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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): May 21, 2010

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

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

1180 Avenue of the Americas
19th Floor
New York, NY
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10036 (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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).

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

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 21, 2010, the Company issued a press release announcing that Dr. Claire Verschraegen of the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, lead author on the abstract for the Company's palifosfamide study entitled, "A phase II randomized controlled trial of palifosfamide plus doxorubicin vs. doxorubicin in patients with soft tissue sarcoma (PICASSO)", will present in an oral session at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting on Monday, June 7, 2010.

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 May 21, 2010

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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/ Richard Bagley

Name: Richard Bagley

Title: President, Chief Operating Officer

and Chief Financial Officer

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