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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION							OMB APPROVAL				
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subject to Section 1 Form 4 or Form 5	F CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWN SECURITIES Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange						Estimated a burden hou response	average			
obligation may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	inue. Section 1	7(a) of the	Public Ut		ing Com	pany	Act of	1935 or Section	n		
(Print or Type F	Responses)										
:			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ZIOP]				-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			_X_ Director 10% Owner					
	ARM ONCOL FIRST AVEN .DG 34		(Month/D 12/08/20	-				Officer (give below)	title <u>Othe</u> below)	er (specify	
			endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
BOSTON, N	MA 02129							Form filed by M Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A)				Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
G				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/08/2017			М	20,000	А	\$ 2.73	225,370	D		
Common Stock	12/08/2017			F	12,325 (1)	D	\$ 4.43	213,045	D		

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

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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. 5. Number of Transactio-Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) 		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.73	12/08/2017		М	20,000	(2)	12/12/2017	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WEISER MICHAEL C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC., ONE FIRST AVENUE, PARRIS BLDG 34 BOSTON, MA 02129	Х						
Signatures							
/s/ Caesar J. Belbel, Attorney-In-Fact	2/11/2017						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date						

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Represents shares withheld to pay exercise price.

(2) 6,667 shares vested on each of 12/12/08 and 12/12/09; 6,666 shares vested on 12/12/10.

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