

RYAN PAUL R

Form 4

November 12, 2010

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 *
RYAN PAUL R

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)
500 NEWPORT CENTER
DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/10/2010

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

(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
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/10/2010		S		8,678	D	\$ 26.24 <u>(1)</u>	637,342	D
Common Stock	11/10/2010		S		1,322	D	\$ 26.36 <u>(2)</u>	636,020	D
Common Stock	11/11/2010		S		14,048	D	\$ 25.75 <u>(3)</u>	621,972	D
Common	11/11/2010		S		3,000	D	\$	618,972	D

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Stock					25.86 (4)			
Common Stock	11/11/2010	S	2,952	D	\$ 26.08 (5)	616,020	D	
Common Stock	11/11/2010	S	4,466	D	\$ 26.03 (6)	611,554	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2010	S	4,634	D	\$ 26.27 (7)	606,920	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2010	S	5,900	D	\$ 26.45 (8)	601,020	D	

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				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
RYAN PAUL R 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	X Chairman & CEO

Reporting Owners

Signatures

Paul R. Ryan

11/12/2010

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.17 and \$26.31 per share.
- (2) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.35 and \$26.42 per share.
- (3) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$25.67 and \$25.81 per share.
- (4) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$25.84 and \$25.96 per share.
- (5) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.04 and \$26.12 per share.
- (6) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$25.99 and \$26.09 per share.
- (7) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.20 and \$26.35 per share.
- (8) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.36 and \$26.50 per share.

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