

Minerva Neurosciences, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Davidson Michael</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC.,Â 1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>WALTHAM,Â MAÂ 02451</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/16/2016</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. [NERV]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Medical Officer</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 0 | D | Â |

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 | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 08/31/2026 | Common Stock | 30,000 | \$ 12.35 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Davidson Michael C/O MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC. 1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284 WALTHAM, MA 02451 | Â | Â | Â Chief Medical Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/Mark Levine,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/20/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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The shares underlying the option shall vest and become exercisable as to 25% on September 1, 2017; the balance of the shares underlying (1) the option shall vest and become exercisable in 12 successive equal quarterly installments, in each case so long as the Reporting Person provides continuous service to the Issuer on each such date.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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