#### **LEWIS JONATHAN**

Form 4

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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LEWIS JONATHAN Issuer Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC (Check all applicable) [ZIOP] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1180 AVENUE OF THE 01/08/2011 **CEO** AMERICAS, 19TH FLOOR (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10036 Person

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	ole 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, \$.001 par value							450	I	By Children	
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	01/08/2011		F(6)	15,190	D	\$ 5.14	479,510	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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# $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.08					01/08/2007	01/08/2014	Common Stock	25,674
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.08					01/27/2007	01/27/2014	Common Stock	242,979
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.31					01/27/2007	06/08/2015	Common Stock	87,789
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.31					01/27/2007	09/13/2015	Common Stock	54,161
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.01					04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common Stock	139,315
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.01					04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common Stock	75,000
Stock Option (right to	\$ 6.49					<u>(1)</u>	12/13/2016	Common Stock	30,000

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buy)					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.85	(2)	06/18/2017	Common Stock	35,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.73	(3)	12/12/2017	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.7	<u>(4)</u>	05/13/2019	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.85	<u>(7)</u>	12/31/2019	Common Stock	150,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.77	(8)	12/31/2020	Common Stock	150,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting owner runner reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
LEWIS JONATHAN 1180 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 19TH FLOOR	X		CEO		
NEW YORK, NY 10036					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Richard E. Bagley, as Attorney-in-Fact for Jonathan
Lewis 01/10/2011

\*\*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) 10,000 shares vest on each of 12/13/07, 12/13/08 and 12/13/09.
- (2) 11,667 shares vest on each of 6/18/08 and 6/18/09; 11,666 shares vest on 6/18/10.
- (3) 33,334 shares vest on 12/12/08; 33,333 shares vest on each of 12/12/09 and 12/12/10.
- (4) 25,000 shares vest immediately, 25,000 shares vest on each of 8/13/2009, 11/13/2009 and 2/13/2010.
- (5) By the Reporting Person as custodian for his minor children under the Connecticut Uniform Gifts to Minors Act.
- (6) Disposition represents shares forfeited to satisfy withholding tax obligations upon the vesting of a restricted stock grant.

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- (7) 50,000 shares vest on each of 12/31/2010, 12/31/2011 and 12/31/2012.
- (8) 50,000 shares vest on each of 12/31/2011, 12/31/2012 and 12/31/2013.

#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit 24 attached hereto.

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