

Russell Richard E.
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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 *
Russell Richard E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Minerva Neurosciences, Inc.
[NERV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/11/2017

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

C/O MINERVA
NEUROSCIENCES, INC., 1601
TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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WALTHAM, MA 02451

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	12/11/2017		A	(A) or (D) Amount 40,000 (1)	\$ 0 40,000	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)

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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	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.05	12/11/2017		A	775,000	<u>(2)</u>	12/10/2027	Common Stock	775,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Russell Richard E. C/O MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC. 1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284 WALTHAM, MA 02451			President	

Signatures

/s/ Matt Bartholomae,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/12/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents shares of the Issuer's Common Stock underlying a time-based restricted stock unit award ("RSU"). The shares subject to this

(1) RSU will vest in four (4) equal annual installments commencing on the one-year anniversary of December 11, 2017, provided the Reporting Person has provided continuous service to the Issuer through the vesting date.

(2) This option vested as to 25% of the shares on December 11, 2018 and then in quarterly installments over 3 years thereafter.

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