

Matsuda Kazuko
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Matsuda Kazuko | | (Month/Day/Year) | MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 09/01/2011 | |
| C/O MEDICINOVA, INC., Â 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, STE. 950 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | Chief Medical Officer | |
| SAN DIEGO, Â CA Â 92122 | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 13,805 | D | Â |

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) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy) | 03/29/2011 | 03/29/2016 | Common Stock | 9,200 | \$ 3.56 | D | Â |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 07/08/2016 | Common Stock | 8,000 | \$ 11.48 | D | Â |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 07/06/2019 | Common Stock | 37,000 | \$ 4.8 | D | Â |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy) | Â (3) | 01/28/2020 | Common Stock | 11,900 | \$ 7.34 | D | Â |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy) | Â (4) | 06/13/2020 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 5.13 | D | Â |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy) | Â (5) | 07/12/2021 | Common Stock | 75,000 | \$ 2.54 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Matsuda Kazuko C/O MEDICINOVA, INC. 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, STE. 950 SAN DIEGO, CA 92122 | Â | Â | Â Chief Medical Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Kazuko Matsuda
09/27/2011

**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 shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a three (3) year period commencing July 9, 2006, in equal monthly installments.
 - (2) The shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a four (4) year period commencing July 7, 2009, in equal monthly installments.
 - (3) The shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a four (4) year period commencing January 29, 2010, in equal monthly installments.

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- (4) The shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a four (4) year period commencing June 14, 2010, in equal monthly installments.
- (5) The shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a four (4) year period commencing July 13, 2011, in equal monthly installments.

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