UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

July 17, 2019

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported)

DURECT CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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)

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)

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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.

Title of Each ClassTrading SymbolName of Each ExchangeCommon Stock \$0.0001 par value per shareDRRXThe NASDAQ StocPreferred Share Purchase RightsCommon Stock \$0.0001 par value per shareCommon Stock \$0.0001 par value per sharePreferred Share Purchase RightsDRRX(The Nasdaq Cap

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On July 17, 2019, DURECT Corporation issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has acknowledged that the submission of DURECT's full response to the Complete Response Letter (CRL) it previously received from FDA related to POSIMIR® (bupivacaine extended-release solution) is considered by the FDA to be a complete class 2 response to the CRL. 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 July 17, 2019

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: July 17, 2019

By: /s/ James E. Brown

James E. Brown President and Chief Executive Officer

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