

Fowler Wyche  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
Fowler Wyche

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2009

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

701 A STREET NE

(Street)

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

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

(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)  | Amount  |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  | 12/31/2009                           |  | A <sup>(6)</sup>               |   | 7,500   | A  | \$ 0 52,500                       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Director Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 4.31  |                                      |  |                                |   | (1) 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  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2) 12/13/2016   | Common Stock  | 15,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 4.85  |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 06/18/2017   | Common Stock  | 15,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 2.73  |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 12/12/2017   | Common Stock  | 20,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.7   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 05/13/2019   | Common Stock  | 15,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 2.85  | 12/31/2009                           |  | A                              | 7,500   | (7) 12/31/2019   | Common Stock, \$.001 par value                                | 7,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fowler Wyche  
701 A STREET NE X  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

## Signatures

/s/ Wyche 01/05/2010  
Fowler

\*\*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).
- (1) 7,515 shares vest on 12/22/05 and 7,514 shares vest on 12/22/06.
- (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 in 2 equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (7) 3,750 shares vest on each of 12/31/2011 and 12/31/2012.

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