Document 1156 ACT-arg) (EXT) (RSTR) ↓ Inc. , said Johnson & Johnson 's results slightly exceeded his expectations for the third quarter . Lothson , an industry analyst for PaineWebber Group Inc. yesterday , Johnson & Johnson shares fell 37.5 cents to \$ 54.625 . down inventory , the professional division , which makes products including sutures and surgical stapling equipment , "achieved solid growth , "Johnson & Johnson said ev-w1923f6" ev-w2833f1 health-care cost controls and programs to hold down inventory , the [21156011] ORIG-arg But domestic consumer sales slipped 1.2 % for the quarter , to \$ 490 million ev-w3014f4

Overseas sales were stronger , principally because of a rebound in Brazil , where economic turmoil had hurt year-earlier results , Johnson & Johnson & Johnson & ev-w2833f1

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