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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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2. Date of Event

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kissei Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

Requiring Statement

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

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 10/13/2011

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

Original

19-48, YOSHINO, MATSUMOTO-CITY

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

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

Director_X_ 10% Owner Officer Other (give title (specify

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NAGANO-PREFECTURE, Â MOÂ 399-8710

below) below)

(City)

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock (\$0.001 par value)

800,000

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. 5. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Amount or

Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

(Instr. 5) or Indirect

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kissei Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

19-48, YOSHINO, MATSUMOTO-CITY Â Â X Â X Â

NAGANO-PREFECTURE, MOÂ 399-8710

Signatures

/s/ Hiroe Sato, as Senior Director 10/18/2011

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 Reporting Person holds 220,000 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, which is convertible at any time at the election of the Reporting Person, into 2,200,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock.

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