## ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

Form 8-K
January 23, 2012
UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION<br>Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 20, 2012
ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-26068
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) incorporation)

95-4405754
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

92660
500 Newport Center Drive
Newport Beach, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 480-8300
Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):
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Item 8.01 Other Events.
EVM Systems LLC entered into a settlement agreement with Abbott Laboratories, Inc. and Abbott Vascular, Inc., resolving litigation that was pending in the Eastern District of Texas.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION
Date: January 20, 2012
By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan
Name: Paul R. Ryan
Title: Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer

