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ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC Form 8-K February 05, 2018

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): January 31, 2018

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-33038 (Commission File Number) 84-1475642 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

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One First Avenue, Parris Building 34, Navy Yard Plaza

Boston, Massachusetts (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02129 (Zip Code)

(617) 259-1970

(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:

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

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).

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

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)). Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 31, 2018, ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc., or the Company, announced that Caesar J. Belbel s employment with the Company would terminate effective February 15, 2018. Mr. Belbel currently serves as the Company s Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary. In connection with his departure, the Company and Mr. Belbel expect to enter into a separation agreement.

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.

Date: February 5, 2018

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.

By: /s/ Kevin G. Lafond

Name: Kevin G. Lafond

Title: Sr. Vice President Finance, Chief Accounting

Officer and Treasurer