Minerva Neurosciences, Inc.

Form 4

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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Race Geoff

Minerva Neurosciences, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[NERV]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

____ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

12/04/2015

below) below)

EVP & Chief Financial Officer

C/O MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC., 1601

TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WALTHAM, MA 02451

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities
TransactionAcquired (A) or
Code Disposed of (D)
(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.71 (1)	12/04/2015		A	175,000	(2)	12/03/2025	Common Stock	175,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Race Geoff C/O MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC. 1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284 WALTHAM, MA 02451

EVP & Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Mark Levine, 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) The exercise price is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on December 4, 2015.
- (2) This option shall vest as follows: 25% on December 4, 2016; and then in quarterly installments over 3 years thereafter.

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