

## **SamanTree Medical awarded the highly selective EU grant to bring its breakthrough cancer margin assessment system on the market**

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SamanTree Medical has been awarded 2.3 million Euro in SME Phase 2 for the excellence of their product innovation with expected large societal impact. The EIC (European Innovation Council) SME Instrument funding program is a very competitive process with 64 projects funded for 1280 proposals at the March 2018 cutoff.

“Beyond the material financial injection of 2.3 million euros and the visibility during closing of our current fundraising, it is a great source of motivation for our entire team to receive such expert recognition in improving decision making process during cancer treatment,” says Bastien Rchet, CEO and co-founder of SamanTree Medical.

In the breast conserving surgery, surgeons face the difficult tradeoff between preserving the patient’s healthy tissue while ensuring the complete tumor removal. The established medical need in rapid and accurate assessment during surgery is yet unmet, resulting in up to 30% reoperations. It is a company goal to provide a tool to surgeons and pathologist that will support their sensitive decision.

SamanTree Medical developed the Histolog™ Scanner, making cell morphology visualization as simple as copying a paper on a flatbed scanner. With the Histolog™ Scanner, the clinician is one touch-on-the-screen away from visualizing cancerous cell on a surgical specimen immediately during surgery.

The European grant will support company current efforts in promoting this new approach and in extending the services delivered to the cancer treatment team. “SamanTree Medical’s R&D team is thrilled to apply the advances in Artificial Intelligence to the unique images obtained with the Histolog Scanner,” says Etienne Shaffer, CTO and co-founder of SamanTree Medical.

“Patient’s best cancer treatment is the result of a team work and we pay particular attention to seamlessly integrate into this workflow while enhancing each actor capabilities,” emphasizes Bastien Rchet, “and we are proud to provide an alternative approach which conciliates the excellence of the gold standard cellular morphology inspection with the exigence of an assessment in the minutes in surgery”.



## About the SME instrument

The EIC SME Instrument is a public funding program funded by the European Union. The EU grant is for small and medium-sized enterprises with a relevant, sound and strategic business plan and the ambition to scale up internationally. In Phase 2, companies receive up to € 2.5 million to bring their innovation to the market, free coaching and support in commercialization.

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## About the SamanTree Medical SA

SamanTree Medical SA is a Swiss innovative medical device company founded in December 2014. It is a spin-off of the renowned Swiss Federal Institute of Technologies, Lausanne (EPFL - Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne). SamanTree Medical provides a breakthrough innovation for checking complete tumor removal during surgery: the Histolog™ Scanner.

Offering surgeons and pathologists the real-time ability to identify cancerous tissues and react immediately, this new visualization modality holds the promise for a broad range of surgical and diagnostic applications.

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