FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BERTHOUX CHRISTOPHER					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)  Director 10% Owner  V Officer (give title Other (specify					
(Last) 251 BAL	•	First) LE STREET	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/23/2003								X Officer (give title Officer (s below) below)  OFFICERS				
(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transi Date				. Transac	action 2A. Deemed Execution Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transact Code (In	4. Securities Acquiction Disposed Of (D) (I		es Acquire	d (A) or	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s ally following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect t Beneficial Ownership		
							Code	/ Am	ount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)		
			Table II - De					quired, Dis s, options					Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date Execution D (Month/Day/Year) if any	3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye	Date, Transa Code (		nsaction de (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Ins 3, 4 and 5		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate d 'ear) L		7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	(D) Benefici Ownersi rect (Instr. 4)	
				Cod	de V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expir Date	ation	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
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							08/01/2002	08/01	/2011	Common Stock	13,100		13,100	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.15							07/15/2005	07/15	5/2012	Common Stock	18,700		18,700	D		
Stock Options (Right to	\$32.87	07/23/2003	07/23/2003	A		18,100		07/23/2004 <sup>(1</sup>	07/23	3/2013	Common Stock	18,100	\$0	18,100	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

 $1. \ The \ option \ vests \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ on \ July \ 23, \ 2004$ 

<u>Dennis R. Shaughnessy</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

07/29/2003

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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