

MEDICINOVA INC
Form 4
January 20, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Okajima Masatsune

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MEDICINOVA, INC., 4275
EXECUTIVE SQUARE, SUITE 650

(Street)

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

01/18/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below)

VP and Head of Japanese Office

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.91	01/18/2017	A	120,000					01/18/2017	01/06/2026	Common Stock	120,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Okajima Masatsune C/O MEDICINOVA, INC. 4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE, SUITE 650 LA JOLLA, CA 92037			VP and Head of Japanese Office	

Signatures

/s/ Yuichi Iwaki,
attorney-in-fact

01/20/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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On January 7, 2016, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 120,000 shares of common stock. The option vests based on (1) MNOV's satisfaction of certain performance criteria by December 31, 2016. The Performance criteria have been met, resulting in full vesting of the option.

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