FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RENAUD REAL H					<u>CF</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner V Officer (give title Other (specify						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 251 BALLARDVALE STREET				3. D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2004								X	below)	give title ecutive V	ice P	below)	респу		
(Street) WILMINGTON MA 01887					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S		(Zip)																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. T				2. Trans Date				3. Transa Code (I ar)	Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 2 5) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 2 5)			ed (A) (tr. 3, 4	5. Amount of 4 and 5 securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)			Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common	Common Stock						Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Pri	ce	(Instr. 3 and 4)			D				
Common	Stock		Table II -	Deriva	tive	Sec	urities	Acc	uired D	isn	nsed of	or Ben	eficia	lly (407		р		
			Table II -	(e.g., p	uts,	call	s, warı	rants	s, option	s, c	onvertik	ole secu	ritie	s)						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	tive Conversion Date Execution Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Date, Ti	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		ı of l		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (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)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				С	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber						
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$5.33								12/31/200	0	09/29/2009	Common Stock	34,7	793		34,79	3	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$16								06/23/200	1	06/23/2010	Common Stock	16,0	000		16,000	0	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$31.97								08/01/200	12	08/01/2011	Common Stock	21,8	300		21,800	0	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.15								07/15/200	15	07/15/2012	Common Stock	23,4	100		23,400	0	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.87								07/23/200	14	07/23/2013	Common Stock	40,4	100		40,400	0	D		
Stock Options (Right to	\$43.07	02/13/2004	02/13/20	04	A		30,300		02/13/2005	(1)	02/13/2014	Common Stock	30,3	300	\$0	30,300	0	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. The options vest on a 3 year schedule beginning on February 13, 2005

Deborah E. Gray

02/17/2004

** 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).
- ** 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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