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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement GENZYME CORP [GENZ] **SANOFI-AVENTIS** (Month/Day/Year) 04/05/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 174, AVENUE DE FRANCE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X__ 10% Owner Director Form filed by One Reporting Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) PARIS, I0Â 75013 _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Ι Common Stock, \$0.01 par value 184,038,545 (1) By GC Merger Corp. (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships		
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANOFI-AVENTIS 174, AVENUE DE FRANCE PARIS, I0 75013	Â	ÂX	Â	Â
GC Merger Corp. 55 CORPORATE DRIVE BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807	Â	ÂX	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ SEE EXHIBIT 99.1

04/06/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects shares exchanged in an exchange offer.

The shares are held by GC Merger Corp. (the "Purchaser"). The Purchaser is direct wholly-owned subsidiary of sanofi-aventis ("Parent")

(2) and is the owner of the shares purchased in the exchange offer. The shares may also be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by

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