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Mail Stop 6010

August 2, 2007

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

Re: **Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.**
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006
Filed on February 27, 2007
Form 8-K
Filed on May 8, 2007
File No. 001-15943

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

We have completed our review of your Forms 10-K and 8-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Joel Parker
Accounting Branch Chief