FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	dress of Reporting F		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA</u> <u>HOLDINGS</u> [LH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify
		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/13/2004	A below) below) Chairman, CEO, President
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(City) (State)		(Zip)		X Form filed by One Reporting Person 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)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)		(1150.4)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	04/13/2004		М		16,900	A	\$26.7031 ⁽⁴⁾	429,709 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	04/13/2004		S		4,000	D	\$40.06	425,709 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	04/13/2004		S		6,900	D	\$40.02	418,809(2)	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	04/13/2004		S		6,000	D	\$40	412,809 ⁽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		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non- qualified Stock Options ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	\$26.7031 ⁽⁴⁾	04/13/2004		М		16,900		08/17/2003	08/17/2010	Common Stock	16,900	\$26.7031 ⁽⁴⁾	119,100	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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

3. Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

4. Actual exercise price was \$26.703125. The Edgar system truncates the price to only four decimal places.

<u>/s/ Bradford T. Smith, Attorney-</u> in-Fact for Thomas P. Mac

04/15/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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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