

IWAKI YUICHI  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
IWAKI YUICHI

(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  
MEDICINOVA INC [(4875 OSE)]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/09/2006

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)  
Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 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) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |         |     |                  |                 |              |         |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|---------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|------------------|
|                             |                              |                  | Code       | V   | (A)     | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount  | Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.15 <sup>(1)</sup>       | 07/09/2006       | A          |   | 100,000 |     | 07/09/2006       | 07/08/2016      | Common Stock | 100,000 |                  |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.15 <sup>(1)</sup>       | 07/09/2006       | A          |   | 100,000 |     | <sup>(2)</sup>   | 07/08/2016      | Common Stock | 100,000 |                  |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| IWAKI YUICHI<br>4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92122 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

Signatures

/s/ Shintaro Asako, Attorney-in-Fact  
 07/11/2006  
 \*\*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 exercise price of this stock option is 131 yen. On the date of grant, the exercise price was equal to \$1.15, based on the exchange rate as found on www.oanda.com.
- (2) The option vests over a four (4) year period commencing July 9, 2006, in equal quarterly installments.

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