

August 22, 2018

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United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporation Finance
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20549

**Re: Minerva Neurosciences, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-226783)**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned registrant hereby requests that the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") take appropriate action to cause the above-referenced Registration Statement on Form S-3 to become effective at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 24, 2018 or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sincerely,

MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ Devin Smith

Name: Devin Smith

Title: General Counsel

cc: Marc A. Recht, Esq.
Ryan S. Sansom, Esq.