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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

A Russell Richard E.

NEUROSCIENCES,

C/O MINERVA

SUITE 284

(Last) (First) (Middle)

INC., Â 1601 TRAPELO ROAD,

(Street)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/11/2017

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. [NERV]

> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

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

President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

WALTHAM, MAÂ 02451

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shares

Russell Richard E.

C/O MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC. 1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284 WALTHAM, MAÂ 02451

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} President \hat{A}

Signatures

/s/ Matt Bartholomae, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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