

PRESS RELEASE

CAMPTON Diagnostics wins the Würth Group as investor

Würth Group participates in second financing round of Campton Diagnostics. Newcomer On-site diagnostics help to identify diseases quickly and provide better care for patients

Itzehoe, 09.07.2019 - CAMPTON Diagnostics GmbH ("CAMPTON") was founded to further develop and market biochip-based in vitro diagnostics at the point of care. CAMPTON has now been able to win the Würth Group as an investor.

Prof. Dr. h. c. mult. Reinhold Würth, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Würth Group, supports this project. After promising preliminary negotiations, Prof. Würth personally visited CAMPTON Diagnostics GmbH at its location in the Fraunhofer ISIT in Itzehoe.

"I find the business model and the idea behind CAMPTON very convincing," emphasized Prof. Würth during his visit and gave his consent to the series A financing of the company by the Würth Group. This financing enables CAMPTON to act for the next few years.

"We are delighted to be working with such a renowned company as Adolf Würth GmbH & Co KG," said Jürgen Brink, Chief Executive Officer of CAMPTON.

CAMPTON is currently working on the development and certification of the first generations of devices for point-of-care diagnostics, e.g. on-site analysis directly at the patient. In connection with this, CAMPTON scientists develop tests which are to be realized and distributed together with interested partners from the fields of human diagnostics and bioanalytics.

Results in a few minutes: About CAMPTON Diagnostics GmbH

CAMPTON Diagnostics GmbH was spun off from the Fraunhofer Institute for Silicon Technology (ISIT) in Itzehoe in 2016. CAMPTON develops highly sensitive in-vitro diagnostics for which ISIT manufactures the biochips in the institute's own clean room.

Within a few minutes, the CAMPTON Point-of-Care system allows reliable statements to be made on the indication of infections, cancer or other diseases from a drop of whole blood. The robust system is portable, easy to operate and therefore very well suited for use independent of location - even directly at the patient's site. The technology is based on the so-called "electrical biochip technology".

Disposable cartridges with an integrated biochip are used for the respective measurements. The biochip functions like a conventional ELISA test, but can be read out electrically and is therefore enormously miniaturisable.

The device, the so-called reader, carries out the measurement fully automatically. Nothing more needs to be done except to take the sample with a lancet and insert the cartridge into the device. After a few minutes, the analysis result is shown on the display as a real value.

The CAMPTON platform technology with biochips enables universal use of the device. Only the packaging of the biochip determines which test is involved; the device and large parts of the required reagents remain identical.

The shareholders of CAMPTON Diagnostics GmbH were advised by b.cd GmbH as part of this transaction.

About Adolf Würth GmbH & Co. KG

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