## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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		on <sup>*</sup>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ ZIOP ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
KIKK KANDAL J				X	Director	Х	10% Owner			
P					Officer (give title		Other (specify			
(Last)	IRK RANDAL J ast) (First) (Middle) /O THIRD SECURITY, LLC 881 GROVE AVENUE reet) ADFORD VA 24141		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/04/2015		below)		below)			
C/O THIRD SH	ECURITY, LLC		00/04/2013							
1881 GROVE	AVENUE									
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street)					Form filed by One Reporting Person					
		24141			Form filed by More Person	0				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
	T	able I - Non-Deriva	tive Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefi	cially	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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(insu: 4)	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		17,830,305(1)	D	(1)	0	I	by Intrexon Corporation <sup>(2</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		3,479,006 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(1)	3,479,006	I	by R.J. Kirk DOT <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		23,349(1)	A	(1)	23,349	I	by JPK 2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		23,504(1)	A	(1)	23,504	I	by MGK 2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		40,954(1)	A	(1)	40,954	I	by ZSK 2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		240 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(1)	240	I	by Lotus <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		53,245(1)	A	(1)	53,245	I	by Staff 2001 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		9,537(1)	A	(1)	9,537	Ι	by Sr. Staff <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		337,333(1)	A	(1)	337,333	I	by JPK 2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		358,386(1)	A	(1)	358,386	I	by MGK 2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		34,318(1)	A	(1)	34,318	I	by ZSK 2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		29,066 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(1)	29,066	I	by ADC 2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		154,181(1)	A	(1)	154,181	I	by MGK 2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		138,975 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(1)	138,975	I	by JPK 2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		61,262(1)	A	(1)	61,262	I	by Kellie L. Banks LTT <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		1,013,146 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(1)	2,359,608	I	by Kapital Joe <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		889,513(1)	Α	(1)	889,513	I	by Mascara Kaboom <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		395,791(1)	A	(1)	395,791	I	by Senior Staff 2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/04/2015		J <sup>(1)</sup>		222,680 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(1)	222,680	I	by Staff 2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	

		Tabl	e I - Non-Deri	vat	ive Sec	uritie	s Acq	uired	l, Di	sposed o	f, or B	eneficia	ally Own	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		saction e (Instr.	4. S Dis	Securities Acq posed Of (D)	(Instr. 3,	4 and 5)	5. Amount Securities Beneficiall Owned Fol Reported	y llowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
							Code	∍ V	Am	ount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transactio (Instr. 3 an					
Common	Common Stock		06/04/201	5			<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		1	11,339(1)	A	(1)	111,3	39	I		by Incentive 2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common	Stock		06/04/201	5			J <sup>(1)</sup>		3	352,477 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(1)	352,477		I		by Senior Staff 2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common	Stock 06/04/2015				<b>J</b> (1)		1	76,238(1)	A	(1)	176,2	176,238		Ι		by Staff 2007 <sup>(4)</sup>		
Common	Stock		06/04/201	5			<b>J</b> (1)			58,746 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(1)	58,746		I		by Incentive 2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common	Stock		06/04/201	06/04/2015			<b>J</b> (1)		1	73,111 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(1)	173,111		Ι		by Staff 2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common	Stock		06/04/201	06/04/2015			J <sup>(1)</sup>		8	86,556 <sup>(1)</sup>		(1)	86,556		I		by Incentive 2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common	Stock						$\square$						95,64	48	I I	)		
		Ta	ble II - Deriva	tive	e Secur	ities	Acqui	red, I	Disp	osed of, o convertib	or Ber		y Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Derivative Conversion Date Exe Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if an			a. Deemed 4. ecution Date, any onth/Day/Year) 8)		5. Number 6. Date		Expirati	e Exercisable and tion Date n/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)			10. Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	rship c E (D) C irect (	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V		(A)		Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
	nd Address o	f Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>																
	RD SECU OVE AVE	(First) RITY, LLC NUE	(Middle)															
(Street) RADFO	RD	VA	24141															
(City)		(State)	(Zip)															
	nd Address o XON CC	f Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>																
	GAL DEPA ENECA M	(First) RTMENT EADOWS PARK	(Middle) WAY															
(Street) GERMA	NTOWN	MD	20876															
(City)		(State)	(Zip)															
Explanatio	n of Respon	ses:																

1. Intrexon Corporation declared a dividend of shares of ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc. common stock held by it to its holders of record as of June 4, 2015.

2. Randal J. Kirk, directly and through certain affiliates, has voting and dispositive power over a majority of the outstanding capital stock of Intrexon Corporation. Mr. Kirk may therefore be deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the shares of the issuer owned by Intrexon Corporation. Shares held by Intrexon Corporation may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned (as defined under Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) by Mr. Kirk. Mr. Kirk disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

<sup>3.</sup> Randal J. Kirk controls each of Randal J. Kirk Declaration of Trust ("R.J. Kirk DOT"), JPK 2008, LLC ("JPK 2008"), MGK 2008, LLC ("MGK 2008"), ZSK 2008, LLC ("ZSK 2008"), Lotus Capital (2000) Co., Inc. ("Lotus"), Third Security Staff 2001 LLC ("Staff 2001"), Third Security Senior Staff LLC ("Sr. Staff"), JPK 2009, LLC ("JPK 2009"), MGK 2009, LLC ("MGK 2009"), ZSK 2009, LLC ("ZSK 2009"), ADC 2010, LLC ("ADC 2010"), MGK 2011"), JPK 2012, LLC ("JPK 2012") and Kellie L. Banks (2009) Long Term Trust ("Kellie L. Banks LTT"). Shares held by these entities may be deemed to be beneficially owned (as defined under Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) by Mr. Kirk. Mr. Kirk disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

<sup>4.</sup> Randal J. Kirk controls each of Kapital Joe, LLC ("Kapital Joe"), Mascara Kaboom, LLC ("Mascara Kaboom"), Third Security Senior Staff 2008 LLC ("Senior Staff 2008"), Third Security Staff 2010 LLC ("Staff 2010"), Third Security Senior Staff 2007 LLC ("Senior Staff 2007"), Third Security Staff 2007"), Third Security Incentive 2010"), Third Security Incentive 2007"), Third Security Staff 2009 LLC ("Staff 2009") and Third Security Incentive 2009 LLC ("Incentive 2009"). Shares held by these entities may be deemed to be beneficially owned (as defined under Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) by Mr. Kirk. Mr. Kirk disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

## /s/ Randal J. Kirk, CEO of

/s/ Randal J. Kirk

Intrexon Corporation

<u>06/08/2015</u> 06/08/2015

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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