

SANOFI-AVENTIS  
Form 6-K  
October 21, 2004

**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**

For the month of October 2004

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.

Form 20-F  x

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Yes  o

No  x

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On October 21, 2004, Sanofi-Aventis (formerly known as Sanofi-Synthelabo) issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and made available the materials attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2, each of which exhibits is incorporated herein by reference.

**Exhibit List**

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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: October 21, 2004

SANOFI-AVENTIS

By: /s/ Jean-Claude Leroy  
Name: Jean-Claude Leroy  
Title: Senior Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer

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