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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Asako Shintaro</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92122 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MEDICINOVA INC [4875 OSE]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>V.P., Accounting & Admin.</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2005	
	4. 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 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	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.38	12/12/2005		A		100,000		(1)	12/11/2015	Common Stock	100,000	\$0	100,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.34	12/12/2005		A		150,000		(2)	12/11/2015	Common Stock	150,000	\$0	150,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.31	12/12/2005		A		250,000		(2)	12/11/2015	Common Stock	250,000	\$0	250,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.16	01/04/2006		A		150,000		(3)	01/03/2016	Common Stock	150,000	\$0	150,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The option was fully vested on the date of grant, but is not exercisable until after April 19, 2006
- The option vests over a four (4) year period commencing November 7, 2005, in equal monthly installments, but is not exercisable until after April 19, 2006.
- The option vests over a four (4) year period commencing January 4, 2006, in equally monthly installments.

Remarks:

/s/ Shintaro Asako

01/06/2006

** 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 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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