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August 2017—Genoptix and Bionano Genomics announced an exclusive agreement to co-develop informationrich diagnostics for selected hematologic oncology indications in the United States using Bionano's Saphyr system.

The Saphyr system accurately visualizes the structure of a genome from a simple DNA sample isolated directly from cancer cells, removing the need for cell culture. It allows for the detection of all major types of structural variants with a sensitivity greater than sequencing-based methods and with a much higher resolution than karyotyping or fluorescence in situ hybridization can provide, according to the company.

The development efforts will focus on indications within hematology-oncology in which detection of large structural variations of the genome is required for accurate diagnosis.

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