

SURMODICS INC  
Form SC 13D/A  
August 13, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 4)1

SurModics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.05 Par Value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

868873100

(CUSIP Number)

JEFFREY C. SMITH  
STARBOARD VALUE LP  
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New York, New York 10022  
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New York, New York 10022  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

August 9, 2012

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box " .

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1 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 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on 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. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)  (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

|   |    |                          |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH | 7  | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
|   |    | 1,359,522                |
|   | 8  | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
|   |    | - 0 -                    |
|   | 9  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|   |    | 1,359,522                |
|   | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPROTING PERSON

1,359,522

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

7.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE LP

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

|   |    |                          |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7  | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
|   |    | 1,812,700                |
|   | 8  | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
|   |    | - 0 -                    |
|   | 9  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|   |    | 1,812,700                |
|   | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

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1,812,700

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC

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|   |    | 1,812,700                |
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|   |    | - 0 -                    |
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10.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP

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|   |    | 1,812,700                |
|   | 8  | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
|   |    | - 0 -                    |
|   | 9  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|   |    | 1,812,700                |
|   | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

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10.3%

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CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO GP LLC

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|   |    | 1,812,700                |
|   | 8  | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
|   |    | - 0 -                    |
|   | 9  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|   |    | 1,812,700                |
|   | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

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1,812,700

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10.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JEFFREY C. SMITH

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)   
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

|   |    |                          |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7  | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
|   |    | 3,1321                   |
|   | 8  | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
|   |    | 1,812,700                |
|   | 9  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|   |    | 3,1321                   |
|   | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|   |    | 1,812,700                |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPROTING PERSON

1,815,8321

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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1 Mr. Smith beneficially owns 3,132 Shares underlying certain options exercisable within 60 days.



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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

MARK MITCHELL

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)   
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OO

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

|              |    |                          |
|--------------|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF    | 7  | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| SHARES       |    |                          |
| BENEFICIALLY |    | - 0 -                    |
| OWNED BY     | 8  | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| EACH         |    |                          |
| REPORTING    |    | 1,812,700                |
| PERSON WITH  | 9  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|              |    |                          |
|              | 10 | - 0 -                    |
|              |    | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

1,812,700

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPROTING PERSON

1,812,700

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10.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 868873100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

PETER A. FELD

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

|   |    |                          |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH | 7  | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
|   |    | - 0 -                    |
|   | 8  | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
|   |    | 1,812,700                |
|   | 9  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|   |    | - 0 -                    |
|   | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|   |    | 1,812,700                |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPROTING PERSON

1,812,700

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10.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 4 ("Amendment No. 4") to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned. This Amendment No. 4 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The Shares purchased by Starboard V&O Fund and held in the Starboard Value LP Account were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business) in open market purchases, except as otherwise noted, as set forth in Schedule A, which is incorporated by reference herein. The aggregate purchase price of the 1,359,522 Shares beneficially owned by Starboard V&O Fund is approximately \$12,678,223, excluding brokerage commissions. The aggregate purchase price of the 453,178 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account is approximately \$4,276,177, excluding brokerage commissions.

The 3,132 Shares owned personally by Jeffrey C. Smith represent Shares underlying certain options exercisable within 60 days that were granted to Mr. Smith as compensation for his service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Items 5(a)-(c) are hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 17,544,156 Shares outstanding, as of August 1, 2012, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2012.

A. Starboard V&O Fund

(a) As of the close of business on August 13, 2012, Starboard V&O Fund beneficially owned 1,359,522 Shares.

Percentage: Approximately 7.7%.

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,359,522
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,359,522
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Starboard V&O Fund since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

B. Starboard Value LP

(a) As of the close of business on August 13, 2012, 453,178 Shares were held in the Starboard Value LP Account. Starboard Value LP, as the investment manager of Starboard V&O Fund, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 1,359,522 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund.

Percentage: Approximately 10.3%.



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- (b)
  - 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,812,700
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,812,700
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Starboard Value LP through the Starboard Value LP Account and on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

C. Starboard Value GP

(a) Starboard Value GP, as the general partner of Starboard Value LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,359,522 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund and (ii) 453,178 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account.

Percentage: Approximately 10.3%.

- (b)
  - 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,812,700
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,812,700
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard Value GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund and through the Starboard Value LP Account since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

D. Principal Co

(a) Principal Co, as a member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,359,522 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund and (ii) 453,178 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account.

Percentage: Approximately 10.3%.

- (b)
  - 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,812,700
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,812,700
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Principal Co has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund and through the Starboard Value LP Account since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

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E. Principal GP

(a) Principal GP, as the general partner of Principal Co, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,359,522 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund and (ii) 453,178 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account.

Percentage: Approximately 10.3%.

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,812,700
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,812,700
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Principal GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund and through the Starboard Value LP Account since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

F. Mr. Smith

(a) As of the close of business on August 13, 2012, Mr. Smith directly owned 3,132 Shares underlying certain options exercisable within 60 days. Mr. Smith, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,359,522 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund and (ii) 453,178 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account.

Percentage: Approximately 10.4%.

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 3,132
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,812,700
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 3,132
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,812,700

(c) Mr. Smith has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund and through the Starboard Value LP Account since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

G. Messrs. Mitchell and Feld

(a) Each of Messrs. Mitchell and Feld, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,359,522 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund and (ii) 453,178 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account.

Percentage: Approximately 10.3%.



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- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,812,700
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,812,700

(c) Neither of Messrs. Mitchell or Feld has entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund and through the Starboard Value LP Account since the filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 13, 2012

STARBOARD VALUE AND  
OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD  
By: Starboard Value LP,  
its investment manager

STARBOARD VALUE LP  
By: Starboard Value GP LLC,  
its general partner

STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC  
By: Starboard Principal Co LP,  
its member

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP  
By: Starboard Principal Co GP LLC,  
its general partner

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO GP LLC

By: /s/ Jeffrey C.  
Smith  
Name: Jeffrey C.  
Smith  
Title: Authorized  
Signatory

/s/ Jeffrey C.  
Smith  
JEFFREY C.  
SMITH  
Individually  
and as  
attorney-in-fact  
for Mark  
Mitchell and  
Peter A. Feld

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## SCHEDULE A

## Transactions in the Shares Since the Filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D

| Shares of Common Stock<br>Purchased / (Sold)    | Price Per<br>Share(\$) | Date of<br>Purchase / Sale |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD |                        |                            |
| (19,650)  | 17.7201                | 08/08/2012                 |
| (12,750)  | 17.7039                | 08/08/2012                 |
| (8,250)   | 17.7706                | 08/09/2012                 |
| (127,500)                                       | 17.7666                | 08/09/2012                 |
| (24,945)  | 17.6132                | 08/10/2012                 |
| (75)  | 17.5800                | 08/10/2012                 |
| (13,875)  | 17.5815                | 08/13/2012                 |

STARBOARD VALUE LP  
(Through the Starboard Value LP Account)

|          |         |            |
|----------|---------|------------|
| (6,550)  | 17.7201 | 08/08/2012 |
| (4,250)  | 17.7039 | 08/08/2012 |
| (2,750)  | 17.7706 | 08/09/2012 |
| (42,500) | 17.7666 | 08/09/2012 |
| (8,315)  | 17.6132 | 08/10/2012 |
| (25)     | 17.5800 | 08/10/2012 |
| (4,625)  | 17.5815 | 08/13/2012 |