FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Ratliff John D							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
						HOLDINGS [LH]								Officer below)	ficer (give title		Other (s	pecify		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2017								CEO, Covance Drug Development						
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)														Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tal	ole I - Non	-Deriva	ative	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired, D	isp	osed o	f, or Be	neficiall	y Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Transaction Dispo		Disposed	curities Acquired (A) o osed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s ally ollowing	Form:	: Direct I Indirect E str. 4) (7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	,	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)		
			Table II - I (uired, Dis s, options					Owned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	se (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	ate, Tra	ansac ode (Ir		of E		6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		of Securi Underlyir		g e Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	e es ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Co	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				l			
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	02/07/2017			A		5,590		(2)	T	(2)	Common Stock	5,590	\$0	23,890	(3)	D			
Non- qualified Stock Options ⁽⁴⁾	\$130.6	02/07/2017		,	A		21,300		02/07/2018 ⁽⁵) (02/06/2027	Common Stock	21,300	\$0	21,30	0	D			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings Common Stock.
- $2. \ The \ Restricted \ Stock \ Units \ vest \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ on \ 2/7/18.$
- 3. This number reflects the aggregate number of Restricted Stock Units held by the reporting person.
- 4. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- $5. \ The \ option \ vests \ in \ three \ equal \ installments \ beginning \ on \ the \ date \ reflected \ in \ this \ column.$

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III, Attorney-in-Fact for John D. 02/09/2017 Ratliff

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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