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| January 09, 2018 FORM 4 | | | | | | | | | OMB AI | PPROVA | L |
| | UNITED | STATES | | | AND EX(, D.C. 20 | | COMMISSIO | 0. | MB umber: | 3235- | 0287 |
| Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or | F CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES | | | | | | xpires: stimated a urden hou sponse | average Irs per | y 31, 2005 0.5 | | |
| Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). | - | a) of the H | Public U | tility Hol | ding Con | | nge Act of 1934, of 1935 or Secti 940 | | | | |
| (Print or Type Respons | es) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Matsuda Kazuko | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | | | |
| (Last) (Fi | irst) (1 | Middle) | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| C/O MEDICINOV EXECUTIVE SQU | | | (Month/I 01/06/2 | Day/Year) 2018 | | | Director X Officer (gi below) Chie | | | o Owner er (specify er | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | |
| LA JOLLA, CA 9 | 2037 | | | | | | Person | / More ti | nan One Re | porting | |
| (City) (St | ate) | (Zip) | Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Securities A | cquired, Disposed | of, or l | Beneficial | ly Owned | 1 |
| | saction Date /Day/Year) | 2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da | Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securiti onAcquired (Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4 | (A) or of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | Form: | Direct Indirect | 7. Nature Indirect Beneficia Ownershi (Instr. 4) | l |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (D) Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
| Reminder: Report on a | separate line | for each cla | ass of sec | urities bene | Person inform require | ns who restation cont ed to resp ys a curre | or indirectly. spond to the collection tained in this forr ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co | n are r orm | | EC 1474 (9-02) | |

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orDerivative | Expiration Date | Underlying Securities |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | D | Acquired (A Disposed of Instr. 3, 4, | f (D) | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|---|--|-------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun Numbe Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.1 | 01/06/2018 | | A | 2 | 280,000 | | 01/06/2018 | 01/17/2027 | Common Stock | 280,0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| FB | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Matsuda Kazuko C/O MEDICINOVA, INC. 4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE, SUITE LA JOLLA, CA 92037 | E 300 | | Chief Medical Officer | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Yuichi Iwaki, attorney-in-fact | 01/09/2018 | | | | | | | |

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

On January 18, 2017, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 280,000 shares of common stock. The option vests based on
 (1) MNOV's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. The Performance criteria for 2017 have been met, resulting in full vesting of the option.

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