

LIU JEAN I
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LIU JEAN I

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DURECT CORP [DRRX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2 RESULTS WAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/21/2009

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Sr. VP & General Counsel

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
			Code	V	(A)	(D)		
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.09	05/21/2009	A		8,251		05/21/2010 ⁽¹⁾	05/21/2019 Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.09	05/21/2009	A		57,749		05/21/2010 ⁽¹⁾	05/21/2019 Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LIU JEAN I 2 RESULTS WAY CUPERTINO, CA 95014			Sr. VP & General Counsel	

Signatures

Jean I. Liu	05/26/2009
Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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 May 21, 2009 combined will vest as follows: 1/4 of the total underlying securities shall vest on the one year anniversary of the Grant Date and 1/16 of the total underlying securities shall vest quarterly following the one year anniversary.

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