

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/31/2006

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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	
Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common Stock	03/31/2006		M		100	A	\$ 2 100	D
Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common	03/31/2006		S		100	D	\$ 9 0	D

Stock

Acacia  
Research -

Acacia Technologies Common Stock	04/03/2006		M	1,900	A	\$ 2	1,900	D
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Research -

Acacia Technologies Common Stock	04/03/2006		S	1,900	D	\$ 9.0016	0	D
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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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2	03/31/2006		M	100	<u>(1)</u> 01/07/2013	Acacia Research-Acacia Technologies Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2	04/03/2006		M	1,900	<u>(1)</u> 01/07/2013	Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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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 04/03/2006

\_\_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 7/7/03.

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