Luthringer Remy Form 4 December 15, 2017

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Luthringer Remy			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. [NERV]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
C/O MINERVA			12/13/2017	below) below)			

NEUROSCIENCES, INC., 1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 286

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Ac	quired, Disposed	l of, or Benefi	cially 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. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/14/2017		M	18,750	A	<u>(1)</u>	18,750	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2017		S	2,194 (2)	D	\$ 5.85 (3)	16,556	D	
Common Stock							926,604	I	By Wint2felden Holding SA

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

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or (Instr. 8) Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		
	,			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nu Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.1	12/13/2017		A	350,000		<u>(4)</u>	12/13/2027	Common Stock	35
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/14/2017		M		18,750	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	18

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships						
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Luthringer Remy							
C/O MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC.	X		CEO				
1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 286	Λ		CEO				
WALTHAM, MA 02451							

## **Signatures**

/s/ Matt Bartholomae, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock
- Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock sold to satisfy tax obligations relating to the acquisition of shares of the Issuer's common stock in connection with the settlement of the vested portion of RSUs pursuant to the terms of that certain RSU Agreement between the Reporting Person and the Issuer, as reflected in this Form 4.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$5.80 to \$5.85, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the

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range set forth in footnote (3) to this Form 4.

- (4) This option vests as to 25% of the shares on December 13, 2018 and then in quarterly installments over 3 years thereafter.
  - Represents shares issuable upon the vesting of RSUs awarded to the Reporting Person on December 14, 2016. The RSUs vest in 4 equal
- (5) 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.

#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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