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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>KIRK RANDAL J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O THIRD SECURITY, LLC</u> <u>1881 GROVE AVENUE</u>  (Street) <u>RADFORD VA 24141</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ ZIOP ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/29/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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			

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$4.14	12/29/2017		A		25,000		(1)	12/29/2027	Common Stock	25,000	\$0	25,000	D	
Series 1 Preferred Stock	(2)	12/29/2017		J		1,184		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	(2)	(3)	119,644 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	by Intrexon <sup>(4)</sup>

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 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
INTREXON CORP  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
20374 SENECA MEADOWS PARKWAY  
 (Street)  
GERMANTOWN MD 20876  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This option grant will vest in full and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the date of grant or earlier in the event of a change of control of the issuer.
- Each share of Series 1 Preferred Stock ("Preferred Stock") has a stated value of \$1,200, subject to appropriate adjustment in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination or other recapitalization

with respect to the shares of Preferred Stock. The shares of Preferred Stock shall automatically convert into shares of the issuer's common stock upon the date of commercialization of a product pursuant to the collaboration between Intrexon Corporation ("Intrexon") and the issuer, subject to conversion limitations set forth in the Securities Issuance Agreement entered into between the issuer and Intrexon on June 29, 2016 (the "Issuance Agreement"). The conversion price in connection with such automatic conversion shall be determined as set forth in the Amended and Restated Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of Series 1 Preferred Stock, which the issuer has filed as an exhibit to its Amendment to Current Report on Form 8-K/A, dated July 1, 2016.

3. Intrexon received the shares of Preferred Stock as payment-in-kind dividends in connection with its ownership of shares of Preferred Stock. The holders of Preferred Stock are entitled to receive a monthly dividend payable in additional shares of Preferred Stock equal to \$12.00 per share of Preferred Stock per month (subject to adjustment), divided by the stated value of \$1,200, rounded down to the nearest whole share.

4. Randal J. Kirk, directly and through certain affiliates, is the largest shareholder of Intrexon and serves as Intrexon's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Kirk may therefore be deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the shares of the issuer owned by Intrexon. Shares held by Intrexon may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned (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.

/s/ Randal J. Kirk 01/03/2018

/s/ Randal J. Kirk, CEO of  
Intrexon Corporation 01/03/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

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

\* 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).

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