

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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>10/05/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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
Series 1 Preferred Stock	(I)	10/05/2018		J			130,849	(I)	(I)	Common Stock	(I)	(I)	0	I	by Intrexon ⁽²⁾

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
KIRK RANDAL J

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O THIRD SECURITY, LLC
1881 GROVE AVENUE

 (Street)
RADFORD VA 24141

 (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:

1. On October 5, 2018, the issuer and Precigen, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Intrexon Corporation ("Intrexon"), entered into a definitive license agreement to replace all existing agreements between the companies. In partial consideration for the termination of the former agreements, the companies agreed that the issuer would retire all outstanding shares of its Series I Preferred Stock held by Intrexon, including any accrued dividends, as of September 30, 2018.

2. 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 10/09/2018

/s/ Randal J. Kirk, CEO of
Intrexon Corporation 10/09/2018

** 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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