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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Saoud Jay

(First) (Middle)

MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES. INC., 1601 TRAPELO ROAD,

SUITE 284

(Last)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Minerva Neurosciences, Inc.

[NERV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

09/01/2017

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below) SVP and Head of R&D

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

WALTHAM, MA 02451

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

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

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4, an 5)	Expiration (Month/Day or			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.45	09/01/2017		A	100,000	<u>(1)</u>	08/31/2017	Common Stock	100,00	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Saoud Jay

MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC. 1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284 WALTHAM, MA 02451

SVP and Head of R&D

Signatures

/s/ Matt Bartholomae, Attorney-in-Fact 09/05/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) This option vested as to 25% of the shares on September 1, 2018 and then in quarterly installments over 3 years thereafter.

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