

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
CAWTHORN, ROBERT
251 Ballardvale Street
Wilmington, MA 01887
USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Charles River Laboratories Int'l., Inc (CRL)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
4/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner
() Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	04/09/2003	G V	-1800	D	\$0.0000	301700	D	

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	tion Code V	Acquired(A) (A) (D)	Disposed(D) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative at End of Month	Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned	Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Nature of direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ ROBERT CAWTHORN

DATE
04/10/2003