



November 19, 2015

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Suzanne Hayes
Division of Corporation Finance
United States Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Durect Corporation
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed November 3, 2015
File No. 333-207776**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Durect Corporation, (the "Company") hereby requests acceleration of effectiveness of its registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-207776), to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on November 25, 2015 or as soon as practicable thereafter.

In connection with this request, the Company acknowledges that:

- (1) should the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- (2) the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the Company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- (3) the Company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

The Company respectfully requests that it be notified of such effectiveness by a telephone call to Matthew J. Hogan at (408) 777-1417.

Very truly yours,

Durect Corporation

By: /s/ Matthew J. Hogan

Name: Matthew J. Hogan

Title: Chief Financial Officer