

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
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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 \*  
**GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III**

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)  
 520 NEWPORT CENTER DR., 12TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/13/2016

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

(Street)  
 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/13/2016		P	A	15,000	\$ 4.572	307,334 D
Common Stock	05/13/2016		P	A	63,000	\$ 4.572	146,565 I
Common Stock	05/13/2016		P	A	5,000	\$ 4.572	5,000 I

Graziadio Family Trust u/d/t 11/13/75 (1)  
 Shares purchased for minor child. (2)

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Common Stock	Transaction Date	Transaction Type	Quantity	Code	Price	Value	Category	Notes
Common Stock	05/13/2016	P	5,000	A	\$ 4.752	5,000	I	Shares purchased for minor child. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2016	P	12,222	A	\$ 4.6867	319,556	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2016	P	3,729	A	\$ 4.6867	323,285	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2016	P	12,223	A	\$ 4.6867	158,788	I	Graziadio Family Trust u/d/t 11/13/75 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock						5,000	I	Shares purchased for minor child. <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock						5,000	I	Shares purchased for minor child. <sup>(3)</sup>

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				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
GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III 520 NEWPORT CENTER DR. 12TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	X			

## Signatures

G. Louis Graziadio, III	05/17/2016
**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) These shares are owned by the Graziadio Family Trust u/d/t 11/13/75 ("GFT"), an irrevocable trust established by Mr. Graziadio for the benefit of his children. Mr. Graziadio is neither a trustee nor a beneficiary of GFT and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by GFT.
  - (2) These shares were purchased for Mr. Graziadio's minor child, Marianna R. Graziadio.
  - (3) These shares were purchased for Mr. Graziadio's minor child, George L. Graziadio IV.

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