| ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC |
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| Form 8-K |

October 19, 2012

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): October 19, 2012

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 001-33038 84-1475672 (State or Other Jurisdiction (IRS Employer

(Commission File Number)

of Incorporation) Identification No.)

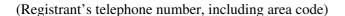
1180 Avenue of the Americas

20th Floor 10036

New York, NY

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(646) 214-0700





(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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
- o 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 October 19, 2012, ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc. issued a press release regarding a blog entry posted by Richard Pearson, Contributor, on Forbes.com.

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

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

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99.1 Press release dated October 19, 2012

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/ Jason A. Amello

Date: October 19, 2012 Name: Jason A. Amello

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

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99.1 Press release dated October 19, 2012