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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): October 31, 2008

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 0-32353 84-1475642 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Incorporation) No.)

1180 Avenue of the Americas, 19th Floor New York, NY 10036

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(646) 214-0700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 31, 2008, ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release dated October 31, 2008.

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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.

ZIOPHARM Oncology, Inc.: (Registrant)

Date: October 31, 2008 By: /s/ Richard E. Bagley

Name: Richard E. Bagley

Title: President and Chief Operating Officer