

Cooper Laurence James Neil  
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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 \*  
 Cooper Laurence James Neil

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)  
 01/06/2019

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

C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC., ONE FIRST AVENUE, PARRIS BLDG. 34

(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

BOSTON, MA 02129

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/06/2019		A		337,266 (1)	A	\$ 0 1,518,075 D
Common Stock	01/06/2019		A		446,428 (2)	A	\$ 0 1,964,503 D
Common Stock	01/06/2019		F		165,178 (3)	D	\$ 2.24 1,799,325 D

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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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.24	01/06/2019		A	531,813	(4) 01/06/2029	Common Stock 531,813

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cooper Laurence James Neil C/O ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY, INC. ONE FIRST AVENUE, PARRIS BLDG. 34 BOSTON, MA 02129	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Kevin Lafond,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/08/2019

\_\_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) 112,422 shares shall vest on each of 12/31/2019, 12/31/2020 and 12/31/2021.
- (2) Pursuant to the Issuer's option plan, the Reporting Person elected to receive fully vested shares of Common Stock in lieu of a cash bonus.
- (3) Represents shares withheld to satisfy withholding tax obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock grant.
- (4) 1/12th of the shares underlying this option will vest in equal quarterly installments commencing one quarterly period after 12/31/2018.

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