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**UPDATE OF PATENT LITIGATION SCHEDULES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR
PLAVIX[®] AND LOVENOX[®]**

Plavix[®] litigation in the United States

Sanofi-aventis, Apotex and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories did not file the pre-trial order yesterday. The parties had previously submitted a joint stipulation for an extension of the submission date of the pre-trial order beyond December 8. The court has not yet acted on this request.

Lovenox[®] litigation in the United States

The judge has rescheduled the trial date from July 19, 2005 to September 7, 2005.

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