

CURRIE F RIDGON

Form 4

May 10, 2006

**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  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CURRIE F RIDGON

2. 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)

500 NEWPORT CENTER  
DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2006

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

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
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Person

**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. 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)
Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common Stock	05/09/2006		M	500	A \$ 2 500	D	
Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common	05/09/2006		S	500	D \$ 0 12.5	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2	05/09/2006		M	500	(1) 01/07/2013	Acacia Research-Acacia Technologies Common Stock	500

## 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	X

## Signatures

F. Ridgon  
Currie 05/10/2006

\*\*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).

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(1) The option shares became exercisable on 1/7/04.

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