

MCEWAN ALASTAIR STUART
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MCEWAN ALASTAIR STUART

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
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Corporate Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/20/2004

251 BALLARDVALE STREET
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WILMINGTON, MA 01887
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/20/2004		A	V A	Amount 79,518 Price \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	79,518	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.03	10/20/2004		A	209	<u>(2)</u> 08/31/2011	Common Stock 209
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.06	10/20/2004		A	9,390	<u>(2)</u> 03/25/2012	Common Stock 9,390
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.35	10/20/2004		A	16,000	<u>(3)</u> 04/29/2013	Common Stock 16,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.19	10/20/2004		A	12,000	<u>(4)</u> 06/28/2013	Common Stock 12,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.55	10/20/2004		A	28,000	<u>(5)</u> 01/30/2014	Common Stock 28,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCEWAN ALASTAIR STUART 251 BALLARDVALE STREET WILMINGTON, MA 01887			Corporate Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Rushna Heneghan as attorney-in-fact for Alastair Stuart
McEwan

10/22/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Shares and options to purchase shares of Issuer common stock were acquired pursuant to the transactions contemplated by the Agreement
(1) and Plan of Merger dated as of June 30, 2004, by and among the Issuer, Inveresk Research Group, Inc. Indigo Merger I Corp. and Indigo Merger II LLC (successor to Indigo Merger II Corp.).

(2) Immediately.

(3) 5,333 options are immediately exercisable; 5,333 options are exercisable on 4/29/05 and 5,334 options are exercisable on 4/29/06.

(4) 4,000 options are immediately exercisable; 4,000 options are exercisable on each of 6/28/05 and 6/28/06.

(5) 9,333 options are exercisable on 1/30/05 and 1/30/04; 9,334 options are exercisable on 1/30/07.

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