FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>COFFEE MICHAEL DENIS</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol MEDICINOVA INC [ MNOV ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owne  Officer (give title Other (spec					
(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 Business Officer					
(Street) LA JOLLA CA 92037  (City) (State) (Zip)					_   4. l	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								i. Indi .ine) X	<i>'</i>					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transat Date (Month/Date)						ear)   i	if any	ecution Date,		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquiro I Of (D) (Ins			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	s ally ollowing	Form	: Direct   C Indirect   E str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code V	,	Amount	(A) or (D)		е	Transact (Instr. 3 a	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
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 Day if any (Month/Day/	ate,	i. Fransaction Code (Instr. B)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		of Securities		ies g Securit	S	d. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	re es ally g d tion(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Ex  Da	piration tte	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$4.1	05/13/2013			A		42,500		(1)	05/	/12/2023	Common Stock	42,50	00	\$0.00	42,500	)	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/ Michael D. Coffee

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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