

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 17, 2014**

MEDICINOVA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-33185
(Commission File Number)

33-0927979
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4275 Executive Square, Suite 650
La Jolla, CA 92037
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(858) 373-1500**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD.

On October 17, 2014, MediciNova Inc. (the "Company") updated the slide presentation to be used by the Company at investor meetings. A copy of the revised slide presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company does not undertake to update this presentation.

The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, nor be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Slide presentation of the Company.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MEDICINOVA, INC.

Dated: October 17, 2014

By: /s/ Yuichi Iwaki
Yuichi Iwaki, M.D., Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit
No.

Description

99.1 Slide presentation of the Company



Developing Novel Therapeutics for the Treatment of Serious Diseases with Unmet Medical Needs



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Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this presentation that are of a historical nature constitute forward-looking statements with the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include statements regarding MediciNova clinical trials supporting the safety and efficacy of its product candidate and the potential novelty of such product candidate as treatment for disease plans and objectives for clinical trials and product development, strategies, future performance, expectations, assumptions, financial condition, liquidity and capital resources. These forward-looking statements may be preceded by, followed by or otherwise include the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "estimates," "projects," "can," "could," "may," "will," "would," "considering" planning or similar expressions. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements include but are not limited to, risks of obtaining future partner or grant funding for development of MN-166/MN-221/MN-001, and MN-029, and risks of raising sufficient capital when needed to fund MediciNova operations and contribution to clinical development, risks and uncertainties inherent in clinical trials, including the potential cost, expected timing and risks associated with clinical trials designed to meet FDA guidance and the viability of further development considering these factors, product development and commercialization risks, the uncertainty of whether the results of clinical trials will be predictive of results in later stages of product development, the risk of delay or failure to obtain or maintain regulatory approval, risks associated with the reliance on third parties to sponsor and fund clinical trials, risks regarding intellectual property rights in product candidates and the ability to defend and enforce such intellectual property rights, the risk of failure of the third parties upon whom MediciNova relies to conduct its clinical trials and manufacture its product candidate to perform as expected, the risk of increased cost and delays due to delays in the commencement, enrollment, completion or analysis of clinical trials or significant issues regarding the adequacy of clinical trial design or the execution of clinical trials and the timing of expected filings with the regulatory authorities, MediciNova's collaborations with third parties, the availability of funds to complete product development plans and MediciNova's ability to obtain third party funding for programs and raise sufficient capital when needed and the other risks and uncertainties described in MediciNova's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission including its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and its subsequent periodic reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of October 17, 2014. MediciNova disclaims any intention or obligation to revise or update these forward-looking statements.



MediciNova Highlights

- **Novel product candidates** in clinical development with encouraging efficacy and safety data
 - **MN-166 (ibudilast)** for the treatment of Progressive MS, ALS, and Drug Dependence
 - Two large Phase 2b studies ongoing (Progressive MS and methamphetamine)
 - Initiated clinical development in ALS in 2014
 - Patents cover Progressive MS and addiction
 - **MN-001** for the treatment of NASH (nonalcoholic steatohepatitis) and IPF (idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis)
 - **MN-221** for the treatment of acute exacerbations of asthma
- **Well-capitalized**
- **Experienced management team**



MediciNova: Active Programs in Clinical Development in **Sep. 2013**

Active Programs as of September 2013

Core Programs / Indications	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
MN-166, Oral Anti-inflammatory / Neuroprotective Therapeutic				
Drug Dependence:				
Methamphetamine Dependence UCLA, Funded by NIDA	Fast Track			
Opioid Dependence Columbia University, Funded by NIDA				
MN-221, Intravenous Bronchodilator				
Acute Exacerbations of Asthma				



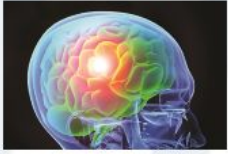
MediciNova: Active Programs in Clinical Development in **Oct. 2014**

Core Programs / Indications	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
MN-166, Oral Anti-inflammatory / Neuroprotective Therapeutic				
Neurodegenerative Diseases:				
Progressive Multiple Sclerosis NeuroNEXT/Cleveland Clinic, Funded by NINDS				
ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) Carolinas Neuromuscular/ALS-MDA Center				
Drug Dependence:				
Methamphetamine Dependence UCLA, Funded by NIDA				
Opioid Dependence Columbia University, Funded by NIDA				
MN-001, Oral Anti-inflammatory / Anti-Fibrotic				
NASH (nonalcoholic steatohepatitis)				
IPF (Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis)				
MN-221, Intravenous Bronchodilator				
Acute Exacerbations of Asthma				

* IND is open at FDA's Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Rheumatology Products

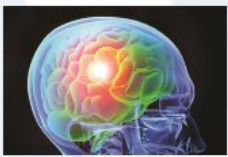


Neurodegenerative Diseases



Progressive Multiple Sclerosis "Progressive MS"

- MS affects more than 400,000 people in the U.S. and 2.3 million worldwide¹
- Patients experience a diminished quality of life (e.g. fatigue, walking difficulties, weakness, pain, cognitive changes, depression)¹
- **Market opportunity:** Total sales of RRMS drugs were \$16 billion worldwide in 2013. We believe Progressive MS market is at least as large as RRMS market.
- **Approved Drugs: NONE APPROVED for long-term treatment of Progressive MS**



Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) "Lou Gehrig's Disease"

- Fatal: ALS Life expectancy is 2-5 years²
- ALS affects up to 30,000 people in the U.S.² (Orphan indication)
- **Market opportunity:** an effective new drug for ALS could generate sales >\$1 billion per year³
- **Approved Drugs: RILUZOLE increases survival by only 2-3 months⁴**

1. Source: National Multiple Sclerosis Society
2. Source: ALS Association
3. Source: Cowen & Co. estimate
4. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews



Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis "NASH"

- NASH prevalence in the U.S. is 2-5%¹
- Additional 10-20% have "fatty liver" due to being overweight or obese¹
- NASH Market forecast: \$1.6 billion by 2020²
- **Approved Drugs: NO TREATMENT APPROVED**



Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis "IPF"

- IPF prevalence about 128,000 in the U.S.³ (Orphan indication)
- Two-thirds of IPF patients die within 5 years³
- IPF Market forecast: >\$1 Billion in 2017⁴
- **Approved Drugs: Esbriet (pirfenidone) approved in October 2014; Esbriet Phase 3 studies enrolled mild to moderate IPF; No survival benefit shown⁵**

1. National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse (NDDIC)
2. Allied Market Research
3. Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis
4. Research and Markets
5. Esbriet prescribing information

Developing Novel Therapeutics...

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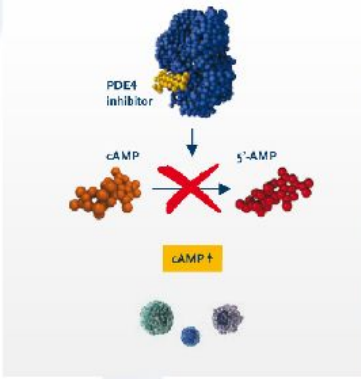


How does MN-166 work?

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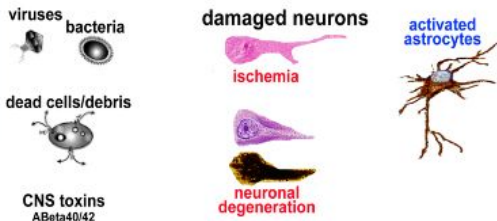


GLIAL CELL ATTENUATION

■ Role of Glia:

- Type of macrophage
- Increases in number during brain damage
- Glial activation leads to neurodegeneration

MICROGLIA STIMULATORS



PDE Inhibition:

- Increases cAMP, reducing inflammation

MIF inhibition

- Linked to attenuated disease progression in animal models of MS

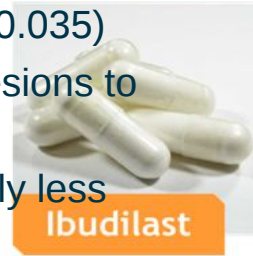


What Do the Data Show?

MN-166 Phase 2 RRMS Data

- Significant attenuation of brain volume loss ($p=0.035$)
- Significant attenuation of conversion of acute lesions to persistent black holes ($p=0.004$)
- Sustained disability progression was significantly less likely ($p=0.026$)
- Significant improvement in time to first relapse ($p=0.04$)

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MN-166 Ongoing NIH-funded Phase 2b study

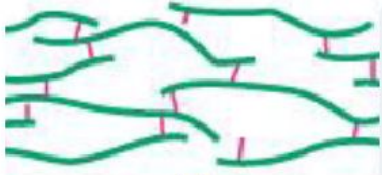
- PPMS and SPMS study
- Results expected early 2017



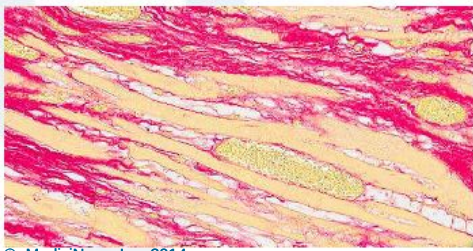
What is Fibrosis?

Fibrosis

Cross-linking of collagen and elastin



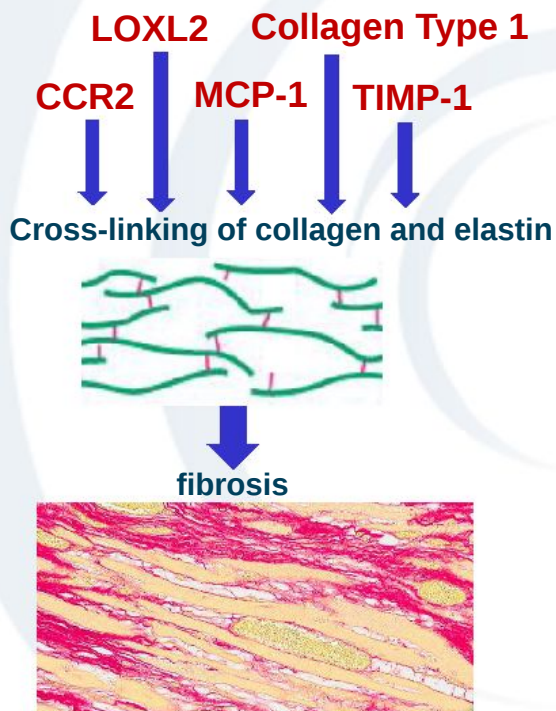
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fibrosis



- Fibrosis is the development of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ
- Fibrosis is a result of inflammation, irritation, or healing (e.g. scar)
- Cross-linking of collagen and elastin is the final step in fibrosis



How does Fibrosis Develop?



Genes Promoting Fibrosis

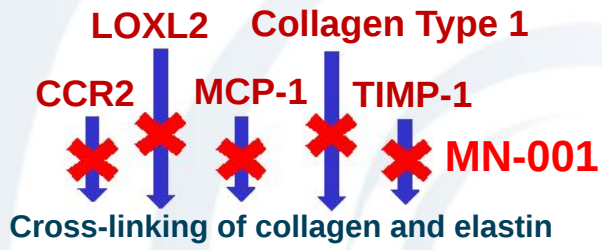
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- Collagen Type 1
- CCR2
- MCP-1
- TIMP-1



How does MN-001 work?

MN-001

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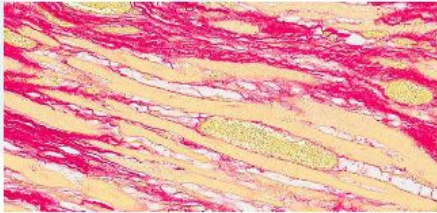


MN-001 Reduces Gene Expression

- LOXL2
- Collagen Type 1
- CCR2
- MCP-1
- TIMP-1



fibrosis





What Do the Data Show?

MN-001

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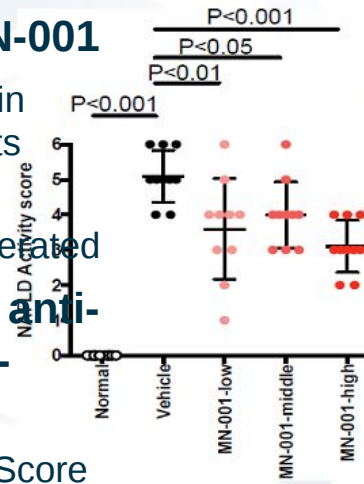
- **More than 600 human subjects exposed to MN-001**

- Phase 2 study of MN-001 in asthma with positive results
- MN-001 was considered generally safe and well-tolerated

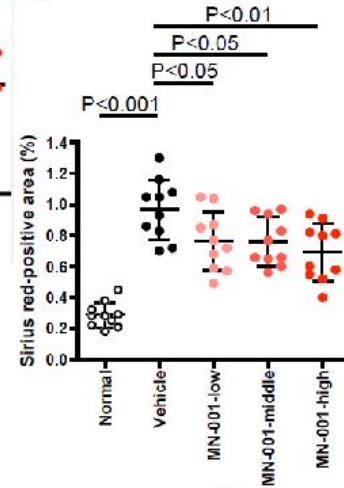
- **Pre-clinical data shows anti-fibrotic effect in a Dose-Dependent Manner**

- Improved NAFLD Activity Score (NAS) via a reduction in hepatocyte ballooning
- Reduced fibrosis area

NAFLD Activity Score (NAS)



% of fibrosis area



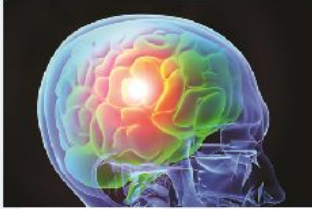
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Next Steps – Progressive MS

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**Progressive Multiple Sclerosis
“Progressive MS”**



- ✓ Q2 2013: Submit New IND Amendment and New Ph2 Protocol
- ✓ Q3 2013: FDA approval & Study Initiation
- ✓ Q3 2013: Screening begins
- ✓ Q4 2013: First Patient In
- ☐ Q1 2015: Last Patient In
- ☐ Q1 2017: Last Patient Out
- ☐ 1H 2017: Results available





Next Steps - ALS

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Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
"Lou Gehrig's Disease"



- ✓ Q3 2014: Submit New ALS Protocol as IND Amendment
- ✓ Q3 2014: FDA Approval to Start Study
- ✓ Q3 2014: IRB Submission & Site Activation
- ✓ Q3 2014: Study Start-up & Database Build
- ✓ Q4 2014: Began Enrollment
- TBD: Last Patient In



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Carolinas HealthCare System



**Nonalcoholic
Steatohepatitis
(NASH)**



- ✓ Q1 2014: Positive preclinical data in NASH
- ✓ Q3 2014: Positive preclinical data in Advanced NASH
- ✓ Q3 2014: Prepare IND submission
- Q4 2014: Present NASH data at JDDW
- ASAP: Submit IND and Protocol

Timeline Summary	MN-166  Ibudilast	MN-001  Tipelukast
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALS: New Protocol Submitted ALS: FDA Approval to Start Study ALS: Begin Enrollment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NASH: Positive Preclinical Data NASH: Present at JDDW 2014
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressive MS: Last Patient Enrolled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NASH: Announce Next Steps IPF: Announce Next Steps
2016		
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressive MS: Study Results 	