

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

January 5, 2011

Thomas F. Ackerman 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 year ended December 26, 2009 Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended June 26, 2010

File No. 1-15943

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

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

Sincerely,

Gus Rodriguez Accounting Branch Chief