

SANOFI-AVENTIS  
Form 6-K  
March 23, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

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

March 23, 2011

Commission File Number: 001-31368

**SANOFI-AVENTIS**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes  No

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On March 22 and March 23, 2011, sanofi-aventis issued the press releases attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 to 99.2 which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Exhibit List**

| Exhibit No.  | Description                                                                                                   |
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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: March 23, 2011

SANOFI-AVENTIS

By        /S/        John Felitti  
Name: John Felitti  
Title: Associate Vice President,  
         Corporate Law, Financial & Securities Law

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