## 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*	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) — 03/17/2022		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DURECT CORP [ DRRX ]				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
C/O DURECT CORPORATION			Director		10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
LO260 BUBB ROAD			X Officer (give title below) InterimPrincipalAccountingOfcr			X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Street)	95014						
CUPERTINO CA 95014							
(City) (State) (Zip)							
	Table I - Noi	n-Deriva	tive Securities Beneficia	lly Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownershi Form: Direct or Indirect ( (Instr. 5)	n: Direct (D) (Instr. 5) Indirect (I)		t Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock			20,481	D			
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned         (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exer and Expirat (Month/Day	ion Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiratio Date	n Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	02/05/202	3 Common Stock	139,519	\$1.21	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	01/31/202	4 Common Stock	106,926	\$2.09	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	03/28/202	4 Common Stock	11,538	\$1.36	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	01/09/202	5 Common Stock	125,657	\$0.88	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	03/26/202	5 Common Stock	8,889	\$1.75	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	01/28/202	6 Common Stock	95,581	\$1.16	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	03/31/202	6 Common Stock	11,538	\$1.35	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	01/09/202	7 Common Stock	115,228	\$1.31	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	06/19/202	7 Common Stock	11,321	\$1.4	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	01/26/202	8 Common Stock	128,437	\$1.24	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	01/23/202	9 Common Stock	75,467	\$0.5767	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	01/23/202	9 Common Stock	70,000	\$0.5767	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	01/21/203	0 Common Stock	75,000	\$2.11	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	01/15/203	1 Common Stock	70,000	\$2.03	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	01/06/203	2 Common Stock	105,200	\$0.871	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	03/11/203	2 Common Stock	50,000	\$0.5901	D	
Explanation of Responses:							

1. The option is fully vested.

2. The option vests and becomes exercisable in installments of one-sixteenth (1/16) of the total number of shares at the end of each three month period following the grant date, subject to the Reporting Person providing continuous service to the Issuer through the applicable vesting date.

## **Remarks:**

<u>/s/ Jian Li</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

03/25/2022

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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