## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Joice Judy R (Last) (First) (Middle) 10260 BUBB ROAD						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DURECT CORP [ DRRX ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2020									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue (Check all applicable) Director 10% Ow X Officer (give title Other (sj below) below) Sr. VP Operations				vner
(Street) CUPERTI (City)	PERTINO CA 95014			4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									<ul> <li>A Corp QA</li> <li>A Corp QA</li> <li>A Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>					
Table I - Non-Deriva       1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)     2. Transa Date (Month/D)						action 2A. Deem Execution			te,	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securi Disposed 5)		f, or Beneficia ties Acquired (A) or I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a (A) or (D) Price		5. Amou	nt of s ally ollowing I ion(s)	t of 6. Own IV (D) or I Ilowing (I) (Inst		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		e.g., i	outs, 4. Trans				quired, Dis ts, options, 6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		convertik		7. Title an of Securit Underlyin	Irities) Ind Amount Cies Ig e Security		9. Numbe derivativ Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	ative rities ficially ed wing rted action(s)	10. Ownershij Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exe	e rcisable	Expiratio Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares	_				
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.11	01/21/2020			A		82,278		04/2	21/2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/21/20	30	Common Stock	82,278	\$0.0	82,27	78	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.11	01/21/2020			А		2,722		04/2	21/2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/21/20	30	Common Stock	2,722	\$0.0	2,72	2	D	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

1. ISO/NQ Grants Dated January 21, 2020 combined will vest as follows: one-sixteenth (1/16) of the total shares subject to the option shall vest quarterly over four (4) years following the Grant Date.

Judith R Joice

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

01/23/2020

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

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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