

GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III

Form 4

March 14, 2018

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
[ACTG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
520 NEWPORT DRIVE, 12TH  
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/12/2018

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

(Street)  
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/12/2018		P	Amount 4,000 (A) or (D) Price \$ 3.7	598,051	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2018		P	Amount 6,500 (A) or (D) Price \$ 3.7	343,900	I	Graziadio Family Trust dtd 11/13/75 (1)
Common Stock					15,000	I	The George & Reva Graziadio Charitable Lead

Common Stock	21,000	I	Annuity Trust <sup>(2)</sup> Marianna R. Graziadio (minor children) <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	21,000	I	George L. Graziadio IV (minor children) <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	20,000	I	George and Reva Graziadio Foundation <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock	5,000	I <sup>(6)</sup>	Owned by spouse

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
	X

GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III  
520 NEWPORT DRIVE  
12TH FLOOR  
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

## Signatures

G. Louis  
Graziadio, III

03/14/2018

\_\_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) These shares are owned by the Graziadio Family Trust u/d/t 11/13/75 ("GFT"), an irrevocable trust established by Mr. Graziadio for the benefit of his children. Mr. Graziadio is neither a trustee nor a beneficiary of GFT and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by GFT.

(2) These shares are owned by the George & Reva Graziadio Charitable Lead Annuity Trust (the "Annuity Trust"), as to which Mr. Graziadio is trustee and Mr. Graziadio's minor children are contingent beneficiaries. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Annuity Trust.

(3) These shares are owned by Mr. Graziadio's minor child, Marianna R. Graziadio.

(4) These shares are owned by Mr. Graziadio's minor child, George L. Graziadio, IV.

(5) These shares are owned by the George and Reva Graziadio Foundation ("Foundation"), a charitable foundation established by Mr. Graziadio's parents, as to which Mr. Graziadio has no pecuniary interest. Mr. Graziadio is one of three directors of the Foundation and does not have the right to control disposition of these shares. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Foundation.

(6) The Gina-Carra Partnership ("Gina-Carra"), a limited partnership of which Mr. Graziadio was the trustee of each of the general partners (trusts for the benefit of Mr. Graziadio's adult children,) previously owned 25,000 shares of common stock and in prior ownership reports those shares were reported as indirectly owned by Mr. Graziadio. Gina-Carra and the respective trusts have been dissolved such that Mr. Graziadio no longer has any reportable beneficial interest in those shares and they no longer will be included in Mr. Graziadio's Form 4 or Form 5 filings.

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