FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Kochevar Deborah Turner	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC CRL			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 251 BALLARDVALE STREET		4. Relationship of Reporting Per (Check all applicable)	on(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
(Street) WILMINGTON MA 01887  (City) (State) (Zip)		X Director Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	6. 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-Der	ivative Securities Beneficia	lly Owned		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities	3. Ownership	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
2. This of cecurity (mounty)		Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)	
Common Stock		Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 5)	
		, ,	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)	
		ative Securities Beneficially arrants, options, convertible	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)  D  Owned e securities)  rities 4.	5. 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership ercise Form: (Instr. 5)	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/Deborah Turner Kochevar 10/29/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Joanne (Jody) P. Acford and Matthew L. Daniel as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys in fact to:

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, and any other forms or reports the undersigned may be required to file in connection with the undersigned's ownership, acquisition, or disposition of securities of the Company;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney in fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney in fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney in fact may approve in such attorney in fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants the attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney in fact, or such attorney in fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney in fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys in fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 21 day of October, 2008.

/s/Deborah Turner Kochevar