

Ahlholm Frederick W  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Ahlholm Frederick W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Minerva Neurosciences, Inc.  
 [NERV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/13/2017

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, Chief Accounting Officer

C/O MINERVA  
 NEUROSCIENCES, INC., 1601  
 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 286  
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/14/2017		M	5,000 A 11	10,000	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2017		S	1,661 (2) D \$ 5.8	8,339	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.1	12/13/2017		A	120,000	(3) 12/13/2027	Common Stock 120,000
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/14/2017		M	5,000	(4) (4)	Common Stock 5,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ahlholm Frederick W  
C/O MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC.  
1601 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 286  
WALTHAM, MA 02451

SVP, Chief Accounting Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Matt Bartholomae,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/15/2017

\*\*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) Each restricted stock unit 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) 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

(4) 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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