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# *R&D For Unmet Needs & Patent Management*

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## *R&D For Unmet Needs and Patent Management – Develop new solutions for patients and manage patents responsibly.*

### **R&D For Unmet Needs**

Innovation is the essence of the research-based pharmaceutical industry. Developing a new medicine takes, on average, ten to 13 years, with costs ranging from U.S. \$2.5-3.0 billion (including costs of failures) with about 12% of drugs entering clinical trials leading to an approved medicine. Over the last decades, Sanofi has demonstrated our sustained contribution to global health challenges by developing a large portfolio of solutions for a wide range of diseases that affect millions of people globally.

As part of our commitment to society, we consider it essential to identify how our science can bring the greatest benefit, especially for vulnerable communities. We have therefore integrated a specific pillar into our CSR strategy, which addresses R&D for unmet needs.

### **Contribute to sleeping sickness disease elimination in 2030**

Sanofi is engaged in supplying drugs and vaccines and contributing to the definition and implementation of public health policy beyond where market forces work through partnerships. We have a long-term partnership with the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi) to develop a new all-oral monotherapy, fexinidazole, which was first approved at the end of 2018 in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). While previous treatments required long hospitalizations and intravenous administration, this new, all-oral monotherapy reduces treatment to a ten-day once-a-day treatment that is effective in both the first and the second stages of the disease in adults and children aged six years and older and weighing 20 kg or more. Fexinidazole also received WHO prequalification in March 2019, and was approved in Uganda and the United States in 2021. It has been included in the WHO Essential Medicines List and WHO sleeping sickness treatment guidelines, as a first-line treatment for first stage and non-severe second stage.

In September 2020, Sanofi and DNDi signed an agreement to develop and roll out acoziborole, a second innovative sleeping sickness treatment. Once approved, the treatment could be administered in a single dose at the point of diagnosis making it a game-changer to support the sustainable elimination of the disease. This new chemical entity has been tested in Phase II/III clinical studies in DRC and Guinea. The results, which were published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* medical journal in November 2022, showed that the 18-month treatment success rate for acoziborole was 95% in late-stage g-HAT patients, corresponding to the best results from studies with existing treatments (94%). In addition, 100% of the 41 patients with early-stage g-HAT were considered as treatment successes at all timepoints. The study shows that acoziborole has a favorable safety profile, with no significant drug-related safety signals being reported. These pivotal results will form the basis of Sanofi's dossier submission to the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and represent another milestone in the quest to eliminate sleeping sickness.

Through Sanofi's partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), the company supports disease management, including screening of populations, disease awareness campaign, capacity building, and drug donation. At the end of 2022, Sanofi's total contribution to this WHO program was \$110 million. The partnership agreement was renewed in 2020 for another five years, with a commitment to contribute \$5 million annually from Sanofi. The program includes controls over the quality and use of the products, as well as distribution, which is handled jointly with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). This long-term commitment is key to achieving the sustainable elimination of sleeping sickness by 2030, as per the WHO Neglected Tropical Disease roadmap.

As of October 2022, the Neglected Tropical Diseases program is managed by Foundation S – the Sanofi Collective. Foundation S is committed to donate acoziborole until sleeping sickness is eliminated worldwide.

### **Develop innovative treatments for childhood cancer**

Cancer remains the leading cause of death from disease in children in the developed world. Most of the medicines we use to treat children today – with some exceptions – were approved in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. Today, there is no established business model for developing innovative treatments for childhood cancers, as they are a constellation of rare and ultra-rare diseases. Also, a perception exists that there are regulatory hurdles to studying new drugs in children. As a result, progress in new therapeutic development has been limited despite regulatory requirements and incentives. As part of its CSR strategy, Sanofi has set itself the ambition to develop innovative treatments to eliminate cancer deaths in children. To achieve this, Sanofi will leverage its R&D capabilities to develop highly effective, less toxic novel therapeutics for

children with cancer. In addition, the median time between the first-in-human adult trial and first-in-child clinical trial is currently 6.5 years.<sup>1</sup> Sanofi aims to reduce delays in launching clinical trials for children with cancers to less than 3 years relative to adult trials. The company is looking at compounds at very early stages of development – ideally before entering human trials – to consider what additional laboratory data is needed, and be ready to initiate pediatric clinical trials on a timely basis. Collaboration with the pediatric cancer community will continue to be central to meeting current challenges. In 2021 and 2022, Sanofi established collaborations with the Innovative Therapies for Children with Cancer’s Pediatric Preclinical Proof of Concept Platform (ITCCP4) and Convening Experts in Oncology to Address Children’s Health (COACH). In addition, Sanofi is working with experts at institutions and other childhood cancer research networks – including the Children’s Oncology Group, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Institut Gustave Roussy, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia – to help prioritize pipeline drugs for development based on emerging data and unmet patient need. Sanofi is continuing to conduct additional pre-clinical evaluations to support prioritization and is preparing for the first clinical trial under this initiative, with an estimated launch in 2024.

## Develop Global Access Plans for our innovation pipeline

Global Access Plans systematically establish the access conditions to Sanofi’s pipeline (starting from Phase IIb of R&D), determining which products, which countries and what access solutions should be developed based on issues to solve. This end-to-end process considers all the steps, implications, and challenges to be solved alongside the value chain of Sanofi innovation: R&D, including clinical trial site localization; manufacturing; supply; regulatory or price and reimbursement conditions.

Sanofi’s ambition is to develop a Global Access Plan for all new products and major innovations to make them available within two years after first launch, wherever we can make an impact for patients, and when external conditions allow. Sanofi:

- focuses on geographies where a significant unmet medical need remains, and the healthcare ecosystem can support safe integration into clinical practice (feasibility);
- aims to go beyond making products available by supporting healthcare capability building when necessary to ensure patients have effective access; and
- searches for all possible ways to provide access from commercial, social, and philanthropic approaches.

After running a pilot for fitusiran in 2022, Sanofi is now starting to roll out the Global Access Plan at full scale for all assets in the pipeline from Phase II-b of Research and Development.

## Patent Management

Intellectual property rights established by the World Trade Organization have performed a critical role in stimulating R&D. By sharing risks and rewards, this system has created the appropriate environment for delivering the greatest returns for society not just for today, but also for tomorrow.

Sanofi believes that patents are a fundamental incentive for driving innovation in the pharmaceutical sector. The development of new medicines and vaccines is a risky, costly, and lengthy process. Patents are an essential incentive for pharmaceutical companies to invest in research & development to address unmet medical needs. IP policies therefore need to be safeguarded. While patents by themselves should not be considered a barrier for access, Sanofi believes that being transparent and flexible with our patents can help address pressing health challenges in developing countries.

In order to enable access to our medicines and vaccines:

- Sanofi makes patent status of their Essential Medicines and Vaccines in developing countries publicly available (see Annex I);
- Sanofi does not file patent applications or enforce patent rights in all Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low-Income Countries (LICs);
- Sanofi does not file or enforce patents in several Lower-Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) and Upper-Middle-Income Countries (UMICs). See Annex II for the complete list of countries;
- Sanofi supports implementation of the 2001 WTO Doha Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health and the appropriate use of the flexibilities therein intended to protect public health;
- Sanofi supports the transition period that LDCs are exempted from obligations under the Agreement

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<sup>1</sup> European Journal of Cancer, Volume 112, May 2019, Pages 49-56

on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) regarding pharmaceutical patents until January 1, 2033. We support this exemption of LDCs and an extension of the exemption beyond 2033;

- Sanofi acknowledges the value of voluntary licensing agreements and patent pools for access to medicines in developing countries. We would consider joining patent pools and engaging in voluntary licensing if relevant to our portfolio, and aimed at accelerating access to medicines and vaccines in low- and middle- income countries;
- Sanofi respects compulsory licensing as a short-term and targeted measure where urgent access to patented medicines is critical to maintaining public health, and no appropriate alternative is available. We believe that compulsory licenses should only be used in extraordinary and very limited circumstances, such as meeting a health crisis or emergency; and
- Sanofi respects a formal exemption from patent infringement for activities which are undertaken as part of the regulatory review process: “[c]onducting the necessary studies and trials with a view to the application of paragraphs 1 to 4 [i.e. bioequivalents and biosimilars] and the consequential practical requirements shall not be regarded as contrary to patent rights or to supplementary protection certificates for medicinal products.” (Bolar exemption, Directive 2004/27/EC. Article 10(6)).

#### **Annex I** - Patent Status of Sanofi’s Essential Medicines and Vaccines in Developing Countries

#### **Annex II** - Developing Countries in which Sanofi does not file or enforce patents\*

\* For products where Sanofi solely owns and controls the patent rights

**Annex I: Sanofi Products<sup>(1)</sup> as of 2023 listed on the WHO Essential Medicine List (EML, 2023)**

MEDICINES			TRIAPIN®	Ramipril/Felodipine	No																														
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APPROVEL®	Irbesartan <sup>(2)</sup>	No <sup>(4)</sup>																																	
ARSOBAL®	Melarsoprol	No																																	
ASAQ Winthrop®	Artesunate/ amodiaquine	No																																	
AZITRHOMYCIN	Azithromycin dihydrate	No																																	
BLEOMYCINE	Bleomycin	No																																	
CAPTEA	Captopril/Hydrochlorothiazide	No																																	
CERUBIDINE®	Daunorubicin	No																																	
CETAPIN®	Metformin hydrochloride	No																																	
CIDOMYCIN®	Gentamicin	No																																	
DEPAKINE®	Valproate sodium	No																																	
EFAVIRENZ	Efavirenz	No																																	
ELOXATIN®	Oxaliplatin	No																																	
ENOXAPARIN	Enoxaparin	No																																	
ERYTHROMYCIN	Erythromycin	No																																	
EURELIX	Piretanide	No																																	
FEXINIDAZOLE Winthrop	Fexinidazole	No <sup>(3)</sup>																																	
FLAGYL®	Metronidazole benzoate	No																																	
FLUDARA®	Fludarabine phosphate	No																																	
GARDENAL®	Phenobarbital	No																																	
GLUCANTIME®	Meglumine antimoniate	No																																	
ISONIAZID	Isoniazid	No																																	
LANTUS®	Insulin glargine	No <sup>(4)</sup>																																	
MALOCIDE®	Pyrimethamine	No																																	
PENTACARINAT®	Pentamidine	No																																	
PLAVIX®	Clopidogrel	No																																	
PRIFTIN®	Rifapentine	No																																	
PRIMAQUINE	Primaquine diphosphate	No																																	
PYRAZINAMIDE	Pyrazinamide	No																																	
QUINIMAX®	Quinine	No																																	
RIFADIN®	Rifampicin	No																																	
RIFATER®	Rifampicin/ isoniazid/ pyrazinamide	No																																	
RIFINAH®	rifampicin/ isoniazid	No																																	
RISORDAN®	Isosorbide dinitrate	No																																	
STEMETIL®	Prochlorperazine mesilate <sup>(2)</sup>	No																																	
TAVANIC®	Levofloxacin	No																																	
TAXOTERE®	Docetaxel	No																																	
TENOFOVIR	Tenofovir disoproxil	No																																	
TERCIAN	Cyamemazine	No																																	
TRITAZIDE®	Ramipril/Hydrochlorothiazide	No																																	

TYPHIM VI®	Typhoid polysaccharide vaccine	No
VAXIGRIPTETRA®	Quadrivalent influenza vaccine (split virion, inactivated)	No
VAXIGRIP®	Influenza vaccine (split virion, inactivated)	No
VERORAB®	Rabies vaccine, inactivated	No

DEVICES FOR LANTUS ADMINISTRATION		
Product		Patent Rights
ALLSTAR®	Reusable pen	No <sup>(4)</sup>
SOLOSTAR®	Prefilled pen	No <sup>(4)</sup>

(1) Sanofi products encompass the products marketed and/or distributed in 2023 by Sanofi and its affiliates. Trademarks followed with ® mean that the trademark is registered in one or some of the countries listed in Annex II. Depending on the countries, (i) some products are associated with other trademarks, not listed in Annex I and (ii) some trademarks are used under licensing by Sanofi. FLUDARA® is a registered trademark of Alcafeu. TAVANIC® is a registered trademark of Daiichi Sankyo limited. CETAPIN® and CIDOMYCIN® are registered in countries other than those listed in Annex II.

(2) Products followed with <sup>(2)</sup> are considered clinically equivalent medicines to a representative example within a pharmacological class listed on the 2021 WHO EML, as indicated by the square box symbol. All other products are listed on the 2021 WHO EML as core essential medicines.

(3) For countries via ARIPO, actions have been taken in June 2020 to effectively abandon patents directed to Fexinidazole. Therefore, the “no patent” statement applies to the product FEXINIDAZOLE Winthrop for countries listed in Annex II.

(4) The “no patent” statement applies to the products for countries listed in Annex II.

(5) For Lao, action has been taken in July 2021 to effectively abandon the patent covering DENG VAXIA®. Therefore, the “no patent” statement applies to the product DENG VAXIA® for countries listed in Annex II.

(6) For Syria, Tajikistan and countries via **ARIPO** or via **OAPI**, actions have been taken in November 2019 to effectively abandon patents or patent applications directed to HEXAXIM® or MENACTRA®. Therefore the “no patent” statement applies to the products HEXAXIM® and MENACTRA® for countries listed in Annex II.

For all other products listed with no patent in the present Annex I, this statement applies for countries listed in Annex II and for all other countries worldwide.

## KEYS

**ARIPO.** ‘African Regional Intellectual Property Organization’ Countries:

Botswana; Gambia; Ghana; Kenya; Lesotho; Liberia; Malawi; Mozambique; Namibia; Rwanda; Sierra Leone; Sudan; Swaziland; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia and Zimbabwe.

**OAPI.** ‘Organisation Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle’ Countries:

Benin; Burkina Faso; Cameroon; Central African Rep.; Chad; Comoros; Congo, Rep.; Côte d’Ivoire; Equatorial Guinea; Gabon; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Mali; Mauritania; Niger; Senegal and Togo.



**Annex II**  
**Developing Countries in Which Sanofi Does not File or Enforce Patent**

Country	UN Classification (Sept. 2021)	World Bank Classification (July 2023)
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	NO	LMIC
Cambodia	LDC	LMIC
Kiribati	LDC	LMIC
Korea, Dem. Rep	NO	LIC
Lao PDR	LDC	LMIC
Myanmar	LDC	LMIC
Mongolia	NO	LMIC
Papua New Guinea	NO	LMIC
Solomon Islands	LDC	LMIC
Timor-Leste	LDC	LMIC
Tonga	NO	UMIC
Tuvalu	LDC	UMIC
Vanuatu	NO	LMIC
Samoa	NO	LMIC
Tajikistan	NO	LMIC
Belize	NO	UMIC
Guyana	NO	HIC
Haiti	LDC	LMIC
Suriname	NO	UMIC
Djibouti	LDC	LMIC
Iraq	NO	UMIC
Palestine, State of (West Bank and Gaza)	NO	UMIC
Syrian Arab Rep.	NO	LIC
Yemen, Rep.	LDC	LIC
Afghanistan	LDC	LIC
Bangladesh	LDC	LMIC
Bhutan	LDC	LMIC
Maldives	NO	UMIC
Nepal	LDC	LMIC
Angola	LDC	LMIC
Burkina Faso	LDC	LIC
Burundi	LDC	LIC
Benin	LDC	LMIC
Botswana	NO	UMIC
Congo, Dem. Rep.	LDC	LIC
Central African Rep.	LDC	LIC

Country	UN Classification (Sept. 2021)	World Bank Classification (July 2023)
Congo, Rep.	NO	LMIC
Côte d'Ivoire	NO	LMIC
Cameroon	NO	LMIC
Cape Verde	NO	LMIC
Eritrea	LDC	LIC
Ethiopia	LDC	LIC
Gabon	NO	UMIC
Ghana	NO	LMIC
Gambia, The	LDC	LIC
Guinea	LDC	LMIC
Equatorial Guinea	NO	UMIC
Guinea-Bissau	LDC	LIC
Comoros	LDC	LMIC
Liberia	LDC	LIC
Lesotho	LDC	LMIC
Madagascar	LDC	LIC
Mali	LDC	LIC
Mauritania	LDC	LMIC
Malawi	LDC	LIC
Mozambique	LDC	LIC
Namibia	NO	UMIC
Niger	LDC	LIC
Rwanda	LDC	LIC
Sudan	LDC	LIC
Sierra Leone	LDC	LIC
Senegal	LDC	LMIC
Somalia	LDC	LIC
South Sudan	LDC	LIC
São Tomé and Príncipe	LDC	LMIC
Swaziland (Eswatini)	NO	LMIC
Chad	LDC	LIC
Togo	LDC	LIC
Tanzania	LDC	LMIC
Uganda	LDC	LIC
Zambia	LDC	LMIC
Zimbabwe	NO	LMIC

**LDC:** Least Developed Country, UN Human Development Index, September 2021.  
**LIC:** Low Income Country, World Bank income classifications, July 2023.

**LMIC:** Lower middle-income country, World Bank income classifications, July 2023.

**UMIC:** Upper middle-income country, World Bank income classifications, July 2023