

MEDICINOVA INC  
Form 425  
June 25, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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): June 25, 2009**

**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

**001-33185**  
(Commission

**33-0927979**  
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

**4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950, SAN DIEGO, CA 92122**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 June 25, 2009, MediciNova, Inc. ( MediciNova ) and Avigen, Inc. ( Avigen ) issued a press release (the Press Release ) announcing that they have confirmed their understanding of certain key terms for a proposed acquisition of Avigen by MediciNova that would combine the companies clinical development programs based on ibudilast. The understanding reached by the parties is nonbinding and subject to the negotiation and execution of definitive documentation and completion of due diligence. The closing of any proposed merger would also be subject to customary closing conditions, including required shareholder and regulatory approvals and the absence of material adverse changes. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K being provided under this Item 8.01, including Exhibit 99.1 furnished herewith, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for any purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such Section. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press Release dated June 25, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

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

**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

Date: June 25, 2009

By: /s/ Shintaro Asako  
Name: Shintaro Asako  
Title: Chief Financial Officer