

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 \*  
**KIRK RANDAL 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)

**C/O THIRD SECURITY, LLC, 1881 GROVE AVENUE**

**12/31/2015**

(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

**RADFORD, VA 24141**

(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 or Price					
Common Stock	12/31/2015		A		26,661 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0	122,309	D	
Common Stock								3,479,685	I	by R.J. Kirk DOT <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock								23,349	I	by JPK 2008 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock								23,504	I	by MGK 2008 <u>(2)</u>
								40,954	I	

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Common Stock			by ZSK 2008 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	240	I	by Lotus <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	53,245	I	by Staff 2001 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	9,537	I	by Sr. Staff <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	337,333	I	by JPK 2009 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	358,386	I	by MGK 2009 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	34,318	I	by ZSK 2009 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	29,066	I	by ADC 2010 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	154,181	I	by MGK 2011 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	138,975	I	by JPK 2012 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	61,262	I	by Kellie L. Banks LTT <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	2,359,608	I	by Kapital Joe <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	889,513	I	by Mascara Kaboom <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	395,791	I	by Senior Staff 2008 <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	222,680	I	by Staff 2010 <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	111,339	I	by Incentive 2010 <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	352,477	I	by Senior Staff 2007 <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	176,238	I	by Staff 2007 <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	58,746	I	by Incentive

Common Stock	173,111	I	2007 <sup>(3)</sup> by Staff 2009 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	86,556	I	by Incentive 2009 <sup>(3)</sup>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repor Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KIRK RANDAL J C/O THIRD SECURITY, LLC 1881 GROVE AVENUE RADFORD, VA 24141	X	X		

## Signatures

/s/ Randal J. Kirk                      01/04/2016

\*\*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) Restrictions related to the grant of restricted stock will lapse one year from the grant date.

Randal J. Kirk controls each of Randal J. Kirk Declaration of Trust ("R.J. Kirk DOT"), JPK 2008, LLC ("JPK 2008"), MGK 2008, LLC ("MGK 2008"), ZSK 2008, LLC ("ZSK 2008"), Lotus Capital (2000) Co., Inc. ("Lotus"), Third Security Staff 2001 LLC ("Staff 2001"), Third Security Senior Staff LLC ("Sr. Staff"), JPK 2009, LLC ("JPK 2009"), MGK 2009, LLC ("MGK 2009"), ZSK 2009, LLC ("ZSK 2009"), ADC 2010, LLC ("ADC 2010"), MGK 2011, LLC ("MGK 2011"), JPK 2012, LLC ("JPK 2012") and Kellie L. Banks (2009) Long Term Trust ("Kellie L. Banks LTT"). Shares held by these entities may be deemed to be beneficially owned (as defined under Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) by Mr. Kirk. Mr. Kirk disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Randal J. Kirk controls each of Kapital Joe, LLC ("Kapital Joe"), Mascara Kaboom, LLC ("Mascara Kaboom"), Third Security Senior Staff 2008 LLC ("Senior Staff 2008"), Third Security Staff 2010 LLC ("Staff 2010"), Third Security Incentive 2010 LLC ("Incentive 2010"), Third Security Senior Staff 2007 LLC ("Senior Staff 2007"), Third Security Staff 2007 LLC ("Staff 2007"), Third Security Incentive 2007 LLC ("Incentive 2007"), Third Security Staff 2009 LLC ("Staff 2009") and Third Security Incentive 2009 LLC ("Incentive 2009"). Shares held by these entities may be deemed to be beneficially owned (as defined under Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) by Mr. Kirk. Mr. Kirk disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

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