

COMPANY NEWS; ROCHE ADDS A WARNING TO ITS ACCUTANE LABELS

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Roche Holding A.G. has added warnings about violent behavior in patients taking its Accutane drug, a medicine already reserved for the most severe cases of acne because of its side effects, regulators said. Roche changed the label in June and sent a letter to doctors and pharmacists in September, said Gail Safian, a spokeswoman for the drug maker, which is based in Basel, Switzerland. About five million people in the United States have taken Accutane since 1982. Roche has said that there is no evidence to link Accutane with depression and suicide, but the mother of a teenager who crashed a private plane into a Tampa office building has said that Accutane may have affected her son's behavior and sued the company for \$70 million.