MEDICINOVA INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
OBrien Geoffrey

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/07/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Numbe Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 3.09	01/07/2016	A		105,000		01/07/2016	01/06/2025	Common Stock	105,0
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 3.89	01/07/2016	A		30,000		(2)	01/06/2026	Common Stock	30,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OBrien Geoffrey C/O MEDICINOVA, INC. 4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE, SUITE 650 LA JOLLA, CA 92037			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Geoffrey O'Brien	01/08/2016
**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) On January 7, 2015, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 105,000 shares of common stock. The option vests based on MNOV's satisfaction of certain performance criteria by December 31, 2015. The Performance criteria have been met, resulting in full vesting of the option.

(2) The option vests over a period of 3 years in equal monthly installments from the 01-07-2016 date of grant.

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