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Form 6-K  
March 15, 2004

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 March 2004

Commission File Number: 001-31368

SANOFI-SYNTHELABO  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

174, avenue de France, 75013 Paris, FRANCE  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes  No

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On March 12, 2004, Sanofi-Synthelabo caused its consolidated and parent company financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003, as well as the corresponding auditors' reports, to be published in the French official gazette "Bulletin des Annonces legales obligatoires" or BALO. These documents as well as the management report for the financial year ended December 31, 2003 were also made available on the company's website [www.sanofi-synthelabo.com](http://www.sanofi-synthelabo.com).

EXHIBIT LIST

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- Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated March 12, 2004
  - Exhibit 99.2 Consolidated financial statements of Sanofi-Synthelabo S.A. for the year ended December 31, 2003
  - Exhibit 99.3 Parent company financial statements of Sanofi-Synthelabo S.A. for the year ended December 31, 2003
  - Exhibit 99.4 Management report for the year 2003
  - Exhibit 99.5 Report of the statutory auditors on the consolidated financial statements of Sanofi-Synthelabo S.A. for the year ended December 31, 2003
  - Exhibit 99.6 Report of the statutory auditors on the parent company financial statements of Sanofi-Synthelabo S.A. for the year ended December 31, 2003

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 15, 2004

SANOFI-SYNTHELABO

By: /s/ Marie-Helene Laimay

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Name: Marie-Helene Laimay  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer