FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* WALTRIP WILLIAM | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL] | | | | | | | | | | of Reporting P cable) or (give title | | erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | |
|---|---|--|---|---------|--|--|--|--|--------------|----------------------------------|-------|---|--------------------|------|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| (Last) 251 BAL | (First) (Middle) BALLARDVALE STREET | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/12/2004 | | | | | | | | | | (9.70 a.a.) | | below) | |
| (Street) WILMINGTON MA 01887 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | - 4. I - | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Nor | n-Deriv | vativ | e Se | curit | ties Ac | quir | ed, D | isp | osed o | f, or Be | nefi | cially | Owned | | | | |
| Date | | | | Date | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | ransact ode (In | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | 4 and Securitie Beneficia | | es ally Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | | С | ode | / | Amount | (A) o (D) | r P | rice | Transact (Instr. 3 a | on(s) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 11/12/ | | | | | | 2004 | | | M | | 10,00 | 0 A | T | \$16 | 28,773 | | | D | | |
| Common Stock 11/12/ | | | | | 2/200 |)4 | | | T | S | | 10,00 | 0 D | 1 | \$44.5 | 18,773 | | | D | |
| | | - | Гable II - | | | | | | | | • | | or Ben ble secu | | - | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemee Execution I if any (Month/Day | Date, | | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | ate Exer ration E nth/Day/ | ate | ble and 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | is Blly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | cisable | | xpiration ate | Title | or | ount mber ures | | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to | \$16 | 11/12/2004 | | | M | | | 10,000 | 05/0 | 7/2001 | 06 | 6/05/2005 | Common Stock | 10, | ,000 | \$16 | 10,000 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Rushna Heneghan as attorneyin-fact for William Waltrip

11/12/2004

** 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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