

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>LEWIS JONATHAN</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1180 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 19TH FLOOR (Street) NEW YORK NY 10036 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ZIOP]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">CEO</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2008	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	01/18/2008		A ⁽⁴⁾		100,000	A	(4)	105,000	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 or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.08							01/08/2007	01/08/2014	Common Stock	25,674	25,674	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.08							01/27/2007	01/27/2014	Common Stock	242,979	242,979	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.31							01/27/2007	06/08/2015	Common Stock	87,789	87,789	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.31							01/27/2007	09/13/2015	Common Stock	54,161	54,161	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.01							04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common Stock	139,315	139,315	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.01							04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common Stock	75,000	75,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.49							(1)	12/13/2016	Common Stock	30,000	30,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.85							(2)	06/18/2017	Common Stock	35,000	35,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.73							(3)	12/12/2017	Common Stock	100,000	100,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 10,000 shares vest on each of 12/13/07, 12/13/08 and 12/13/09.
- 11,667 shares vest on each of 6/18/08 and 6/18/09; 11,666 shares vest on 6/18/10.
- 33,334 shares vest on 12/12/08; 33,333 shares vest on each of 12/12/09 and 12/12/10.

4. Grant of restricted stock. Restrictions lapse as to 33,333 shares on each of 1/8/09 and 1/8/10 and as to 33,334 shares on 1/8/11.

/s/ Jonathan Lewis

01/22/2008

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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