ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

Form 4

March 17, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Treska Edward Joseph

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Last) (First)

520 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, 12TH FLOOR

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Street)

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP [ACTG]

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

03/15/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

> (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership Owned

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of Derivative Conversion

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

(Instr. 4)

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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)		Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Number Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.4	03/15/2017		A	96,153	<u>(1)</u>	03/15/2024	Acacia Research Corporation Common Stock	96,15
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.75	03/15/2017		A	113,032	<u>(1)</u>	03/15/2024	Acacia Research Corporation Common Stock	113,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Treska Edward Joseph 520 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 12TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	X					

Signatures

Edward J.

Treska

**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 are exercisable in six equal installments over a three year term.

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