

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report: January 5, 2012**  
**(Date of earliest event reported)**

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**DURECT CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**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)**

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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 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))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On January 5, 2012, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("DURECT"), issued a press release announcing top-line data from BESST (POSIDUR® U.S. Pivotal Phase III Trial). 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 January 5, 2012

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## 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: January 5, 2012

By: /s/ James E. Brown

James E. Brown

President and Chief Executive Officer

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## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
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