UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported): June 15, 2021

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.)

10260 Bubb Road Cupertino, CA 95014 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(408) 777-1417 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

| | (Former na | ame or former address, if changed since last | report) |
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| Check th | e appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simul | taneously satisfy the filing obligation of the reg | istrant 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)) | | |
| Securiti | es registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: | | |
| | <u>Title of Each Class</u> Common Stock \$0.0001 par value per share | Trading Symbol DRRX | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (The Nasdaq Capital Market) |
| | by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth compa e Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter). | ny as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act | of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities |
| Emergin | g growth company \square | | |
| | erging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has s provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box | s elected not to use the extended transition perio | od for complying with any new or revised financial accounting |
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Current Report on Form 8-K/A (this "Amended 8-K") is being filed as an amendment to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by DURECT Corporation (the "Company") on June 16, 2021 (the "Original 8-K"). The Original 8-K was filed, among other things, to report the results of the matters submitted to a vote by the Company's stockholders at the Company's 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") held online via live audio webcast on June 15, 2021. This Amended 8-K amends the Original 8-K solely to amend the Charter Amendment (as defined below) and the previously reported results with respect to Proposal No. 2.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On June 25, 2021, the Company filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware a Certificate of Correction (the "Certificate of Correction") to void the previously filed amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 350,000,000 to 600,000,000 (the "Charter Amendment").

The foregoing description of the Certificate of Correction is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Certificate of Correction, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the Annual Meeting, there were 179,024,601 shares represented to vote either in person or by proxy, or 78.7% of the outstanding shares, which represented a quorum. The final results of voting for each matter submitted to a vote of stockholders at the Annual Meeting were as follows:

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

Mohammad Azab, James E. Brown and Gail M. Farfel were elected as Class III directors for a term of three years. The voting for each director was as follows:

| | <u>For</u> | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Mohammad Azab | 121,181,545 | 3,115,264 | 54,727,792 |
| James E. Brown | 118,079,208 | 6,217,601 | 54,727,792 |
| Gail M. Farfel | 117,513,242 | 6,783,567 | 54,727,792 |

Proposal 2*: An amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 350,000,000 to 600,000,000

The amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation was not approved based upon the following votes:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 99.089.843 | 24.197.183 | 1,009,783 | 54.727.792 |

Proposal 3: Say on Pay - An advisory vote on the approval of executive compensation

The Company's compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers was approved on a non-binding, advisory basis based upon the following votes:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 109,373,675 | 8,817,556 | 6,105,578 | 54,727,792 |

Proposal 4: Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Company for the Current Fiscal

Year

The appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2021 was ratified based upon the following votes:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 177,553,401 | 975.939 | 495.261 | |

^{*} In the Original 8-K, the voting results of Proposal No. 2, reflected a tabulation report that treated the proposal as "routine," while the Company's proxy materials for the Annual Meeting described the proposal as "non-routine." When tabulated as a non-routine matter, Proposal No. 2 was not approved by stockholders.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Description

- 3.1 Certificate of Correction to the Charter Amendment, filed on June 25, 2021
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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: June 25, 2021 By: /s/ James E. Brown

James E. Brown

President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

OF

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

OF

DURECT CORPORATION

DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Corporation</u>"), does hereby certify, pursuant to Section 103 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "<u>DGCL</u>"):

First: On June 15, 2021, the Corporation filed a Certificate of Amendment (the "Certificate of Amendment") of the Corporation's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") pursuant to Section 242 of the DGCL with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The Certificate of Incorporation requires correction as permitted by Section 103 of the DGCL.

Second: The Certificate of Amendment is an inaccurate record of the corporate action referred to therein because the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation specified in the Certificate of Amendment was not properly authorized by the stockholders of the Corporation in accordance with Section 242 of the DGCL.

Third: As a result of such inaccuracy, the Certificate of Amendment is null and void.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Correction on the date set forth below.

DURECT CORPORATION

By: /s/ James E. Brown

Name: James E. Brown

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 25, 2021