FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SAXE JON S | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DURECT CORP [DRRX] | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner |
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| (Last) 10260 BUBB R | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/13/2019 | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |
| (Street) | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| CUPERTINO | CA | 95014 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Table I - No | | | Securities Acq | | , Dis | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 200 | А | \$0.6804 | 45,200 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 380 | А | \$0.6802 | 45,580 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 2,995 | Α | \$0.6803 | 48,575 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 287 | Α | \$0.6814 | 48,862 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 900 | Α | \$0.6815 | 49,762 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 699 | Α | \$0.685 | 50,461 | 1 | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 200 | A | \$0.6881 | 50,661 | 1 | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 3,100 | Α | \$0.6898 | 53,761 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 1,195 | Α | \$0.69 | 54,956 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 489 | Α | \$0.6902 | 55,445 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 569 | A | \$0.6906 | 56,014 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 779 | А | \$0.6911 | 56,793 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 895 | А | \$0.694 | 57,688 | I | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 400 | A | \$0.6941 | 58,088 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 1,000 | A | \$0.6944 | 59,088 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 1,232 | А | \$0.6952 | 60,320 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 4,900 | А | \$0.6953 | 65,220 | I | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 300 | А | \$0.6972 | 65,520 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 595 | А | \$0.6984 | 66,115 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 1,391 | А | \$0.7003 | 67,506 | 1 | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | 019 | | Р | | 1,584 | А | \$0.7004 | 69,090 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | 05/13/2 | n1 a | | D | | 864 | Λ | ¢0 7005 | 60 05/ | 1 | by |

| 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. Transactio | 5. Number | - | Exerc | isable and | 7. Title a Amount of Securitie Underlyin Derivativ Security and 4) | nd of s ng | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
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| Common S | Stock | Tab | 05/13 le II - Derivat (e.g., pu | ive Secu | ırities Acqı | | - | | | | y Owne | 85,400 | I | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common S | | 05/13 | /2019 | | Р | | 2,085 | А | \$0.70 |)27 | 84,600 | I | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | /2019 | | Р | | 37 A | | \$0.7 | 702 82,515 | | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock 05/13/ | | | | /2019 | | Р | | 3,900 | А | \$0.70 |)19 | 82,478 | I | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common S | Stock | | 05/13 | /2019 | | Р | | 1,798 | А | \$0.7 | 01 | 78,578 | I | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common S | Stock | | 05/13 | /2019 | | Р | | 1,600 | А | \$0.70 | 009 | 76,780 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common S | Stock | | 05/13 | /2019 | | Р | | 4,826 | А | \$0.70 | 800 | 75,180 | ı | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common S | Stock | | 05/13 | /2019 | | Р | | 400 | А | \$0.70 | 007 | 70,354 | I | by Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Held by the Jon S. Saxe and Myrna G. Marshall 1997 Trust.

Jon S. Saxe

05/14/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person

of Shares

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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