



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

January 5, 2011

Thomas F. Ackerman  
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 year ended December 26, 2009  
Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended June 26, 2010  
File No. 1-15943**

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

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

Sincerely,

Gus Rodriguez  
Accounting Branch Chief