Sanofi reports results of new meta-analysis reinforcing Lantus® safety profile at the World Diabetes Congress

- Analysis of all published studies further expand the evidence base on the safety of Lantus® (insulin glargine) -

Paris, France - December 7, 2011 - Sanofi (EURONEXT: SAN and NYSE: SNY) announced today the presentation of new meta-analysis data at the World Diabetes Congress in Dubai, adding to the wealth of evidence resulting from more than 80,000 patients enrolled in clinical trials and 38 million patient years of treatment exposure to Lantus® (insulin glargine). This new meta-analysis on the relationship between diabetes and cancer risk demonstrates no increased risk in people using Lantus® (insulin glargine).[1]

The meta-analysis on observational studies derived from databases as well as from randomized controlled clinical trials and from a case-control study in numerous countries (such as Sweden, Germany, Scotland, England and Taiwan) assessed the risk for cancer in individuals with diabetes using different insulins.

"*This important milestone highlights the need to go beyond single study reports and utilize all available data about a topic and place the findings from any single study in the context of all available information*," stated Dr. Peter Boyle, the study Principal Investigator and President of the International Prevention Research Institute (IPRI), Lyon, France*. "In the context of all available information, the current evidence supports that insulin glargine is associated with no increased risk of cancer as compared to other insulin therapies. These findings are reassuring for patients and their physicians*."

"*These new data further reinforce the growing clinical evidence supporting the safety profile of Lantus®*," said Dr. Jean-Pierre Lehner, Chief Medical Officer, Sanofi*. "As an ethical company dedicated to patient safety, we welcome the coherence of these new data, which reinforce the clinical profile of Lantus®, one of the most studied treatments in the management of diabetes*."

Large-scale Epidemiology Program

Sanofi has committed efforts to generate more information on whether there is any association between cancer and insulin use and to assess if there is any difference in risk between insulin glargine and other insulins. Sanofi is sponsoring a large-scale, methodologically robust epidemiology program. As agreed with European Medicines Agency (EMA) and shared with health authorities worldwide, three large studies including two retrospective cohort studies and one case-control study are currently conducted by independent investigators. Final results of the first study based on Nordic databases will be communicated to regulatory agencies by the end of 2011 and scientific presentations are expected to follow in 2012.

About Sanofi Diabetes

Sanofi strives to help people manage the complex challenge of diabetes by delivering innovative, integrated and personalized solutions. Driven by valuable insights that come from listening to and engaging with people living with diabetes, the Company is forming partnerships to offer diagnostics, therapies, services, and devices. Sanofi markets both injectable and oral medications for people with type 1 or type 2 diabetes. Investigational compounds in the pipeline include an injectable GLP-1 agonist being studied as a single agent, in combination with basal insulin, and/or in combination with oral antidiabetic agents.

About Sanofi

Sanofi, a global and diversified healthcare leader, discovers, develops and distributes therapeutic solutions focused on patients' needs. Sanofi has core strengths in the field of healthcare with seven growth platforms: diabetes solutions, human vaccines, innovative drugs, rare diseases, consumer healthcare, emerging markets and animal health. Sanofi is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: SAN) and in New York (NYSE: SNY).

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