FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Name and Address of Report Fowler Wyche | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statem Month/Day/Year 09/13/2005 | ent | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC [ESWB] | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 701 A STREET NE (Street) WASHINGTON DC 20002 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | Relationship of Reporting Per- (Check all applicable) X Director | | son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |
| | | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (spe below) | cify | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Pers Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | y One Reporting Person y More than One |
| | | Гable I - Non | -Derivati | ive S | ecurities Beneficiall | y Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | nt of Securities ally Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Own (Instr. 5) | | Beneficial Ownership | | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | | | | | | D | | | | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par | value | | | | 0 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par | | | | | urities Beneficially options, convertible | Owned | s) | | | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par 1. Title of Derivative Security | (e. | | s, warrai | nts, c | urities Beneficially | Owned securities | 4. Conver or Exer Price o | sion cise | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Wyche Fowler

09/26/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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