

ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC
Form 8-K
February 04, 2015

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): February 3, 2015

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-33038
(Commission
File Number)

84-1475672
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One First Avenue, Parris Building 34, Navy Yard Plaza

Boston, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(617) 259-1970

02129
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On February 3, 2015, ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc. (the Company) entered into an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative of the several underwriters listed in Schedule 1 thereto (the Underwriters), relating to an underwritten public offering of 10,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Common Stock). All of the shares of Common Stock subject to the Underwriting Agreement will be sold by the Company. The price to the public was \$8.75 per share, and the Underwriters agreed to purchase the shares from the Company pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement at a purchase price of \$8.225 per share. Under the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Company also granted the Underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days, to purchase up to an additional 1,500,000 shares of Common Stock at a purchase price of \$8.225 per share. The net proceeds to the Company are expected to be approximately \$81.9 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Company. The offering is expected to close on or about February 9, 2015, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. J.P. Morgan Securities LLC is acting as sole book-running manager for the offering and BMO Capital Markets Corp. is acting as senior lead manager. Griffin Securities, Inc., Maxim Group LLC and Mizuho Securities USA Inc. are acting as co-managers for the offering.

The offering is being made pursuant to an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-201826) filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on February 2, 2015, which registration statement became automatically effective upon filing, and a prospectus supplement relating to the offering also filed with the SEC.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, agreements and obligations, conditions to closing and termination provisions. The Underwriting Agreement provides for indemnification by the Underwriters of the Company, its directors and certain of its executive officers, and by the Company of the Underwriters, for certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and affords certain rights of contribution with respect thereto. The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 1.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

A copy of the opinion of Cooley LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the shares of Common Stock in the offering is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) *Exhibits.*

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| 1.1 | Underwriting Agreement, dated February 3, 2015, by and between ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative of the several underwriters listed in Schedule 1 thereto |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Cooley LLP |
| 23.1 | Consent of Cooley LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1) |

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/ Caesar Belbel

Name: Caesar Belbel

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and
Secretary

Date: February 4, 2015

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