

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 *
WEISER MICHAEL

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)
787 SEVENTH AVENUE, 48TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/03/2006

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

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10019

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

(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) Price			
Common Stock, \$.001 par value					83,445	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(1) 7,515 shares vest on 7/20/06 and 7,514 shares vest on 7/20/07.

Paramount BioCapital, Inc. ("Paramount"), an NASD member broker dealer, acted as co-placement agent for the Issuer in a private placement of the Issuer's securities consummated on May 3, 2006. In connection with such activities, Paramount allocated these warrants to the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person is the Director of Research at Paramount.

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