FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Johnson Kirk William					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV]							Relationship of eck all applion Directory Officer	able)	g Pers	son(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE SUITE 650					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/13/2013							X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Scientific Officer				
(Street) LA JOLLA CA 920			92037 (Zip)	4.								ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
Date				Transaction te onth/Day/Y	ear) i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		Beneficia	s ally ollowing	Form	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			
	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/Yea	Code				6. Date Exercisable at Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun 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	Amount or Number of Shares	nber				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$4.1	05/13/2013		A		42,500		(1)	05/12/2023	Common Stock	42,500	\$0.00	42,500	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests and is exercisable in forty-eight (48) equal monthly installments from the date of grant.

Remarks:

/s/ Kirk Johnson

05/15/2013

** 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).
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