

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 \*  
 BERMAN ROBERT ANDREW

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)  
 500 NEWPORT CENTER  
 DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/02/2006

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 COO, Gen. Counsel, Sec.

(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  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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
Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common Stock	05/02/2006		M		2,500	A	\$ 1.85 2,500
Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common	05/02/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,500	D	\$ 0 11.5

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Stock

Acacia  
Research -

Acacia Technologies Common Stock	05/02/2006	M	25,000	A	\$ 1.85	25,000	D
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Common  
Stock

Acacia  
Research -

Acacia Technologies Common stock	05/02/2006	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	25,000	D	\$ 11.5	0	D
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Common  
stock

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.85	05/02/2006		M	2,500	<u>(2)</u> 12/16/2012	Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common Stock 2,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.85	05/02/2006		M	25,000	<u>(2)</u> 05/20/2013	Acacia Research - Acacia Technologies Common Stock 25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERMAN ROBERT ANDREW 500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE 7TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660			COO, Gen. Counsel, Sec.	

## Signatures

Robert A.  
Berman

05/03/2006

\*\*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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 29, 2005.
  - (2) The option shares were all exercisable as of August 28, 2005.

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