FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Smith David Ross (Last) (First) (Middle) 251 BALLARDVALE STREET | | | | | 3. E | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC. [CRL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/22/2021 | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Corporate Executive VP & CFO | | | | | vner specify | |
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| (Street) WILMIN (City) | WILMINGTON MA 01887 | | | | 4. 1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indi Line) X | · ' | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da) | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. | | | ties Acquired (A) or I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Beneficially Owned Following | | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 04/2. | | | | | /2021 | | М | | 3,845 | 6 A \$1 | | 9.34 | 18 | 18,707 | | D | | | | |
| Common Stock 04/ | | | | 04/22 | /2021 | | | | | | 3,845 | 3,845 D | | 330 | 14,862 | | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | By Spouse | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D | n Date, Transa Code (| | | ion of | | 6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | е | Amount o Securities Underlyin Derivative | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr | Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | Amous or Number of Shares | er | | | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$109.34 | 04/22/2021 | | | М | | | 3,845 | 02/23/20 | 19 | 02/23/2023 | Common Stock | 3,84 | 15 | \$0 | 3,846 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

/s/ David R. Smith

04/26/2021

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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