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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Izumi Tatsuo

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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

(Street)

(State)

950

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

04/04/2012

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Officer (give title

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

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

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned **Following** Reported

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

(A) Code V (D) Amount

Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 04/04/2012 Stock

M 15,000

15,000

D

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative 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 Underlying Securities (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	04/04/2012		M		15,000	09/25/2011	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	X					
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Signatures

/s/ Michael Coffee, Attorney-in-Fact 04/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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).

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