

RYAN PAUL R  
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 \*  
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  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/27/2010

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

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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	10/27/2010		M		91,667	A	\$ 5.17 737,687
Common Stock	10/27/2010		S		7,938	D	\$ 26.93 729,749 (1)
Common Stock	10/27/2010		S		30,967	D	\$ 27.08 698,782 (2)
Common Stock	10/27/2010		S		52,762	D	\$ 27.29 646,020

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Common Stock	10/28/2010	M	45,800	A	\$ 4.14	691,820	D
Common Stock	10/28/2010	S	6,893	D	\$ 26.14	684,927	D
Common Stock	10/28/2010	S	14,000	D	\$ 26.37	670,927	D
Common Stock	10/27/2010	S	3,383	D	\$ 26.61	667,544	D
Common Stock	10/28/2010	S	2,300	D	\$ 26.95	665,244	D
Common Stock	10/28/2010	S	15,004	D	\$ 27.1	650,240	D
Common Stock	10/28/2010	S	2,520	D	\$ 27.32	647,720	D
Common Stock	10/28/2010	S	1,700	D	\$ 27.63	646,020	D
Common Stock	10/29/2010	M	45,867	A	\$ 4.14	691,887	D
Common Stock	10/29/2010	S	2,000	D	\$ 25.85	689,887	D
Common Stock	10/29/2010	S	12,041	D	\$ 26.08	677,846	D
Common Stock	10/29/2010	S	7,713	D	\$ 26.29	670,133	D
Common Stock	10/29/2010	S	4,838	D	\$ 26.45	665,295	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	5. Number of Derivative Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
					Acquired (A)	or Disposed of (D)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.17	10/27/2010		M		91,667		12/31/2006	11/24/2013	Common Stock	91,667
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.14	10/28/2010		M		45,800		12/31/2007	10/19/2014	Common Stock	45,800
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.14	10/29/2010		M		45,867		12/31/2007	10/19/2014	Common Stock	45,867

## 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	

## Signatures

Paul R. Ryan                      10/29/2010

         \*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

        Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* 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 price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.79 and \$26.995 per share.
- (2) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$27.00 and \$27.20 per share.
- (3) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$27.21 and \$27.41 per share.

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- (4) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.00 and \$26.25 per share.
- (5) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.26 and \$26.51 per share.
- (6) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.52 and 26.70 per share.
- (7) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.76 and \$27.00 per share.
- (8) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$27.01 and \$27.21 per share.
- (9) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$27.27 and \$27.36 per share.
- (10) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$27.60 and \$27.76 per share.
- (11) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$25.75 and \$25.92 per share.
- (12) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$25.96 and \$26.1613 per share.
- (13) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.19 and \$26.39 per share.
- (14) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$26.40 and \$26.50 per share.

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