

SANOFI-AVENTIS  
Form 6-K  
May 18, 2005

**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 2005

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-\_\_\_\_\_

On May 18, 2005, sanofi-aventis issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                                                       |
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| Exhibit 99.1       | Press Release dated May 18, 2005, presenting colon cancer study results. |

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 18, 2005

SANOFI-AVENTIS

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

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