FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

<b>STATEMENT</b>	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  WALLACE ANDREW G				L.A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA  HOLDINGS [ LH ]											tionship o all applic Director	10% Owner				
(Last) 430 S SP	(F PRING STR	,	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2004										Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215				4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Lir	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting							
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)														Person				
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	vativ	e Se	curitie	s A	cqu	iired, D	isp	osed o	f, or	Ben	eficia	lly	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				Execution Date,			"	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amou Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported		s lly ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	,	Amount	nt (A) or (D)		Price		Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			instr. 4)	
Common Stock 05/12				2/200	2004			A		1,288		A	\$0		11,126(1)			D			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of I		Exp	. Date Exercisab Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)			e and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Se (Instr. 3 and		Security	D S	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Non- Qualified Stock Options <sup>(2)</sup>	\$38.8	05/12/2004			A		1,984		05/:	12/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	5/12/2014	Comn		1,984		\$38.8	1,984	1	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- 2. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- 3. The option vests in three equal installments beginning on May 12, 2005.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith,

Attorney-in-Fact for Andrew 05/14/2004

G. Wallace

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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