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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Nume and Address of Reporting Leson			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ZIOP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
<u>I'Uwiei wych</u>	<u>C</u>			X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC.		NC.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2017		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
ONE FIRST AVENUE, PARRIS BLDG 34			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)				X	Form filed by One Repo	orting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

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)	Transaction Code (Instr.					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/29/2017		A		17,258(1)	A	\$0.00	163,328	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2017		F		6,882 ⁽²⁾	D	\$4.14	156,446	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. Transa Code (8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	5. Number of Expiration Date Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. 17,258 shares vest on 12/29/2018.

2. Represents shares withheld to satisfy withholding tax obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock grants.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Caesar J. Belbel, Attorney-</u> <u>in-Fact</u>

<u>y-</u> 01/03/2018

** 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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