Document 2007 The results were in line with analysts ' expectations . q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ p:e-u-i n_of:x p:e-u-i n:x _ n_of:x-i _ [22007005] , continued to lead the industry with a strong sales performance in the human and animal health-products segment v:e-h v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x n:x ARG1)— A stronger U.S. dollar reduced third-quarter and first-nine-month sales growth 2 % and 3 % , respectively q:i-h-h a:e-i named_n:x-c n:x v:e-i-p n=tmp:x _ n:x n_of:x n_of:x-i card:i-i-c n_of:x _ card:i-i-c n_of:x _ a:e-i _____and_c [22007007] International sales accounted for 47 % of total company sales for the nine months , compared with 50 % a year earlier . a:e-p n_of:x-i v_for:e-i-i _ card:i-i-c n_of:x p:e-x-i a:e-p n_of:x-i n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h card:i-i-c n:x _ v_with:e-i-p-i _ card:i-i-c n_of:x q:i-h-h n:x time_n:x _ Sales for the quarter rose to \$ 1.63 billion from \$ 1.47 billion n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_temp:x v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c The drug was introduced in West Germany this year qii-h-h n:x v_to:e-i-p p:e-u-i named:x-c named:x-c q_dem:i-h-h n:x _ (ARG2) (ARG1) (compound) (compound) ARG2 and c compound (ARGI) (ARGI) ARGI Intense competition , however , led to unit sales declines for a group of Merck 's established human and animal-health products , including Aldomet and Indocin a:e-p n:x _ v_to:e-i-p-i _ n_of:x-i n_of:x n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ named:x-c _ v:e-i-p a:e-p _ n:x n:x _ v:e-i-p named:x-c _ named:x-c New York Stock Exchange composite trading yesterday , Merck shares closed at \$ 75.25 , up 50 cents named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c nix n:x v:e-i-p time_n:x _ named:x-c n_of:x v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c _ p:e-u-i card:i-i-c n:x Warner-Lambert Co named:x-c n:x

, Merck 's new cholesterol-lowering drug , had higher sales than any other prescription medicine has ever achieved in the U.S. in the year following introduction , the company said . named:x-c a:e-p v_cause:e-i-p n:x v:e-i-i a:e-i n_of:x-i q:x-h-h q:i-h-h a:e-i n:x n:x _ a:e-e v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named_n:x-c p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-p n_to:x-i _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i v_to:e-i-h-i _ t , Morris Plains , N.J. , reported sales that were a record for any quarter and the eighth quarter in a row of 20 % or more per-share earnings growth named:x-c named:x-c _ named:x-c _ named:x-c _ v_to:e-i-p _ n_of:x-i _ v_id:e-p-i _ q:i-h-h _ n_of:x-i _ p:e-u-i _ q:i-h-h _ n_of:x-i _ reported _ record for _ not _ no Sales for the quarter rose to \$ 1.11 billion from \$ 1.03 billion n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_temp:x v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c card:i-i-c



