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Mail Stop 6010

September 20, 2006

Mr. Thomas F. Ackerman
Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.
251 Ballardvale Street
Wilmington, MA 01887

**Re: Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005
File No. 001-15943**

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Roesler
Accounting Branch Chief