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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Suzuji Joji

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/28/2005

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MEDICINOVA INC [4875 OSE]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE

DRIVE, SUITE 950

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Vice President, Finance

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

SAN DIEGO,, CAÂ 92122

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities

Ownership

Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

4.

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Expiration Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Security

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

						(Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/09/2014	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 1	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)		Common Stock	30,000	\$ 1	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
topolonia o maio maio maio maio maio maio maio	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Suzuji Joji 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950 SAN DIEGO,, CA 92122	Â	Â	Vice President, Finance	Â			

Signatures

/s/ Takashi Kiyoizumi, as attorney-in-fact 01/28/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 shall vest as follows: (i) 25% of the shares underlying the option shall vest and became exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date and (ii) the remaining 75% of the shares underlying the option shall vest and become exercisable monthly thereafter.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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