Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BAGLEY RICHARD E</u>   |   |  |   |                |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ ZIOP ] |                   |     |  |   |   |                                  |   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     No Director 10% Owner   |               |  |                                       |   |
|--|---|--|---|----------------|---|--|-------------------|-----|--|---|---|----------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE FIRST AVENUE, PARRIS BLDG., #34  |   |  |   |                |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/25/2008                |                   |     |  |   |   |                                  |   | helow)   |               | CO &   | Other (s<br>below)<br>Treasurer       | · |
| (Street) BOSTOI  | BOSTON MA 02129   |  |   |                | 4. 1                                    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                   |                   |     |  |   |   |                                  |   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  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. Transa Date (Month/D   |   |  |   | Execution Date |   |  | Transaction Dispo |     | Disposed                                     | urities Acquired (A) or<br>ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |   | Beneficia<br>Owned F<br>Reported | es<br>ally<br>Following<br>d                        | ly (D) or<br>llowing (I) (In   |               | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)        |                                       |   |
|  |   |  |   |                |   |  |                   |     | Code V                                       |   | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)                    | Price   | Transact<br>(Instr. 3  |               |  |                                       |   |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |   |                |   |  |                   |     |  |   |   |                                  |   |  |               |  |                                       |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  |                   |     | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration D<br>(Month/Day/ |   | 7. Title and Amou<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securi<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactic<br>(Instr. 4)                           | e<br>s<br>lly | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |
|  |   |  |   | С              | ode                                     | v  | (A)               | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                          | Exp<br>Dat  | piration<br>te  | Title                            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |  |               |  |                                       |   |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)   | \$2.14  | 06/25/2008                                 |   |                | A                                       |  | 60,000            |     | (1)  | 06/2  | /25/2018  | Common<br>Stock                  | 60,000  | (2)  | 60,000        | 0  | D                                     |   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 20,000 options are exercisable on 06/25/2009; 20,000 options are exercisable on 06/25/2010; and 20,000 options are exercisable on 06/25/2011.
- 2. Not applicable.

/s/ Richard E. Bagley

07/01/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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