MCINERNEY TIMOTHY

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **MCINERNEY TIMOTHY**

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC

[ZIOP]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

ONE COVENTRY LANE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

09/23/2009

(Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Code V

Applicable Line)

Issuer

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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HOPEWELL, NJ 08525

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

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) anv (Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Beneficially (D) or Ownership Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) or

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Common

value

Stock, 09/23/2009 \$.001 par

 $A^{(6)}$

30,000 A

Amount

\$0 158,205

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber 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 or Number of Shares
Warrants to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 4.75					09/13/2005	05/31/2012	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	20,767
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.31					<u>(1)</u>	07/20/2015	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	15,029
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.01					04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common Stock	15,000
Warrants to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 5.09					05/03/2006	05/03/2013	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	80,737
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49					(2)	12/13/2016	Common Stock	15,000
Warrant	\$ 5.75					02/23/2007	02/23/2012	Common Stock	35,739
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.85					(3)	06/18/2017	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (right to	\$ 2.73					<u>(4)</u>	12/12/2017	Common Stock	20,000

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buy)					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.7	<u>(5)</u>	05/13/2019	Common Stock	15,000
Warrants to purchase common stock	\$ 2.04	09/15/2009	09/15/2014	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	50,000
Warrants to purchase common stock	\$ 2.04	09/15/2009	09/15/2014	Common Stock	40,298

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MCINERNEY TIMOTHY ONE COVENTRY LANE HOPEWELL, NJ 08525	X					

Signatures

/s/ Richard E. Bagley, as attorney-in-fact for Timothy
McInerney

09/24/2009

**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) 7,515 shares vest on 7/20/06 and 7,514 shares vest on 7/20/07.
- (2) 5,000 shares vest on each of 12/13/07, 12/13/08 and 12/13/09.
- (3) 5,000 shares vest on each of 6/18/08, 6/18/09 and 6/18/10.
- (4) 6,667 shares vest on each of 12/12/08 and 12/12/09; 6,666 shares vest on 12/12/10.
- (5) 5,000 shares vest on each of 12/31/09, 6/30/2010 and 12/31/2010.
- (6) Grant of restricted stock; restrictions lapse on 9/23/2010.

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