

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 (Date of earliest event reported): May 26, 2011

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):

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

Item 5.02Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 26, 2011, Dr. Joseph Stauffer resigned as Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy of DURECT Corporation (the "Company"), effective June 21, 2011.

Dr. Stauffer and DURECT have entered into a consulting agreement through December 31, 2011. Under the consulting agreement, Dr. Stauffer will provide up to 165 hours of regulatory and clinical consulting services as requested by the Company at no addition charge to the Company, in consideration of which the Company will waive Dr. Stauffer's obligation to repay the \$100,000 sign-on bonus paid to Dr. Stauffer in connection with his hiring in June 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: June 2, 2011

By: /s/ Matt Hogan

Matt Hogan

Chief Financial Officer