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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WALLACE ANDREW G</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET		on*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)								
			HOLDINGS [LH]	X	Director	10% Owner						
		(Middle)			Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)						
		(Midule)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2005		,	,						
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	lividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable							
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(City)	(State) (Zip)				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	01/03/2005		A		33 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$49.69	11,434 ⁽²⁾	D	

 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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock award represents half the monthly Director retainer pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1995 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

2. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.

<u>By: /s/ BRADFORD T.</u>

<u>SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for</u> 01/05/2005 Andrew G. Wallace

** 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).

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