ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ACTG]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

08/01/2016

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

Officer (give title below)

520 NEWPORT CENTER DR., 12TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Security

(Instr. 3)

3. 4. Securities

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

(A)

or

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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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed of (E) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.75	08/01/2016		A	700,000	<u>(1)</u>	08/01/2023(2)	Acacia Research Corporation Common Stock	700
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.75	08/01/2016		A	50,000	<u>(3)</u>	08/01/2023	Acacia Research Corporation Common Stock	50,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III 520 NEWPORT CENTER DR. 12TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	X					

Signatures

G. Louis
Graziadio, III

**Signature of

Date

**Signature of
Reporting Person

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 shares underlying the options shall vest in installments of 25% upon the company's achievement of certain stock price targets.
- (2) Unvested options will expire four years from the grant date. Vested options will expire seven years from the grant date.
- (3) The option shares are execisable in six equal installments over a three-year term beginning from August 1, 2016.

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