ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC Form 8-K December 07, 2011

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): December 7, 2011

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

1180 Avenue of the Americas
19th Floor
New York, NY
10036
(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:

oWritten communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).

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oPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).

oPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 7, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing that it has received an allowance from the European Patent Office for Patent Application No. 05 821 125.1, entitled "Salts of Isophosphoramide mustard and analogs thereof as anti-tumor agents" with claims directed to pharmaceutical compositions of a novel DNA cross-linker (stabilized active metabolite of ifosfamide), including palifosfamide (Zymafos® or ZIO-201) and their use in treating cancer.

A copy of the above referenced press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report of Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of the Company dated December 7, 2011

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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 Belbel

Date: December 7, 2011 Name: Caesar Belbel

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief

Legal Officer and Secretary

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