

DURECT CORP  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 11, 2005

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**(Amendment No. 4)\***

**DURECT Corporation**

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**266605104**

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(CUSIP Number)

**December 31, 2004**

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 266605104

1. Name of Reporting Persons

I.R.S. Identification No(s). of above person(s) (entities only)

JAMES E. BROWN

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) n/a

(b) n/a

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

USA

5. Sole Voting Power

Number of                     N/A                    

Shares 6. Shared Voting Power

Beneficially

Owned by                     2,844,700                    

Each 7. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Person                     N/A                    

With: 8. Shared Dispositive Power

2,844,700

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,844,700

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

N/A

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

5.48%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

Individual (IN)

**Item 1.** (a) Name of Company:

DURECT Corporation

(b) Address of Person Filing:

10240 Bubb Road

Cupertino, CA 95014

**Item 2.** (a) Name of Person Filing:

James E. Brown

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

10240 Bubb Road

Cupertino, CA 95014

(c) Citizenship:

USA

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number:

266605104

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

- (a)  Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)

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A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

- (j) " Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

Not Applicable

**Item 4. Ownership**

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 2,844,700
- (b) Percent of Class: 5.48%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote N/A
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 2,844,700
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of N/A
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 2,844,700

**Item 5. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following " ".

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

By operation of Community Property laws of the state of California, reporting persons Spouse has the shared right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.**

Not Applicable

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

Not Applicable

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of a Group**

Not Applicable

**Item 10. Certification**

Not Applicable

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 11, 2005

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Date

/s/ James E. Brown

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Signature

James E. Brown / President and CEO

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Name