

NOVARTIS AG
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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 *
Novartis Bioventures Ltd

(Last) (First) (Middle)
131 FRONT STREET
(Street)

HAMILTON, D0 HM 12

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Marina Biotech, Inc. [MRNA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

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

___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
X 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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2011 | | S | | 100 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 1.45 | 2,810,470 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2011 | | S | | 4,500 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 1.46 | 2,805,970 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2011 | | S | | 100 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 1.49 | 2,805,870 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2011 | | S | | 1,000 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 1.5 | 2,804,870 | D |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Novartis Bioventures Ltd 131 FRONT STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM 12 | | X | | |
| NOVARTIS AG LICHTSTRASSE 35 BASEL, V8 4002 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Henry Simon Zivi, Deputy Chairman of Novartis Bioventures Ltd. 01/21/2011
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Hanna Szepietowska, Authorized Signatory of Novartis Bioventures Ltd. 01/21/2011
 **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) These shares are directly owned by Novartis Bioventures Ltd. Novartis Bioventures Ltd. is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Novartis AG, which is an indirect beneficial owner of the reported securities.
- (2) Transactions continued from the previous Form 4 due to limitations on the number of reportable transactions.

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