FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Arenberg Michael</u>			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2018		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DURECT CORP [ DRRX ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle)					<ol> <li>Relationship of Reporting Person</li> <li>(Check all applicable)</li> </ol>	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed onth/Day/Year)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 10260 BUBB ROAD					Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title below)  Chief Financial Officer		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check			
(Street)								X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
CUPERTINO CA 95014										
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
			Table I - Non	-Derivat	ive Securities Beneficia	lly Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock					14,426 D					
			Table II - D	erivativ	e Securities Beneficially	y Owned				
					nts, options, convertib					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4.   5.   6. Nature of Indirect Conversion   Ownership   Beneficial Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)			
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date			Price of Derivativ Security	ative or Indirect		
Incentive Stoc	k Option (ri	ight to buy)	(1)	01/27/2019	+ -	10,938	\$3.11	. D		
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)			(1)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	7,813	\$2.8	D		
ncentive Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	05/21/2019	Common Stock	7,169	\$2.09	D			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)			(1)	01/22/2020	Common Stock	25,000	\$2.18	D		
ncentive Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/20/2021	Common Stock	45,255	\$3.26	D			
ncentive Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	02/05/2023	Common Stock	50,625	\$1.21	. D			
ncentive Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/31/2024	Common Stock	63,017	\$2.09	D			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		(2)	01/09/2025	Common Stock	76,328	\$0.88	D			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		(3)	01/28/2026	Common Stock	61,750	\$1.16	D			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)			(1)	01/09/2027	Common Stock	2,464	\$1.31	. D		
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		(4)	01/09/2027	Common Stock	69,469	\$1.31	. D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)			(1)	01/27/2019	Common Stock	24,062	\$3.11	. D		
Ion-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	17,187	\$2.8	D			
Ion-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	05/21/2019	Common Stock	35,831	\$2.09	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/22/2020	Common Stock	18,791	\$2.18	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/22/2020	Common Stock	55,000	\$2.18	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/20/2021	Common Stock	74,745	\$3.26	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	02/05/2023	Common Stock	39,375	\$1.21	. D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	02/05/2023	Common Stock	51,260	\$1.21	. D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/31/2024	Common Stock	26,983	\$2.09	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/31/2024	Common Stock	39,167	\$2.09	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/09/2025	Common Stock	57,808	\$0.88	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/09/2025	Common Stock	18,672	\$0.88	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/28/2026	Common Stock	43,983	\$1.16	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		(1)	01/28/2026	Common Stock	14,250	\$1.16	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)			(1)	01/09/2027	Common Stock	52,306	\$1.31	. D		
Non-Qualified	Stock Option	on (right to buy)	(1)	01/09/2027	Common Stock	16,031	\$1.31	. D		
Non-Qualified	Stock Option	on (right to buy)	(1)	06/19/2027	Common Stock	10,000	\$1.4	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Fully vested as of the date of this filing.
- 2. This ISO option Grant Dated January 9, 2015 will vest as follows: 1/16 of the total shares subject to the option shall vest quarterly over 4 years following the Grant Date.
- 3. This ISO option Grant Dated January 28, 2016 will vest as follows: 1/16 of the total shares subject to the option shall vest guarterly over 4 years following the Grant Date.
- 4. This ISO option Grant Dated January 9, 2017 will vest as follows: 1/16 of the total shares subject to the option shall vest quarterly over 4 years following the Grant Date.

## Remarks

Following the time the reporting person became an executive officer, but prior to the filing of this Form 3, the reporting person was granted certain stock options that were reported on Form 4 and filed on October 17, 2018.

/s/ Michael Arenberg 10/24/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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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