DURECT CORP Form 4 January 12, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BROWN JAMES E**

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

2 RESULTS WAY

(City)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DURECT CORP [DRRX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a 5)	(D)			
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.34	01/11/2007		A	18,763		01/11/2008(1)	01/11/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.34	01/11/2007		A	156,237		01/11/2008(1)	01/11/2017	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Topotonig o mior round / roundess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BROWN JAMES E						
2 RESULTS WAY	X		President & CEO			
CUPERTINO, CA 95014						

Signatures

James E. Brown 01/12/2007

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) ISO/NQ Grants Dated January 11, 2007 combined will vest as follows: 1/4 of the underlying securities will vest on each 12-month anniversary of the Grant Date.

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