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WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT THERE ISN'T
A FASTER WAY TO FIND A MEDICINE
FOR TOMMY'S DISEASE.

[Image of child in hospital bed]

Who is going to tell Tommy that the medicine that could cure him won't be
ready for 20 years? You? No.

No one. Joining forces with Aventis will represent a giant step forward for
research. We will be able to provide patients with new drugs and innovative
solutions faster. Together, we 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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