

ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC  
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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 \*  
**WEISER MICHAEL**

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)  
**787 SEVENTH AVENUE, 48TH FLOOR**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/03/2006**

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

(Street)  
**NEW YORK, NY 10019**

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

(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) Price			
Common Stock, \$.001 par value					83,445	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)

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)
				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 35,566
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.31					<u>(1)</u> 12/22/2014	Common Stock, \$.001 par value 15,029
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.01					04/26/2006 04/26/2016	Common Stock, \$.001 par value 15,000
Warrants to purchase Common Stock	\$ 5.09	05/03/2006		<u>J</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	18,319	05/03/2006 05/03/2013	Common Stock, \$.001 par value 18,319

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WEISER MICHAEL 787 SEVENTH AVENUE, 48TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Michael Weiser 05/19/2006

     \*\*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.

Paramount BioCapital, Inc. ("Paramount"), an NASD member broker dealer, acted as co-placement agent for the Issuer in a private placement of the Issuer's securities consummated on May 3, 2006. In connection with such activities, Paramount allocated these warrants to the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person is the Director of Research at Paramount.

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