FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| BERTOLINI ROBERT J | . Date of Event Requiring Staten Month/Day/Year 01/24/2011 | ent (| 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC CRL | | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--|---|--|--|
| CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| 251 BALLARDVALE STREET (Street) WILMINGTON MA 01887 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | X Director Officer (give title below) | Other (special below) | cify | Applicable Line) X Form filed b | d/Group Filing (Check y One Reporting Person y More than One erson | | |
| 1 | able I - Non | -Derivati | ive Securities Beneficiall | y Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | . Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | r. 4) 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 0 | D | | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/Robert Bertolini

01/26/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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