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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ACKERMAN THOMAS F</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>251 BALLARDVALE STREET</u> (Street) <u>WILMINGTON MA 01887</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. Vp and CFO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/03/2003	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/03/2003	10/03/2003	M		16,000	A	\$16	35,517	D	

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/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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					
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$5.33							03/21/2001	09/29/2009	Common Stock	94,254	94,254	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$16	10/03/2003	10/03/2003	M			16,000	06/23/2001	06/23/2010	Common Stock	16,000	\$31.35	0	D
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$31.97							08/01/2002	08/01/2011	Common Stock	21,800	21,800	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.15							07/15/2005	07/15/2012	Common Stock	23,000	23,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.87							07/23/2004	07/23/2013	Common Stock	26,600	26,600	D	

Explanation of Responses:

THOMAS F ACKERMAN 10/03/2003

** 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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