FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF	<b>CHANGES</b>	<b>IN BENEFICIAL</b>	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     OBrien Geoffrey  (Last) (First) (Middle)					3. [	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MEDICINOVA INC [ MNOV ]      J. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)								(Ch	heck all appli Direct		or r (give title )		10% Ov Other (s below)	vner	
C/O MEDICINOVA, INC. 4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE, SUITE 300				05/	05/19/2021												Vice P	resid	ent		
(Street) LA JOLLA CA 92037				4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Lin	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip)  Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
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									Ī	Code	v	Amount	(	A) or D)	Price	Tran	sacti	tion(s) and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock				05/19	9/2021					M		32,00	0	Α	\$2.5	4	37,000			D	
Common Stock (			05/19	9/202	)/2021				M		11,318 A		\$2.4	6	48,318			D			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.54	05/19/2021			M			32,000		(1)	0'	7/12/2021	Comm		2,000	\$0		0		D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$2.46	05/19/2021			М			11,318		(2)	0	8/02/2021	Comm		1,318	\$0		14,932	2	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ The option vested over a period of 4 years in equal monthly installments from the 7/13/2011 \ date of grant and is now fully vested.$
- 2. The option was granted on 8/3/2011, was subject to vesting based on achievement of performance criteria and vested in full on 6/14/2012.

/s/ Geoffrey O'Brien

05/20/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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