

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CURRIE F RIDGON2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
[ACTG/CBMX]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/03/2006☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)500 NEWPORT CENTER  
DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

(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

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Code | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Acacia<br>Research -<br>Acacia<br>Technologies<br>Common<br>Stock | 04/03/2006                              |                                                             | M          | 5,000                                                             | A \$ 2 5,000                                                                                                       | D                                                                          |                                                                                |
| Acacia<br>Research -<br>Acacia<br>Technologies<br>Common          | 04/03/2006                              |                                                             | S          | 5,000                                                             | D \$ 10 0                                                                                                          | D                                                                          |                                                                                |

Stock

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                       | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 2                                                               | 04/03/2006                              |                                                             | M                                    | 5,000                                                                                                           | <u>(1)</u>                                                     | 01/07/2013         | Acacia<br>Research-Acacia<br>Technologies<br>Common Stock           | 5,000                                                   |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CURRIE F RIDGON  
500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE  
7TH FLOOR  
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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## Signatures

F. Rigdon  
Currie

04/05/2006

\*\*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) The option shares became exercisable on 10/7/03.

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