FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FOSTER JAMES C (Last) (First) (Middle) 251 BALLARDVALE STREET					2. Issuer Name and Ticker of Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2005								X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) President and CEO						
(Street) WILMINGTON MA 01887					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
(City)	(\$	State)	(Zip)										Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
Table I - Non-Deriv 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans. Date (Month/It								3. Transa Code (ction	4. Securitie	, or Ben es Acquired Of (D) (Instr	(A) or	5. Amount Securities Beneficial Owned Fo	ly	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			1	Instr. 4)		
Common Stock				02/17/2005				М		1,000	A	\$5.33	191,928			D			
Common Stock				02/17/2005				S		1,000	D	\$48.09	190,928			D			
Common Stock				02/17/2005				M		1,000	A	\$5.33	191,928			D			
Common Stock				02/17/2005				S		1,000	D	\$48.133	190,928			D			
Restricted Stock				02/17/2	02/17/2005					84,150	A	\$0.00	84,150(1)			D			
			Table II - I (osed of, convertib			wned						
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/Yea	Code	Transaction Code (Instr.		Derivative		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported	e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)					
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$5.33	02/17/2005		М			1,000	09/29/2000		09/29/2009	Common Stock	1,000	\$5.33	254,82	24	D			
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$5.33	02/17/2005		М			1,000	09/29/20	000	09/29/2009	Common Stock	1,000	\$5.33	253,82	24	D			

Explanation of Responses:

\$47.75

- 1. Restricted Shares issued on three year vesting schedule.
- 2. Options vest over 3 years beginning 1 year from date of grant.

02/17/2005

Remarks:

Stock

Buy)

(Right to

s/James C. Foster

** Signature of Reporting Person

Stock

144,300

\$47.75

02/22/2005

144,300

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02/17/2006(2)

02/17/2010

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).
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