FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Fowler Wyche						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ZIOP]									eck all app	nship of Reporting Per I applicable) Director		Person(s) to Issuer	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 701 A STREET NE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2008									Offic belo	er (give title w)		Other (specify below)	
(Street) WASINGTON DC 20002 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	e) <mark>X</mark> Forn Forn	al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
		Tabl	e I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or I	3ene	ficial	y Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr.) 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)				Secur Benef Owner	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	(A (D) or)	Price	Transa	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$.001 12/03/						2008		A ⁽¹⁾		15,000 A		A	\$0.83	3 1	5,000	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 Da if any (Month/Day/\(^2\)	Date, Trans			of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		9	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4)		tr. 3	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	(D) rect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	or Num of Shar	.					

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant of restricted stock; restrictions lapse on 12/3/09.

<u>/s/ Wyche Fowler</u> <u>12/05/2008</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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