

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 *
KIRK RANDAL J

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
08/18/2011

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

C/O LEGAL DEPARTMENT, 1881 GROVE AVENUE

(Street)

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

RADFORD, VA 24141

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2011 | | P | | 153,478 | A | \$ 4.95 |
| Common Stock | 08/19/2011 | | P | | 197,376 | A | \$ 4.91 |
| Common Stock | 08/22/2011 | | P | | 110,792 | A | \$ 4.91 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 7,973,161 |
| | | | | | | | 25,000 |

By Kapital Joe, LLC ⁽¹⁾
 By Kapital Joe, LLC ⁽¹⁾
 By Kapital Joe, LLC ⁽¹⁾
 By Intrexon Corporation ⁽²⁾

Common
Stock

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KIRK RANDAL J C/O LEGAL DEPARTMENT 1881 GROVE AVENUE RADFORD, VA 24141 | X | X | | |
| INTREXON CORP C/O LEGAL DEPARTMENT 20358 SENECA MEADOWS PARKWAY GERMANTOWN, MD 20876 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Randal J. Kirk, CEO of Intrexon Corporation
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date
 08/22/2011

/s/ Randal J. Kirk
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date
 08/22/2011

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).

Randal J. Kirk controls Kapital Joe, LLC ("Kapital Joe"). Shares held by Kapital Joe may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned
(1) (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.

Randal J. Kirk, directly and through certain affiliates, has voting and dispositive power over a majority of the outstanding capital stock of
(2) Intrexon Corporation. Mr. Kirk may therefore be deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the shares of the issuer owned by Intrexon Corporation. Mr. Kirk disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

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