

SANOFI-AVENTIS
Form 6-K
May 09, 2006

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

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**FORM 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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For the month of May 2006

Commission File Number: 001-31368

SANOFI-AVENTIS

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

174, avenue de France, 75013 Paris, FRANCE
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes o No x

If Yes marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-_____

On May 9, 2006, sanofi-aventis issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 which is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit List

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press Release dated May 9, 2006: PLAVIX® (clopidogrel) launched in Japan |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 9, 2006

SANOFI-AVENTIS

By: /s/ Patricia Kodyra
Name: Patricia Kodyra
Title: Associate Vice President
Financial and Securities Law

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