

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ventresca Nicholas</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>251 BALLARDVALE STREET</u>  (Street) <u>WILMINGTON MA 01887</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/31/2006</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [ CRL ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Senior Vice President</u></p>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

**Remarks:**

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/Nicholas Ventresca

04/05/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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Know all by these presents,  
that  
the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Joanne (Jody) P.  
Acford and  
Matthew L. Daniel as the undersigned's true and lawful  
attorneys in fact  
to:

(1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's  
name and on the  
undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities  
and Exchange  
Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments  
thereto, and any  
other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes  
and passwords  
enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with  
the SEC of reports  
required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange  
Act of 1934 or any  
rule or regulation of the SEC;

(2) execute for  
and on behalf of the  
undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an  
officer and/or director of  
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.  
(the "Company"), Forms 3, 4,  
and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 and the rules thereunder, and any  
other forms or reports the  
undersigned may be required to file in  
connection with the undersigned's  
ownership, acquisition, or disposition  
of securities of the Company;

(3) do and perform any and all acts  
for and on behalf of the undersigned  
which may be necessary or desirable  
to complete and execute any such Form  
3, 4, or 5, complete and execute  
any amendment or amendments thereto, and  
timely file such form with the  
United States Securities and Exchange  
Commission and any stock exchange  
or similar authority; and

(4) take  
any other action of any type  
whatsoever in connection with the foregoing  
which, in the opinion of such  
attorney in fact, may be of benefit to, in  
the best interest of, or  
legally required by, the undersigned, it being  
understood that the  
documents executed by such attorney in fact on behalf  
of the undersigned  
pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form  
and shall  
contain such terms and conditions as such attorney in fact may  
approve in  
such attorney in fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby  
grants  
the attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any  
and  
every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be  
done  
in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as  
fully  
to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if  
personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby  
ratifying and confirming all that such attorney in fact, or such attorney

