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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BROWN JAMES E**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

DURECT CORP [DRRX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

10260 BUBB ROAD 01/26/2018

(Middle)

(Zip)

below) President & CEO

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(State)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 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 **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying S Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and any

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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)	\$ 1.24	01/26/2018		A	87,651		04/26/2018(1)	01/26/2028	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.24	01/26/2018		A	188,212		01/26/2018(2)	01/26/2028	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.24	01/26/2018		A	162,349		04/26/2018(1)	01/26/2028	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BROWN JAMES E						
10260 BUBB ROAD	X		President & CEO			
CUPERTINO CA 95014						

Signatures

James E. Brown 01/30/2018

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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 26, 2018 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 26, 2018 shall vest on the Grant Date.

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