

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
FOSTER, JAMES C.
251 Ballardvale Street
Wilmington, MA 01887
USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Charles River Laboratories Int'l., Inc (CRL)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
12/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner
(X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
President and CEO
7. 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-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
		Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	12/02/2002	M		9000	A	\$5.3300		D	
Common Stock	12/02/2002	S		-9000	D	\$36.9342	218478	D	

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	
Title of Derivative Security	Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative Security	Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	Transac- tion Code	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) Disposed(D)	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title of Underlying Securities	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative at End of Month	Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned at End of Month	Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship

Explanation of Responses:

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

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ JAMES C. FOSTER

DATE
12/02/2002

