

ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC

Form 8-K

April 02, 2012

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 2, 2012**

**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.) |

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| <b>1180 Avenue of the Americas</b>       |            |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> Floor</b>             | 10036      |
| <b>New York, NY</b>                      |            |
| (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)

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).
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).
- 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 8.01 Other Events

On April 2, 2012, ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc. issued a press release announcing the presentation of preclinical data demonstrating the significant anti-tumor activity of Interleukin-12 (IL-12) and interferon alpha (IFN  $\alpha$ ), two proteins involved in immune response to cancers, expressed *in vivo* utilizing a regulated gene system. The presentation was made at the 2012 American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting, being held March 31 – April 4 in Chicago, IL.

A copy of the above referenced press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01** Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description                       |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press release dated April 2, 2012 |

**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.

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By: /s/ Richard Bagley

Date: April 2, 2012

Name: Richard Bagley

Title: President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer

**INDEX OF EXHIBITS**

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated April 2, 2012