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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP	OMB Number:	3235		

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* NIMMO WALTER S					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL]						(Che					Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 251 BALLARDVALE STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/20/2004							Officer (below)	give title	itle Other (below)		pecify
(Street) WILMIN (City)	NGTON M		01887 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2004					Line)	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable a) 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																
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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. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code (Instr. Securities		(A)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and An of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)			ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	on(s)		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.19	10/20/2004		A		18,667 ⁽²⁾		(3)	06/28/2013	Common Stock	18,667	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	18,66	7	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Options to purchase shares of Issuer common stock were acquired pursuant to the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of June 30, 2004, by and among the Issuer, Inveresk Research Group, Inc. ("Inveresk"), Indigo Merger I Corp. and Indigo Merger II LLC (successor to Indigo Merger II Corp.).
- 2. Certain options issued under the Inveresk Approved Executive Share Option Scheme, previously reported as held by the reporting person, have been cancelled in connection with the termination of his
- 3. Immediately.

/s/ Rushna Heneghan as attorney-in-fact for Walter S.

11/12/2004

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** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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