FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| STATEMENT | OF (| CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Hagen Heidi | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ZIOP] | | | | | | | | | | | olicable) | g Person(s) to 10% | Issuer Owner | |
|--|-----|---------|-------|---|---|---|--|--------------|-------------------------|---|--------|-------------------|--|--|---|---|---|---|------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE FIRST AVENUE, PARRIS BUILDING 34 | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2019 | | | | | | | | | | Offic belov | er (give title w) | Othe belo | r (specify v) |
| NAVY YARD PLAZA (Street) | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | G. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| (City) | (St | ate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | Execution D | | n Date, | Code (Instr. | | | | | | 4 and Secur Benef | | icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | Amount (A) or (D) | | Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (|
| Common Stock 12/31/2 | | | | /2019 | | A | | 31,780 | 31,780 ⁽¹⁾ A | | \$0 | .00 32,119 | | D | | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion of Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 4. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) 5. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) | | n Date, | | ransaction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | rative rities ired r osed) : 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date Expiration Date Expiration Date | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amour or Numbe of Title Shares | | ount nber | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 31,780 shares vest on 12/31/2020.

Remarks:

/s/ Robert Hadfield, Attorney-

in-Fact

01/03/2020

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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