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January 11,	_								PPROVAL
FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549									3235-0287
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(Print or Type	Responses)								
1. Name and BROWN J	Person <u>*</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DURECT CORP [DRRX]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 10260 BUI	3. Date of Earliest Transaction(Month/Day/Year)01/09/2017				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President & CEO				
CUPERTIN	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				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-J	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	ed Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit mAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	ies (A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially ow	ned 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and A
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying S
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(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)			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.31	01/09/2017		А	91,877	04/10/2017 <u>(1)</u>	01/09/2027	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.31	01/09/2017		А	133,123	04/10/2017(1)	01/09/2027	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.31	01/09/2017		А	145,676	01/09/2017 <u>(2)</u>	01/09/2027	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addre	SS	Relationships						
	Director	Director 10% Owner Officer		Other				
BROWN JAMES E 10260 BUBB ROAD CUPERTINO, CA 95014	Х		President & CEO					
Signatures								
James E. Brown	01/11/2017							
**Signature of	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 January 9, 2017 combined will vest as follows: one-sixteenth (1/16) of the total shares subject to the option shall vest quarterly over four (4) years following the Grant Date.

(2) 100% of the total shares of this Grant Dated January 9, 2017 shall vest on the Grant Date.

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Reporting Person