

# Sanofi abandons two drugs after trial failures

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Drugmaker Sanofi is abandoning two drugs in the late stages of development after trials revealed they weren't more effective than other therapies.

One drug, iniparib, was given to [lung cancer patients](#) in combination with chemotherapy and compared to treatments of chemotherapy alone. The company said Monday iniparib did not improve the patients' survival rate.

Another, the blood thinner otamizaben, was tested against a combination of heparin and eptifibatide, both of which prevent blood clots. It did not prove more effective than those therapies.

The failures of these studies are a blow to Sanofi, which is struggling to develop [new drugs](#) after patents on several of its blockbuster drugs expired. It was especially hard hit the loss last year of the patent for Plavix, which was the world's second best-selling drug.

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