FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol MEDICINOVA INC [ MNOV ]							(Ch	eck all appli X Directo	ctor		10% Ov	vner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/02/2007								below)	(give title	e Other (s below)		spесіту
(Street) SAN DIEGO, CA 92122					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(S	tate) (	(Zip)															
		Tab	le I - Non-	Deriva	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired, I	Disp	osed o	of, or Be	neficial	ly Owned	i .			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Code (II	Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 Code (Instr. 5)			ed (A) or str. 3, 4 and	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.76	04/02/2007			A		1,000		(1)	04	4/01/2017	Common Stock	1,000	\$0	1,000		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. This option becomes fully vested and exercisable on October 2, 2007.

## Remarks:

/s/ Shintaro Asako, Attorney-

04/03/2007

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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