

DURECT CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2003

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## Form 8-K

### Current Report

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

October 17, 2003

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported)

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## 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.)

10240 Bubb Road  
Cupertino, CA 95014

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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(408) 777-1417

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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**Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.**

On October 16, 2003, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( DURECT ) issued a press release announcing update to its CHRONOGESIC<sup>®</sup> program.

A copy of DURECT 's press release announcing the update is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**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 17, 2003

By:

/s/ James E. Brown

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James E. Brown

President and Chief Executive Officer

**DURECT CORPORATION**

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated October 16, 2003.