Izumi Tatsuo Form 4 September 27, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Izumi Tatsuo

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/25/2011

(Middle)

C/O MEDICINOVA, INC., 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, STE. 950

(Street)

(First)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

(City) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Derivative Conversion

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.		Securities Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) ed of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.99	09/25/2011		A		15,000		<u>(1)</u>	09/24/2021	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Izumi Tatsuo C/O MEDICINOVA, INC. 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, STE. 950 SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

Signatures

/s/ Michael Coffee,
Attorney-in-Fact
09/27/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Fully vested on date of grant.

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