615 (Commission 94-3297098 (I.R.S. Employer

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incorporation or organization)

File Number) 2 Results Way **Identification No.)**

Cupertino, CA 95014

(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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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On June 16, 2010, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation (\underline{DURECT}), issued a press release announcing results from a European Phase IIb hysterectomy clinical trial conducted by Nycomed of POSIDUR (also known as SABER -bupivacaine or Optesia in the E.U.), a proprietary product under development for the treatment of post-surgical pain. Nycomed is DURECT s licensee of commercialization rights to POSIDUR for the E.U. and other selected countries. 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

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated June 16, 2010

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.

By:

DURECT Corporation

Date: June 16, 2010

/s/ JAMES E. BROWN James E. Brown President and Chief Executive Officer

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Description

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