

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 \*  
**BAGLEY RICHARD E**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 197 EIGHTH STREET, SUITE 300  
 (Street)  
 CHARLESTOWN, MA 02129  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC  
 [ZIOP]**

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President, COO & Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	(D)	Price
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	12/12/2007		A <sup>(7)</sup>		25,000	A	\$ 0
					25,000	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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.7					(1)	07/01/2014	Common Stock	150,668
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.31					(2)	06/08/2015	Common Stock	63,197
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.31					(3)	09/13/2015	Common Stock	27,417
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.01					04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common Stock	54,873
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.01					(4)	04/26/2016	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49					(5)	12/13/2016	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.85					(6)	06/18/2017	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.73	12/12/2007		A	75,000	(8)	12/12/2017	Common Stock	75,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAGLEY RICHARD E 197 EIGHTH STREET, SUITE 300 CHARLESTOWN, MA 02129	X		President, COO & Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Richard E. Bagley  
12/17/2007

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) 50,223 shares vest on each of 7/1/05 and 7/1/06; 50,222 shares vest on 7/1/07.
- (2) 21,066 shares vest on each of 7/1/05 and 7/1/06; 21,065 shares vest on 7/1/07.
- (3) 9,139 shares vest on each of 9/13/05, 7/1/06 and 7/1/07.
- (4) 20,000 shares vest immediately; the remainder vest on 12/14/06.
- (5) 6,667 shares vest on each of 12/13/07 and 12/13/08; 6,666 shares vest on 12/13/09.
- (6) 8,334 shares vest on 6/18/08; 8,333 shares vest on each of 6/18/09 and 6/18/10.
- (7) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to Rule 16b-3; restrictions lapse on 12/1/08.
- (8) 25,000 shares vest on each of 12/12/08, 12/12/09 and 12/12/10.

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