

ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC
Form 8-K
December 09, 2013

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 6, 2013

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

One First Avenue, Parris Building 34, Navy Yard Plaza

001-33038
(Commission

File Number)

84-1475672
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

02129

Boston, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(617) 259-1970

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 4, 2013, the National Institutes of Health's Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approve ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.'s initiation of a Phase 1 study of Ad-RTS-IL-12, an adenoviral vector engineered to express interleukin-12 under the control of veledimex, an oral activator, in subjects with recurrent or progressive glioblastoma or grade III malignant glioma (brain cancer). On December 6, 2013, ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc., or the Company, issued a press release announcing the committee's approval. The Company has announced plans to launch a Phase 1 study of Ad-RTS-IL-12 in malignant glioma in the first half of 2014.

A copy of the above referenced press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of the Company dated December 6, 2013 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.

By: /s/ Kevin G. Lafond
Name: Kevin G. Lafond
Title: Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer
and Treasurer

Date: December 6, 2013

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