

ELINGBURG WESLEY R

Form 4

December 30, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ELINGBURG WESLEY R

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
LABORATORY CORP OF
AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Financial Officer

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/28/2004		M		3,125	A	\$ 33.0625
							102,358.2792 ⁽²⁾
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/28/2004		M		8,200	A	\$ 39.34
							110,558.2792 ⁽²⁾
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/28/2004		S		3,125	D	\$ 50
							107,433.2792 ⁽²⁾
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/28/2004		S		8,200	D	\$ 50
							99,233.2792 ⁽²⁾

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

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock Options (1) (3)	\$ 33.0625	12/28/2004		M	3,125	02/05/2002 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Options (1) (5)	\$ 39.34	12/28/2004		M	8,200	01/07/2003 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELINGBURG WESLEY R 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215			EVP & Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for Wesley R.
Elingburg 12/30/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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 1999 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan.

(4) The option vests in three equal installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.

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

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