

SANOFI-AVENTIS  
Form 6-K  
July 30, 2009

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 July 2009

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  No

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

In July 2009, 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 July 30, 2009: Sanofi-aventis to acquire Merck's interest in Merial. |

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: July 30, 2009

SANOFI-AVENTIS

By /S/ John Felitti

Name: John Felitti

Title: Director, U.S. & International

Securities Law

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