

ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC
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**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 *
 Lafond Kevin G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC., 1 FIRST AVE. PARRIS BLDG. #34, NAVY YARD

(Street)

BOSTON, 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)
 12/30/2014

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)
 Vice Pres., Treasurer, & CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	12/30/2014		F	(A) or (D) D	Amount 4,690 (1) Price \$ 5.03	26,666	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.07	12/31/2014		A	75,000	(2) 12/30/2024	Common Stock	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lafond Kevin G C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC. 1 FIRST AVE. PARRIS BLDG. #34, NAVY YARD BOSTON, MA 02129			Vice Pres., Treasurer, & CAO	

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Lewis, Attorney-In-Fact 01/02/2015

**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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock grants.
- (2) 25,000 shares shall vest on 12/31/2015, 12/31/2016 and 12/31/2017.

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