

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

Form 4

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 1(b).

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

 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Key Marvin E

 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)
 08/01/2016

 _____ Director _____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Interim Chief Executive Office

 (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
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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	234,328 ⁽¹⁾	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)

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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)	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.75	08/01/2016		A	250,000	(2) 08/01/2023	Acacia Research Corporation Common Stock	250,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Key Marvin E 520 NEWPORT CENTER DR. 12TH FLOOR NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	Interim Chief Executive Office

Signatures

Marvin E. Key 08/03/2016

Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Due to an administrative error the prior filings had an incorrect total.
- (2) The option shares are exercisable in six equal installments over a three-year term with vesting aligned with prior equity grants per a Board of Director's prior resolution on officer vesting.

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