

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 (Street) WILMINGTON MA 01887 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman & CEO |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2018 | |
| | 4. 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 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 | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 500 | D | \$108.26 | 308,147 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 | D | \$108.28 | 307,947 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 | D | \$108.29 | 307,747 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.295 | 307,647 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 16 | D | \$108.3 | 307,631 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 84 | D | \$108.305 | 307,547 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.31 | 307,447 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 300 | D | \$108.32 | 307,147 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.325 | 307,047 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 300 | D | \$108.33 | 306,747 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.35 | 306,647 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 400 | D | \$108.39 | 306,247 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 500 | D | \$108.395 | 305,747 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 | D | \$108.405 | 305,547 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 7 | D | \$108.41 | 305,540 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.42 | 305,440 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 500 | D | \$108.46 | 304,940 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.465 | 304,840 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.505 | 304,740 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 | D | \$108.54 | 304,540 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 300 | D | \$108.67 | 304,240 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.69 | 304,140 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.7 | 304,040 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2018 | | s ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$108.74 | 303,940 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 10,208 | I | 2016 GRAT |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 29,954 | I | 2017 GRAT |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 340 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 10,000 | I | Held By Spouse |

**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 | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This sale occurred pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan.

/s/ James C. Foster

02/27/2018

** 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).

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