

Fowler Wyche  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Fowler Wyche

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)  
12/31/2010

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

701 A STREET NE

(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

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

(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)  | Amount  |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  |                                      |  |                                |   | 67,500 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 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)**

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| 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                              |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 4.31  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/22/2006 12/22/2014                                    | Common Stock, \$ .001 par value 15,029                        |
| Director Stock Option (riht to buy)        | \$ 5.01  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/26/2006 04/26/2016                                    | Common Stock 15,000   |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 6.49  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/13/2006 12/13/2016                                    | Common Stock 15,000   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 4.85  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2) 06/18/2017   | Common Stock 15,000   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 2.73  |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 12/12/2017   | Common Stock 20,000   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.7   |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 05/13/2019   | Common Stock 15,000   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 2.85  |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 12/31/2019   | Common Stock, \$ .001 par value 7,500                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 5.09  |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/31/2011 03/31/2020                                    | Common Stock, \$ .001 par value 15,000                        |
|  | \$ 4.77  | 12/31/2010                           |  | A                              | 30,000  | (6) 12/31/2020   | 30,000  |

Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Fowler Wyche<br>701 A STREET NE<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20002 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Wyche  
Fowler

01/03/2011

\_\_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) Includes grants of restricted stock with restrictions that lapsed as to 3,750 shares on December 31, 2010 and restrictions that will lapse as to 15,000 shares on March 31, 2011 and as to 3,750 shares on December 31, 2011.
- (2) 5,000 shares vest on each of 6/18/08, 6/18/09 and 6/18/10.
- (3) 6,667 shares vest on each of 12/12/08 and 12/12/09; 6,666 shares vest on 12/12/10.
- (4) 5,000 shares vest on each of 12/31/09, 6/30/2010 and 12/31/2010.
- (5) 3,750 shares vest on each of 12/31/2010 and 12/31/2011.
- (6) 10,000 shares vest on each of 12/31/2011, 12/31/2012 and 12/31/2013.

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