

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Himawan Jeff</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE #950</u> (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO CA 92122</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/09/2006</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MEDICINOVA INC [4875 OSE]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001	11,703,704	I	By Essex Woodlands Health Ventures Fund VI, L.P. ⁽¹⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Reporting Person is a managing member of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures VI, L.L.C. and is a limited partner of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures VI, L.P. Essex Woodlands Health Ventures VI, L.L.C. is the general partner of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures VI, L.P., which is the general partner of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures Fund VI, L.P. Pursuant to Instruction (5)(b)(iv) of Form 3, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by such entities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein and/or that are not actually distributed to him.

Remarks:

/s/ Shintaro Asako, Attorney-in-Fact 01/23/2006

** 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 5 (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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