

ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WEISER MICHAEL**

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)  
**50 WEST 57TH STREET, 15TH FLOOR**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/12/2007**

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

(Street)  
**NEW YORK, NY 10019**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$.001 par value					83,445	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. 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
Warrants to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 4.75					09/13/2005 05/31/2012	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value 35,566
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.31					<u>(1)</u> 12/22/2014	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value 15,029
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.01					04/26/2006 04/26/2016	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value 15,000
Warrants to purchase Common Stock	\$ 5.09					05/03/2006 05/03/2013	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value 18,319
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49					<u>(2)</u> 12/13/2016	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value 15,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.85					<u>(3)</u> 06/18/2017	Common Stock 15,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.73	12/12/2007		A	20,000	<u>(4)</u> 12/12/2017	Common Stock 20,000

