CURRIE F RIDGON

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

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

CURRIE F RIDGON

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

[ACTG/CBMX]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006

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

500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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

Security

(Instr. 3)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

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

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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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(Instr. 4)

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 TransactionDerivative

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Un Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.94	01/03/2006		A	15,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2016	Acacia Research-Acacia Technologies Commo Stock
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.372	01/03/2006		A	15,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2016	Acacia Research-CombiMata Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CURRIE F RIDGON 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	X					

Signatures

F. Rigdon
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**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/03/2006

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) The option shares shall become exercisable in a series of 4 equal quarterly installments upon Reporting Person's completion of each of 3 months of continuous service as a Board member over the 12-month period measured from the grant date.

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