

Shigeta Hiroaki
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Shigeta Hiroaki

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/10/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/10/2012		M		1,000 A \$ 2.28	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2012		M		44,000 A \$ 2.4	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)

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 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)	\$ 2.28	05/10/2012		M	1,000	12/14/2011 06/13/2021	Common Stock 1,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.4	05/10/2012		M	14,000	01/18/2012 07/17/2021	Common Stock 14,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.4	05/10/2012		M	30,000	07/18/2011 07/17/2021	Common Stock 30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., STE 950
SAN DIEGO, CA 92122 X

Signatures

/s/ Yuichi Iwaki,
Attorney-in-Fact 05/11/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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