DURECT Corporation Invites You to Join its First Quarter 2011 Earnings Conference Call

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In conjunction with DURECT Corporation's (Nasdaq: DRRX) first quarter 2011 financial results press release, you are invited to listen to the conference call that will be broadcast live over the internet on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 4:30 pm Eastern Time (1:30 pm Pacific Time).

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A live audio webcast of the presentation will be available by accessing DURECT's homepage at http://www.www.durect.com and clicking "Investor Relations." If you are unable to participate during the live webcast, the call will be archived on DURECT's website under Audio Archive in the "Investor Relations" section.

About DURECT Corporation

DURECT is a specialty pharmaceutical company developing innovative drugs for pain and other chronic diseases, with late-stage development programs including REMOXY(R), POSIDUR(TM), ELADUR(R), and TRANSDUR(R)-Sufentanil. DURECT's proprietaryoral, transdermal and injectable depot delivery technologies may enable new indications and superior clinical/commercial attributes such as abuse deterrence, improved convenience, compliance, efficacy and safety for small molecule and biologic drugs. For more information, please visit www.www.durect.com.

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