

Cooper Laurence James Neil
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Cooper Laurence James Neil

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)

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2017

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Chief Executive Officer

BOSTON, MA 02129

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

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

(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 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)
Common Stock	12/29/2017		A	Amount (1) 348,000	(A) or (D) A \$ 0	1,431,731	D
Common Stock	12/30/2017		F	26,178 (2)	D \$ 4.14	1,405,553	D
Common Stock	12/31/2017		F	16,157 (2)	D \$ 4.14	1,389,396	D

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

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(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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cooper Laurence James Neil
C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC.
ONE FIRST AVENUE, PARRIS BLDG. 34
BOSTON, MA 02129

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ Caesar J. Belbel,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/03/2018

____Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 116,000 shares shall vest on each of 12/29/2018, 12/29/2019 and 12/29/2020.

(2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy withholding tax obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock grants.

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