

MEDICINOVA INC  
Form 8-K  
October 11, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**Current Report**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 10, 2011

**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-33185**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**33-0927979**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE,**

**SUITE 950, SAN DIEGO, CA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 373-1500**

**92122**  
(Zip Code)

**Not applicable.**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 10, 2011, we announced that the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China issued final approval with respect to the establishment of our joint venture company in China with Zhejiang Medicine Co., Ltd. and Beijing Make-Friend Medicine Technology Co., Ltd. The joint venture is pursuant to the agreement we executed on June 29, 2011 with Zhejiang Medicine Co., Ltd. and Beijing Make-Friend Medicine Technology Co., Ltd. (the "Joint Venture Agreement") and the primary purpose is to develop and commercialize our product candidate, MN-221, in China.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

By: /s/ Michael Coffee  
Michael Coffee

*Chief Business Officer*

Date: October 11, 2011