

**UNITED STATES
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**

Date of Report: March 16, 2009
(Date of earliest event reported)

DURECT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-31615
(Commission
File Number)

94-3297098
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2 Results Way
Cupertino, CA 95014
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(408) 777-1417
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. 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 March 16, 2009, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("DURECT"), issued a press release announcing positive Phase IIb data from the TRANSDUR-Sufentanil clinical program. 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 March 16, 2009

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 16, 2009

By: /s/ James E. Brown

James E. Brown

President and Chief Executive Officer

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