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

POTENTIAL PERSONS WHO ARE TO RESPOND TO THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RESPOND UNLESS THE FORM DISPLAYS A CURRENTLY VALID OMB CONTROL NUMBER.

FORM 4 (CONTINUED) 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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
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Code	V	(A)	(D)
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7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of	9. Number of Deriv-	10. Ownership	11. Nature of In-
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(Instr. 3 and 4)	Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	ative Securi- ties Bene- ficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	Form of De- rivative Secu- rity: Direct (D) or Indi- rect (I) (Instr. 4)	direct Bene- ficial Own- ership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

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

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space is insufficient, SEE Instruction 6 for procedure.

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in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently
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/s/ Jame

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FORM 4 (CONTINUED) EXPLANATION OF RESPONSES

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STATEMENT FOR MONTH/YEAR: 03/2002
ISSUER NAME: Charles River Laboratori

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Wilmington, MA 01887

Note: (1) This trade occurred pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 trading plan established December 2001.