DURECT CORP Form 8-K October 29, 2008

# 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

October 29, 2008

**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

000-31615 (Commission File Number) 94-3297098 (I.R.S. Employer

 $incorporation\ or\ organization)$ 

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Identification No.)

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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 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))

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#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On October 29, 2008, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( DURECT ), issued a press release announcing that its previously announced development and license agreement with Alpharma Ireland Limited, an affiliate of Alpharma Inc. (NYSE: ALO), granting such party the exclusive worldwide rights to develop and commercialize ELADUR , DURECT s investigational transdermal bupivacaine patch, has cleared review under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 and has become effective.

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

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated October 29, 2008

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#### **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.

Date: October 29, 2008

### **DURECT Corporation**

By: /s/ James E. Brown James E. Brown

President and Chief Executive Officer

### INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated October 29, 2008