

Minerva Neurosciences, Inc.
 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 *
 Vandervelpen Nico

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)
 06/16/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O MINERVA
 NEUROSCIENCES, INC., 1601
 TRAPELO ROAD, SUITE 284

(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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)

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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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.2	06/16/2016		A	12,500	<u>(1)</u> 06/15/2026	Common Stock	12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

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Signatures

/s/ Mark S. Levine,
Attorney-in-Fact

06/17/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The shares subject to this option vest in four equal quarterly installments at a rate of 1/4 of the total number of shares every three months, (1) with the first 1/4 vesting on the date that is three months following June 16, 2016 and an additional 1/4 every three months thereafter, subject in each case to the continued service of the Reporting Person as a non-employee director as of such vesting date.

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