

Ratliff John D
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ratliff John D

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)
 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/12/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 CEO, Covance Drug Development

BURLINGTON, NC 27215
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(A) or (D)	Code V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified Stock Options (1)	\$ 168.49	02/12/2018	A	17,100			02/12/2019 ⁽²⁾		02/11/2028		Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	⁽³⁾	02/12/2018	A	4,390			⁽⁴⁾		⁽⁴⁾		Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ratliff John D 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215			CEO, Covance Drug Development	

Signatures

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III, Attorney-in-Fact for John D. Ratliff	02/14/2018
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (2) The option vests in three equal installments beginning on the date reflected in this column.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings Common Stock.
- (4) The Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 2/12/19.
- (5) This number reflects the aggregate number of Restricted Stock Units held by the reporting person.

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