

SANOFI-AVENTIS  
Form 6-K  
May 11, 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

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On May 11, 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 11, 2006: Study published in <i>The Lancet</i> about sanofi pasteur H5N1 pandemic influenza vaccine candidate |

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 11, 2006

SANOFI-AVENTIS

By: /s/ Patricia Kodyra

Name: Patricia Kodyra

Title: Associate Vice President  
Financial and Securities Law

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