

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Race Geoff</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC.</u> <u>1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284</u>  (Street) <u>WALTHAM</u> <u>MA</u> <u>02451</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. [ NERV ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, CFO &amp; Chief Business Off.</u>	
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/14/2016</u>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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 (Instr. 8)	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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/14/2016		A	50,000		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	50,000	\$0.00	50,000	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.45 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/14/2016		A	100,000		(4)	12/13/2026	Common Stock	100,000	\$0.00	100,000	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 issuable upon the vesting of restricted stock units ("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.
3. The exercise price is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on December 14, 2016.
4. This option shall vest as follows: 25% on December 14, 2017 and then in quarterly installments over 3 years thereafter.

Remarks:

/s/ Mark Levine, Attorney-in-Fact 12/16/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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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