FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Girshick Birgit	2. Date of Event Requiring Stater Month/Day/Yea 02/13/2018	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC CRL							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 251 BALLARDVALE STREET			Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable)  Director		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) WILMINGTON MA 01887			X Officer (give title below)  Corporate Execution	Other (spe	cify 6. In App	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)						Reporting Po	erson			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					t (D) (Instr	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership str. 5)				
Common Stock			23,182 <sup>(1)</sup>	D						
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. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
	Date Exercisable	Expiratior Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/28/2015 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2021	Common Stock	913	59.41	D				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/27/2016 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/27/2020	Common Stock	2,466	76.67	D				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/26/2017 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/26/2021	Common Stock	5,025	73.7	D				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/24/2018 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/24/2022	Common Stock	13,969	88.05	D				

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Consists of: (a) 18,466 shares of common stock; (b) 233 shares of restricted stock which will vest on 2/28/2018; (c) 4,483 unvested restricted stock units (RSUs) which vest as follows: 724 on 2/24/2018, 342 on 2/26/2018, 279 on 2/27/2018, 725 on 2/24/2019, 341 on 2/26/2019, 280 on 2/27/2019, 725 on 2/24/2020, 342 on 2/26/2020, and 725 on 2/24/2021. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
- 2. Stock options will vest as follows: 913 on 2/28/2018.
- 3. Stock Options will vest as follows: 1,233 on 2/27/2018 and 1,233 on 2/27/2019.
- 4. Stock Options will vest as follows: 1,675 on 2/26/2018, 1,675 on 2/26/2019 and 1,675 on 2/26/2020.
- 5. Stock Options will vest as follows: 3,492 on 2/24/2018, 3,492 on 2/24/2019, 3,492 on 2/24/2020 and 3,493 on 2/24/2021.

/s/ Birgit Girshick 02/20/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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