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WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT SCIENTISTS  
DO NOT WORK TOGETHER  
TO SPEED UP THEIR RESEARCH.

[Close-up image of old man leaning on walking stick]

In an essential field such as healthcare, we must do everything possible to move  
faster. The coming together of Sanofi-Synthelabo and Aventis means thousands of  
scientists throughout the world working towards a common goal and combatting  
diseases more effectively. Our project will harness our complementary skills to  
create a leading pharmaceutical group (No.1 in Europe and No.3 worldwide)  
committed to improving healthcare and capable of driving strong, sustainable and  
profitable growth.

SANOFI-SYNTHELABO'S OFFER TO AVENTIS'S SHAREHOLDERS  
BECAUSE HEALTH MATTERS

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