Fowler Wyche Form 4 January 04, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Fowler Wyche Issuer Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC (Check all applicable) [ZIOP] X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) below) 701 A STREET NE 12/31/2010

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

WASHINGTON, DC 20002 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Beneficial Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock, \$.001 par

67,500 (1) 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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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (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
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.31						12/22/2006	12/22/2014	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	15,029
Director Stock Option (riht to buy)	\$ 5.01						04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common Stock	15,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49						12/13/2006	12/13/2016	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.85						<u>(2)</u>	06/18/2017	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.73						<u>(3)</u>	12/12/2017	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.7						<u>(4)</u>	05/13/2019	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.85						<u>(5)</u>	12/31/2019	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	7,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.09						03/31/2011	03/31/2020	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	15,000
	\$ 4.77	12/31/2010		A	30,000		<u>(6)</u>	12/31/2020		30,000

Stock Common Option Stock (right to

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fowler Wyche
701 A STREET NE X
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Signatures

buy)

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- Includes grants of restricted stock with restrictions that lapsed as to 3,750 shares on December 31, 2010 and restrictions that will lapse as to 15,000 shares on March 31, 2011 and as to 3,750 shares on December 31, 2011.
- (2) 5,000 shares vest on each of 6/18/08, 6/18/09 and 6/18/10.
- (3) 6,667 shares vest on each of 12/12/08 and 12/12/09; 6,666 shares vest on 12/12/10.
- (4) 5,000 shares vest on each of 12/31/09, 6/30/2010 and 12/31/2010.
- (5) 3,750 shares vest on each of 12/31/2010 and 12/31/2011.
- (6) 10,000 shares vest on each of 12/31/2011, 12/31/2012 and 12/31/2013.

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