FORM 4

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Ahlholm Frederick W					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. [ NERV ]							(Ched	lationship of ck all applica Director	ble)	Persor	n(s) to Issue 10% Owi Other (sp	ner
	IERVA NE	irst) UROSCIENCES OAD, SUITE 280			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2017					X	X Officer (give title below)  SVP, Chief Accountin				´		
(Street) WALTH		IA State)	02451 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Ind Line) X						
		Ta	able I - Non	-Deriva	tive S	ecuritie	es Acc	quired,	Dis	posed of	f, or Ber	eficially	Owned				
Date			2. Transac Date (Month/Da	Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 4) 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4)			Securities Beneficial Owned Fo		Form:	: Direct Ind Indirect Ber str. 4) Ow	Nature of direct eneficial wnership				
							Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 12/14				12/14/2	1/2017		М		5,000 A		(1)	10,000			D		
Common Stock 12/14			12/14/2	/2017		S		1,661 <sup>(2)</sup> D		\$5.8	8,339			D			
			Table II - I							osed of, onvertib			wned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code	action Derivativ (Instr. Acquirer Dispose (D) (Instrand 5)		/e es d (A) or d of	Expiration	6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		of Securit Underlyin Derivative	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	on(s)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.1	12/13/2017		A		120,000		(3)		12/13/2027	Common Stock	120,000	\$0.00	120,00	00	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/14/2017		М			5,000	(4)		(4)	Common Stock	5,000	\$0.00	15,00	0	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- 2. Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock sold to satisfy tax obligations relating to the acquisition of shares of the Issuer's common stock in connection with the settlement of the vested portion of RSUs pursuant to the terms of that certain RSU Agreement between the Reporting Person and the Issuer, as reflected in this Form 4.
- $3. \ This \ option \ vests \ as \ to \ 25\% \ of \ the \ shares \ on \ December \ 13,2018 \ and \ then \ in \ quarterly \ installments \ over \ 3 \ years \ thereafter.$
- 4. Represents shares issuable upon the vesting of RSUs awarded to the Reporting Person on December 14, 2016. The RSUs vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on December 14, 2017 and will be fully vested on December 14, 2020, in all cases so long as there has been no break in the Reporting Person's continuous service through such date.

## Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Matt Bartholomae, Attorneyin-Fact 12/15/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$ 

- $^{\star}$  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).

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(For Executing Form ID and Forms 3, 4 and 5)

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Marc Recht, Ryan Sansom and James Schneider of Cooley LLP, and Geoff Race and Matt Bartholomae of Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. (the "Company"), signing individually, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in fact and agents to:

- (1) Prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") Form ID and Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including amendments thereto and joint filing agreements in connection therewith) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the rules thereunder in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director or beneficial owner of more than 10% of a registered class of securities of the Company;
- (2) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to prepare and execute any such Form ID and Forms 3, 4 or 5 (including amendments thereto and joint filing agreements in connection therewith) and file such forms with the SEC and any stock exchange, self-regulatory association or any similar authority; and
- (3) Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required of the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by the attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as the attorney-in-fact may approve in the attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney in fact, or such attorney in fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, and their substitutes, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming (nor is the Company assuming) any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) the undersigned is no longer required to file Form ID or Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, (b) revocation by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and the foregoing attorneys-in fact or (c) as to any attorney-in-fact individually, until such attorney-in-fact is no longer employed by the Company or Cooley LLP, as applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the date written below.

Date: December 13, 2017

By: /s/ Frederick W. Ahlholm Name: Frederick W. Ahlholm