

RYAN PAUL R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2011

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  
 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			
Common Stock	03/03/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,800	D		\$ 32.74 (2)	661,925	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,645	D		\$ 34 (3)	654,280	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		20,301	D		\$ 35.06 (4)	633,979	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,500	D		\$ 35.59	626,479	D	



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- (2) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$32.385 and \$33.36 per share..
- (3) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$33.46 and \$34.46 per share.
- (4) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$34.50 and \$35.50 per share.
- (5) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$35.53 and \$35.635 per share.
- (6) The price reported is the average price for shares sold between \$35.64 and \$36.30 per share.

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