FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

ı	OIVID APPROVAL								
	OMB Number:	3235-0287							
l	Estimated average burden								
1	hours per response:	0.5							

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BELBEL CAESAR J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ZIOP]							f Reporting Peable) (give title	erson(s) to Issu 10% Ov Other (s	ner
	`	irst) NCOLOGY, INO BLDG. 34		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/27/2013							X United (give the below) EVP, CLO, and Secretary			респу	
(Street) BOSTON (City)	N M	02129 (Zip)	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable) X Form filed by One Reporting Person 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 2.A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of													7. Nature of		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution Date,		Transaction Code (Ins 8)	saction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		tr. 3, 4 and 5		Fo lly ollowing (I)	rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	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		Execution Date,	Code		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 Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.3	06/27/2013		A		230,000		(1)	06/27/2023	Common Stock	230,000	\$0.00	230,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 76,667 shares shall vest on each of 6/27/2014 and 6/27/2015; and 76,666 shares shall vest on 6/27/2016.

Remarks:

/s/ Caesar J. Belbel

06/28/2013

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.