

ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BELBEL CAESAR J

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  
(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

COO, CLO, and Secretary

C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC., ONE FIRST AVE., BLDG. 34

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BOSTON, MA 02129

(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) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  | Price  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/19/2015                           |  | M                              | 153,333   | A \$ 2.3  | 212,534  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/19/2015                           |  | S                              | 153,333   | D \$ 12.84  | 59,201   | D   |

(1)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 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 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)                | \$ 2.3   | 11/19/2015                           |  | M                              | 153,333   | (2) 06/26/2023   | Common Stock  | 153,333 |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| BELBEL CAESAR J<br>C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC.,<br>ONE FIRST AVE., BLDG. 34<br>BOSTON, MA 02129 |               |           | COO, CLO, and Secretary |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Caesar J. Belbel 11/23/2015  
 \*\*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).  
 The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions ranging from \$12.70 to \$12.99, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc., any security holder of ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote (1).  
 (2) The option is vested with respect to 153,333 shares; the option vests with respect to the remaining 76,667 shares on 6/27/2016.

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