

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BERTHOUX CHRISTOPHER</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>251 BALLARDALE STREET</u> (Street) <u>WILMINGTON MA 01887</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL]</u>	5. 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;">OFFICERS</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/17/2004</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2004	02/17/2004	M		6,233	A	\$32.15	18,985	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2004	02/17/2004	S		6,233	D	\$42.95	12,752	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2004	02/17/2004	M		8,733	A	\$31.97	21,485	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2004	02/17/2004	S		8,733	D	\$42.95	12,752	D	
Restricted Stock Award								3,000	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$5.33						09/29/2000	09/29/2009	Common Stock	4,090	4,090	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$16						06/23/2001	10/21/2012	Common Stock	6,500	6,500	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$31.97	02/17/2004	02/17/2004	M		8,733	08/01/2002	08/01/2011	Common Stock	8,733	\$31.97	4,367	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.15	02/17/2004	02/17/2004	M		6,233	07/15/2003	07/15/2012	Common Stock	6,233	\$32.15	12,467	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.87						07/23/2004	07/23/2013	Common Stock	18,100		18,100	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Deborah E. Gray 02/17/2004
 ** 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 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).

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