

Nagao Hideki  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Nagao Hideki

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92037

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/09/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		
					Amount		
				(D)	Price		

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (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)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.51	11/09/2017	A	20,000	11/09/2017	11/08/2027	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.51	11/09/2017	A	15,000	<u>(1)</u>	11/08/2027	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nagao Hideki C/O MEDICINOVA, INC. 4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE, SUITE 650 SAN DIEGO, CA 92037	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Yuichi Iwaki,  
attorney-in-fact  
Date: 11/13/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option vests in three equal installments on December 31, 2017, March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018, subject to continued service with the Company.

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