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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FOSTER JAMES C (Last) (First) (Middle) 251 BALLARDVALE STREET | | | | | 3. C 01/ | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2017 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporti (Check all applicable) X Director X Officer (give title below) Chairman, Pr 6. Individual or Joint/Grou | | | sident a | other below) | Owner (specify |
|---|--|--|-------------------------------|--------|--|---|---|------------------|----------|---|-----------|---|----------------------|---|--|---|--------------|--|--------------|-------------------|
| (Street) WILMIN((City) | | | 01887 (Zip) | | - | | | | | | | | | | Line) 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transa Date (Month/I | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquii Disposed Of (D) (In | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | 6. Owner Form: Di (D) or Ind (I) (Instr. | ect irect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | Amount (A) or (D) | | Pri | ce | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (, |
| Common Stock 0 | | | 01/31 | /2017 | | | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 101,74 | 101,749 A | | | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 420,385 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 03 | | | 01/31 | ./2017 | 2017 | | | | | 46,004 | | D | \$7 | 78.38 | 374,381 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 340 | I | | By Trust | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0,000 | I | | Held By Spouse | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | rivative curity or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) 8 | | 4. Transa Code (8) | | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expirate Exercisable | | e ar) | Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | mount | Deri Sec (Ins: | rice of vative urity tr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owner Form Direct or Ind (I) (In | (D) irect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reflects shares of common stock issued following the achievement of performance goals set forth in performance share unit awards originally granted on February 28, 2014.

<u>/s/ James C. Foster</u> <u>01/31/2017</u>

** 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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