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September 20, 2006

Mr. Thomas F. Ackerman Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. 251 Ballardvale Street Wilmington, MA 01887

> Re: Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005 File No. 001-15943

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Roesler Accounting Branch Chief