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## **COMBIMATRIX TO HOLD CONFERENCE CALL TO DISCUSS BUSINESS STRATEGY FOR COMBIMATRIX MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS**

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) – May 19, 2005 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG; CBMX) announced today that its CombiMatrix group will host a CombiMatrix Molecular Diagnostic Business Overview and Strategy conference call on Monday, May 23, 2005. The call will include a slide presentation and will be led by Dr. Amit Kumar, Mr. Matt Watson, and Dr. David Baunoch.

The conference call will begin at 1:30 p.m Pacific Time (4:30 p.m. Eastern) and a Q&A session will follow.

To listen to the presentation by phone, dial (800) 231-9012 for domestic callers and (719) 457-2617 for international callers, both of whom will need to provide the operator with the confirmation code 9629640. A replay of the audio presentation will be available for 30 days at (888) 203-1112 for domestic callers and (719) 457-0820 for international callers, both of whom will need to enter the code 9629640 when prompted.

The call is being webcast by CCBN and will include a slide presentation. The webcast can be accessed at CombiMatrix's website at [www.combimatrix.com/news\\_events.htm](http://www.combimatrix.com/news_events.htm).

### **ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION**

Acacia Research Corporation comprises two operating groups, Acacia Technologies group and CombiMatrix group.

The CombiMatrix group is developing a platform technology to rapidly produce customizable arrays, which are semiconductor-based tools for use in identifying and determining the roles of genes, gene mutations and proteins. The CombiMatrix's group's technology has a wide range of potential applications in the areas of genomics, proteomics, biosensors, drug discovery, drug development, diagnostics, combinatorial chemistry, material sciences and nanotechnology.

The Acacia Technologies group develops, acquires, and licenses patented technologies. Acacia controls 30 patent portfolios, which include 128 U.S. patents, and certain foreign counterparts, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries including audio/video enhancement & synchronization, broadcast data retrieval, computer memory cache coherency, credit card fraud protection, database management, data encryption & product activation, digital media transmission (DMT®), digital video production, dynamic manufacturing modeling, enhanced Internet navigation, image resolution enhancement, interactive data sharing, interactive television, Internet access redirection, interstitial Internet advertising, laptop docking station connectivity, microprocessor enhancement, multi-dimensional bar codes, network data storage, resource scheduling, rotational video imaging and spreadsheet automation.

Acacia Research-Acacia Technologies (NASDAQ: ACTG) and Acacia Research-CombiMatrix (NASDAQ: CBMX) are both classes of common stock issued by Acacia Research Corporation and are intended to reflect the

performance of the respective operating groups and are not issued by the operating groups.

Information about the Acacia Technologies Group and the CombiMatrix Group is available at [www.acaciaresearch.com](http://www.acaciaresearch.com).

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