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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 18, 2016

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction **001-33038** (Commission

84-1475642 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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One First Avenue, Parris Building 34, Navy Yard Plaza

Boston, Massachusetts (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (617) 259-1970

02129 (Zip Code)

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

Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 18, 2016, ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc., or the Company, issued a press release announcing clinical data highlighting favorable interim survival results from the Company s ongoing Phase 1, multi-center dose-escalation study of the gene therapy candidate Ad-RTS-hIL-12 + orally-administered veledimex in patients with recurrent or progressive glioblastoma, and that such results will be presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting to be held June 3-7, 2016, at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois.

A copy of the above referenced press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated May 18, 2016

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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.

Date: May 18, 2016

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.

By: /s/ Kevin G. Lafond

Name: Kevin G. Lafond

Title: Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and

Treasurer

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99.1 Press Release dated May 18, 2016

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