

WEISER MICHAEL  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/31/2012

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

C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC., 1180 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 1920

(Street)

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

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 05/31/2012                           |  | X                              |   | 35,566  | A  | \$ 3.93                           |
| Common Stock                    | 05/31/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 27,844  | D  | \$ 5.02                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | <sup>(2)</sup>                    |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)       | \$ 3.93  | 05/31/2012                           |  | X                              | 35,566  | 05/31/2005 05/31/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 35,566                     |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WEISER MICHAEL  
C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC.,  
1180 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 1920  
NEW YORK, NY 10036

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## Signatures

/s/ Richard E. Bagley, as attorney-in-fact for Michael Weiser

06/01/2012

\_\_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) On May 31, 2012, Michael Weiser exercised a warrant to purchase 35,566 shares of common stock on a net exercise basis, resulting in the Issuer withholding 27,844 of the warrant shares, and issuing the remaining 7,722 shares of common stock to Mr. Weiser.
- (2) The price reflects the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the trading day prior to the exercise of the warrant, in accordance with the net exercise provisions of the warrant.

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