DUNTON ALAN W Form 4

June 15, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **DUNTON ALAN W**

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV]

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

06/12/2009

4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Ownership Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) S

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Yea	r) (Instr. 8)	(A) or Dispose (D)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,				
			Code V	/ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.77	06/12/2009	A	1,000		12/12/2009	06/11/2019	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DUNTON ALAN W 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE SUITE 950 SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

X

Signatures

/s/ Shintaro Asako, Attorney-in-Fact 06/15/2009

**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).

The Reporting Person is the sole member of Danerius, LLC. Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has

elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by such entities. The Reporting

(1) Person previously has named Danerius, LLC as the designee to receive any stock options received by him in his capacity as a Director.

The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein and/or that are not actually distributed to him.

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