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# 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**

**October 20, 2017**

**Date of Report**

**October 19, 2017**

**(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 or organization)**

**000-31615**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**94-3297098**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**10260 Bubb Road**  
**Cupertino, CA 95014**  
**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)**

**(408) 777-1417**  
**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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## **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On October 19, 2017, DURECT Corporation issued a press release announcing that PERSIST, the Phase 3 clinical trial for POSIMIR® (SABER®-Bupivacaine), did not meet its primary efficacy endpoint of reduction in pain on movement over the first 48 hours after surgery as compared to standard bupivacaine HCl. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

## **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 [Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated October 19, 2017](#)

## **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: October 20, 2017

By: /s/ James E. Brown

James E. Brown

President and Chief Executive Officer