Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. Form 8-K July 24, 2017

#### **UNITED STATES**

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

# **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 20, 2017

Minerva Neurosciences, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

**001-36517** (Commission

26-0784194 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

**Identification No.)** 

1601 Trapelo Road

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Suite 284

Waltham, MA
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(Registrant s telephone number, including area code): (617) 600-7373

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

# Item 5.02 <u>Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers</u>

# (b) Resignation of Director

On July 20, 2017, Michele Ollier notified the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. (the Company ) of her intention to resign as a member of the Board, effective July 24, 2017, including from its Compensation Committee and as chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Also on July 20, 2017, Nico Vandervelpen notified the Board of his intention to resign as a member of the Board, effective July 24, 2017, including from its Compensation Committee. Both Dr. Ollier and Mr. Vandervelpen are resigning to focus on other opportunities and neither decision involved any disagreement with the Company, its management or the Board.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On July 24, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the resignations of Dr. Ollier and Mr. Vandervelpen. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

#### **Exhibit**

# No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated July 24, 2017.

# **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

# MINERVA NEUROSCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ Geoffrey Race Name: Geoffrey Race

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief

Financial Officer and Chief Business

Officer

Date: July 24, 2017

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