

ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC

Form 8-K

January 08, 2013

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 8, 2013**

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**ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Delaware                     | 001-33038                | 84-1475672          |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer       |
| of Incorporation)            |                          | Identification No.) |

**1180 Avenue of the Americas**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Floor** 10036  
**New York, NY**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(646) 214-0700**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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).

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

*Extension of Employment Agreement with Jonathan Lewis, M.D., Ph.D.*

On January 8, 2013, ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc., or the Company, extended the term of its existing employment agreement with Jonathan Lewis, M.D., Ph.D., the Company's Chief Executive Officer, for an additional one year period expiring January 8, 2014. Dr. Lewis' employment agreement, as previously extended, was scheduled to expire by its terms on January 8, 2013. A copy of the Extension of Employment Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) *Exhibits.*

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| 10.1        | Extension of Employment Agreement dated January 8, 2013 by and between ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc. and Jonathan Lewis, M.D., Ph.D. |

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 J. Belbel

Date: January 8, 2013

Name: Caesar J. Belbel

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

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