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• Chapter 1. TrichoSciencePro © software installation.

• Depending on purchased version, TrichoSciencePro© software supply differs and is specified in attached Installation Manager utility tool. Refer to it for your Program version installation and online registration instructions for step-by-step guidance through the entire process. It also links to Program general overview and this user manuals, as well as your Diagnosis Scope setup and instructions. For additional support refer to http://TrichoSciencePro.com.

• 1.1 Personal computer hardware, other software and network requirements.

• PC: at least 1.4GHz, 1GB of RAM, 20GB HDD, Full HD screen, 3 USB 2.0 ports;
• Operating system: Win 7; 8; 10
• Other software: MS Word , Acrobat Reader;
• Internet connection for online registration to complete setup and to access reference materials.

• ATTENTION! Before beginning to work with the TrichoSciencePro© software, connect your Diagnosis Scope, e.g. TrichoScope, DermoScope, VideoDermoScope, MicroCamera, etc., to your computer and set its drivers. Configure scaling according to the selection of your Diagnosis Scope magnifications. Proper scale settings should be established for software modules: “Trichoscopy” and “Express Trichoscopy” (primarily for “Hair Density” and “Hair diameter” windows), also “Phototrichogram”, “Trichogram” and “Dermatoscopy”. By default Program may be configured to various lower magnification settings for “Hair density” sections of “Trichoscopy” and “Express Trichoscopy” sessions, as well as for “Phototrichogram”, “Trichogram” and “Dermatoscopy” sessions. Same as for default settings for higher magnifications for “Hair diameter” sections of “Trichoscopy” and “Express Trichoscopy” sessions. Refer to paragraph 3.3 “Scaling settings based on Diagnosis Scope magnification” for settings verification and additional setup information.

• Chapter 2. Introduction to “Program Manager” interface. Patients module.

• After TrichoSciencePro© software is installed and registered open the program by double clicking on the icon generated on your computer desktop. This action will take you to “Program Manager” (Fig.1), which is the main interface for all Software functions. To start with a new patient/client click the "New patient" button (1.1). In the opened “Add patient” table (1.2) enter name, select for sex and appropriate racial variation of patient's hair. Confirm your entry by pressing “OK” or choose “Cancel” to exit. Next step is to fill out the Outpatient card. Click on "Outpatient card" button (1.3) and fill in all its graphs (2.0, Fig.2). The accuracy and extent of information provided in “Outpatient card”, its “Questionnaire” part (2.5) primarily, affects the objectivity of the “Automatic Conclusion” module (1.29, Fig.1). Profile picture for patient can be taken by camera (2.2) or downloaded from file (2.3). After entering patient’s weight and height data, the body mass index “BMI” (2.4) will be calculated automatically. Underweight BMI value will be shown in blue color, overweight in red. After the “Outpatient card” data is filled out, click to “Save” (2.6), “Cancel” (2.7), “Print” (2.8), checkmark to add to summary report (2.9). Click “Additional files” (2.10) to open patient’s...
personal cabinet, also accessible from “Additional Studies” folder on the desktop, to manage any additionally imported independent patient’s data, like blood work, etc. Patient’s sensitive and confidential information may be protected by password in separate MS Word file. Click “Additional information” (2.11), to enter it in pop-up window (2.12), then “Save” (2.13) to open the file! If “Cancel” (2.14) button used, additional information file will not be under password protection! This module also contains separate “Journal (Course of disease, prescriptions, analysis)” section (2.1) to record any applicable data.

• **NOTE:** Completion of the “Outpatient card” module (1.3, Fig.1) is not mandatory and may be partially or completely disregarded by user.

• When finished entering new patient data, you may proceed with diagnostic sessions by pressing “Trichoscopy” (1.20), “Phototrichogram” (1.21), “Trichogram” (1.22) or “Dermatoscopy” (1.23) buttons and, accordingly, completing the selected program module. Other studies that can be conducted for patient evaluation include semiautomatic “Hair calculator” (1.24), “Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale” (1.25) and “Additional studies” (1.26) modules. The separate “Express Trichoscopy” module (1.27) of the program is dedicated for express diagnostic Trichoscopy sessions to be performed when time devoted to each session is limited. The “Conclusions and Recommendations” module (1.28) is intended for entering patient’s provisional diagnosis and recommended treatment plan, including diagnostic tests, general, topical and physiotherapy. The “Automatic conclusion” (1.29) module automatically generates a report based on patient data analysis gathered in previous modules. The “Summary report” (1.30) module allows generation of an extended “all-in-one” patient report based on user selections. The “Set template for report” function (1.31) allows customization of report print-outs per specific requirements. The “Select video capture device” function (1.19) allows selection of used Diagnosis Scope video input to the program when more computer video inputs are present.

• For returning patients with previously saved diagnostic sessions, select patient’s name from the list in the "Patients" directory (1.4) and initiate new diagnostic sessions, studies, etc., as indicated above. To see results of previous patient visits select the date of the previous visit in one of the performed diagnostic session windows. Those are “Performed Trichoscopies” (1.5), "Performed Phototrichograms” (1.6), “Performed Trichograms” (1.7), "Performed Dermatoscopies” (1.8), “Performed Additional Studies” (1.9) and “Performed Conclusions and Recommendations” (1.10). Depending on what data has to be viewed, specific diagnostic session or generated for this session report, click on "Load session" button (1.17) or "Show report" button (1.18).

• **2.1 Patient data management and transfer to another computer.**

• To search patients by the date of previous visit, use the "Search" button (1.11) after entering the date of this visit. To return back to the list of patients click "All sessions" button (1.12).

• Functions “Save archive copy of database” (1.13) and “Restore database from archive” (1.14) are needed to save and transfer customer database in cases when TrichoSciencePro® software installation or transfer to another PC is required. Use the first button to save all data.
to file. After the Software is installed to another PC, move the saved database file to this PC and click the second button to restore the patients database for the new program. The "Patient’s Name" button (1.15) is used to sort patients in alphabetical order, the “Date” button (1.16) to sort by date. To remove unnecessary sessions select the patient's name from the database by left-clicking the mouse (while holding down “Ctrl” key you can select names in random order, if holding down “Shift” key you can select names in subsequent order). When finished, place the cursor within highlighted name(s) and press the right mouse button. From the resulting query select "Delete", “Rename” and “Find” patient in the list, as well as “New Patient”, “Outpatient card”, “Additional Information” or “Save patient list to MS Word” prompts (1.32). Another important “Save to file” function (1.33) allows to save into separate file any patient’s diagnostic session(s) in order to move data to another computer, accordingly, use “Download from file” function (1.34) to upload data into program from any file previously saved this way.

Fig. 1
• **Chapter 3. “Trichoscopy” module.**

• After entering “New patient” (1.1) primary **information** (1.2) and filling out the “Outpatient card” data (1.3), in order to proceed with the diagnostic session, click “**Trichoscopy**” module button (1.20, Fig.1). Each standard “**Trichoscopy**” (3.0, Fig. 3) diagnostic session shall be comprised of “**Hair density**” (3.1), “**Hair diameter**” (3.2), “**Scalp analysis**” (3.3), “**Hair roots analysis**” (3.4), “**Hair shafts analysis**” (3.5) section steps and “**Conclusion/Print results**” (3.6) completion.

• **3.1 Getting started. Image acquirement.**

• Click on the first "**Hair density**" button (3.1) and press the "**Scan**" icon (3.8) for the right image window. The “**Image capture**” window (3.10) will open. Place the Diagnosis Scope
lens (optimally with magnification from x25 to x60) on chosen location of patient’s Parietal area (Androgen-dependent zone) and position the mouse cursor within the “Image capture” window (3.10), if a snapshot button on your Scope cannot be used. After good quality image is obtained, lock it by pressing the left mouse button. Click “OK” button (3.11) and the picture will appear in the window on the left, designated for Parietal area hair density analysis. If locked image is not satisfactory, cancel it by pressing corresponding button (3.12). Perform the same sequence of operations for the image window on the right to study the Occipital area (Androgen-independent zone) of patient's scalp.

- **NOTE:** Images of the scalp and hair can also be loaded from a file by pressing appropriate icon (3.7). Any files to be uploaded into the program have to be located in the “Additional studies” folder created by the Program on the desktop during installation. For convenient data management, each new patient gets a personal subfolder created under the “Additional studies” folder. Folder content can be previewed anytime by clicking the "Additional studies" module button (1.26, Fig.1).

- **3.2 “Select video capture device” function.**

- If your computer is equipped with a built-in web camera, you may still be receiving its image in the capture window when clicking the "Scan" icon (3.8) instead of an image from the connected to computer Diagnosis Scope. Therefore, you have to disable webcam driver. To do that, click on “Select video capture device” - button (1.19, Fig.1). You will be prompted to select applicable Diagnosis Scope input. There is also another standard way to disable webcam. Go to Control Panel, select Device Manager, then Imaging Device, right-click on the webcam icon and select the “disable” option.

- **3.3 Scaling settings based on Diagnosis Scope magnification.**

- Since TrichoSciencePro® software allows to receive and process data in absolute units, e.g. number of hairs per sq.cm, hair diameter in microns, etc., while optical equipment used may have different magnification levels, setting a proper image acquisition scaling may be necessary before conducting any diagnostic sessions. This setting must be properly adjusted before conducting “Trichoscopy” (1.20), “Phototrichogram” (1.21), “Trichogram” (1.22), “Dermatoscopy” (1.23) and Express Trichoscopy (1.27) sessions. By default Program may be configured to magnifications from x25 to x60 for “hair density” section of “Trichoscopy” and “Express Trichoscopy” sessions, as well as “Phototrichogram”, “Trichogram” and “Dermatoscopy” sessions. The default settings for “hair diameter” sections of “Trichoscopy” and “Express Trichoscopy” sessions may be configured from x100 to x200 magnifications. The following agenda describes how to change scaling settings:

- Left-click the "Scope scaling" icon (3.9) in order to open the “Scope scaling” window (3.13). In “Lens magnification” section (3.16) check the proper radio button corresponding to your Diagnosis Scope magnification. The “Width of the image capture window value” (3.14) will be adjusted accordingly. Confirm settings by clicking "Save" button (3.23). Now your equipment is set to conduct diagnostic session. If you don’t know the magnification of
equipment used or want to check the validity of claimed magnification, perform the setup procedure using standard prototype scale. You will need a millimeter scale, or a picture with a millimeter scale. After clicking the "Scope scaling" icon (3.9) and opening the “Scope scaling” window (3.13), upload (3.19) a picture with a millimeter scale (3.21) or capture an image of a scale bar (3.20) with your Diagnosis Scope camera. Scroll the reference scale with the mouse cursor while holding down the left mouse button (3.22). For example, you captured the scale length of 1 mm. Release the mouse button. You will be prompted: "Specify the actual thickness of the standard". Click “OK” and enter into the box "Thickness of prototype, mm" (3.18) reference value in millimeters (in this case 1 mm). Click "Save" button (3.23). The value for “Width of the image capture window” (3.14) will be calculated automatically, same as the corresponding value for “Lens magnification” (3.15) will be established. In case of any error, or if measurement verification is desired, click “Cancel” button (3.24).

**ATTENTION:** Any record from any window within Program can be removed or corrected by allocating it with the right mouse button and confirming the request for deletion or correction.

**Chapter 4. Hair density and diameter measurements and calculations. Follicular unit counts.**

There are three different methods to calculate hair density, which differ by detection mode used - semiautomatic and manual, including simultaneous automatic diameter measurements, as well as just manual for quick density counts only. And there is also the additional method, advancing all three of above by allowing to associate counted hairs with their distribution per follicular units.
• The first two methods are being used together mostly and efficiently compliment each other to deliver quick and most complete assessment of hair density and their diameters, as well as adding to it per user choice information on their distribution per follicular units and perifollicular sign counts. Both methods allow to establish hair counts per sq.cm. with their diameter measurements and calculations, including mean diameter of all of hairs; Terminal and Vellus hair counts; mean diameter of Terminal hairs only with a percentage of thin, medium and thick hairs; coefficient of Anisotrichosis; etc.

• The third method is just for density count with estimation of Terminal and Vellus hairs per sq. cm, while disregarding their diameters (performed only in manual mode).

• The separate follicular unit count method is not just another way of density calculations, it actually compliments all three methods above and is designated to estimate the number of both Terminal and Vellus hairs per sq. cm. per their distribution in the follicular units.

• **NOTE:** To make it more convenient and accurate, when counting hairs in the left image window for Parietal area, the size of this window can be increased. To do this, grab and drag with the mouse the separating border between windows. To make left window larger drag it to the right ("**Movable border**" 4.20, Fig.4). Respectively, when counting hairs in the right window for Occipital area, increase the area of this window by moving the border to the left.

• **NOTE:** For more accurate hair diameter measurements, as well as proper various types of hairs and perifollicular signs determination, before starting hair count, zoom into image to make it larger. To do this, click on the "**Adjust scale**" icon (4.21). Place the mouse cursor on chosen image section and make one or more clicks with the left mouse button. Degree of magnification for selected field of view depends on the number of mouse clicks. If it becomes too high, click right mouse button to return to the previous step(s). The greater magnification is being used, the higher accuracy will achieved for hair diameter diversity measurements. In order to move to different magnified image section, click “**Move**” icon (4.22), then “grab and drag”. To return the image to its original scale, click “**Scaling per window size**” icon (4.23).

• **ATTENTION:** Anisotrichosis or Polymorphism - reflects the degree of deviation of measured hair diameters from established average value. In initial stages of Alopecia Androgenetica, the degree of Anisotrichosis is increasing. Later on, large number of Vellus hairs and "Yellow dots" may reduce the severity of Anisotrichosis. However, by this time it is going to be obvious, that two groups of hairs, thicker and thinning, will be present. The presence of some minimal values of Anisotrichosis is typical for either patients without a progressive hair thinning, or, on the contrary, in the final stages of Alopecia Androgenetica.

• **4.1 Hair density and diameter measurements and calculations, using first method**

• This is the most convenient and recommended way to simultaneously measure hair density and their diameters. Also it is primarily useful in cases when Diagnosis Scope camera, used for studies, does not have higher magnification capabilities for more precise hair diameter measurements, or if there is no greater need to cross-verify these measurements.

• For more accurate hair diameter measurements, **increase the size** of diagnostic window (4.20) and magnify the image by **adjusting scale** (4.21), as described right above. Click on
“Semiautomatic detection mode” icon (4.1). Cross with mouse cursor all hairs in a field of view, either by one or in groups to count them with their diameters established automatically. To do that, position cursor by measured hairs side, press down left button of the mouse and cross with a line perpendicular to hair. You may extend this line to cross more neighboring hairs. As long as the line remains perpendicular to hairs being crossed, their diameters will be measured properly, while maintaining hair density count. When processed, all measured hairs get marked up by two different color strips, either in red for Vellus, or green for Terminal. The darker green color shows for more thick in diameter hairs. Perform measurements of all hairs in given field of view. Only well contrasted hairs will be detected by this mode and not all of their diameters might be measured correctly either. Some hairs in the field of view may not get detected properly or at all, like very thin, or light shaded hairs and hairs, which get attached side by side to neighboring hairs. In such cases, at line crossing hair is not getting any color strip or its width is not corresponding to hair thickness. Corrections shall be done either by using “Cancel” (4.24) function to take one or more steps back to correct measurements in error, or by “Clear field” (4.10) function for groups of hairs in one area or by "Clear“ (4.9) function to completely remove all previously performed actions. To complete hair density and diameter measurements, proceed with using the second method with manual density detection and diameter auto-measurement modes, described next in paragraph 4.2.

- **4.2 Hair density and diameter measurements and calculations, using second method.**

- This is another method to simultaneously measure hair density and their diameters, mostly used to complete first method measurements or used on its own when assessing hairs, that are densely populated, thicker, curlier, growing in bunches, etc., especially in a darker shades. For more accurate hair diameter measurements, increase the size of diagnostic window (4.20) and magnify the image by adjusting scale (4.21), as described in paragraph 4. Click on “Manual detection mode” icon (4.2) and press down “Diameter auto-measurement mode” icon (4.3) to activate this function. Place the cursor closer to the base of the hair approximately in the middle of the shaft, press and hold down the left mouse button, move the cursor along the shaft. The length of the line drawn is not of an importance, it can take up any small area along the hair shaft. Release the left mouse button. If the hair is still dark enough and well contrasted, the line drawn along the hair shaft becomes thicker automatically, coinciding with the thickness of the hair. If the automatic measurement is performed correctly, confirm the completion of the measurement by clicking the left mouse button and proceed to the next hair measurement. If the automatic measurement was carried out incorrectly, e.g. drawn line does not thicken, goes beyond the diameter of the hair or vice versa, continue to measure hair diameter manually. To do this, release the left mouse button and scroll the mouse wheel – the line drawn along the hair shaft starts to thicken, if scrolled backwards - the line will become thinner. When the thickness of the line becomes equal to the thickness of the hair shaft, click the left mouse button to confirm the proper value of hair thickness measurement. Proceed to the next hair measurement.

- **NOTE:** If working without a mouse, perform mouse wheel operations described above using "Slider" (4.13), located in the upper left corner of each window.
• **ATTENTION**: The automatic determination of hair diameter may not work properly in cases when hairs are too light; contrasted poorly in relation to surrounding tissues; hairs grow too close to each other "in bunches"; image taken is not sharp; Scope’s resolution is too low, etc.

• **4.3 Hair density measurements and calculations using third method.**

This method is mostly used when measuring only hair density, leaving their diameter measurements for next Trichoscopy session “Hair diameter” section (7.00, Fig.7).

• Click on “Manual detection mode” icon (4.2) and release “Diameter auto-measurement mode” icon (4.3) to disable this function. Place the cursor closer to the base of the hair, press and hold down mouse button and just move the cursor slightly along the shaft. Use the left mouse button for Terminal hairs, and the right mouse button for Vellus hairs. The length of the line drawn is not of any importance, it can take up any minimal area along the hair shaft. Release the appropriate mouse button and click it again to confirm the detection. If doubtful whether the hair is Terminal or Vellus, measure its diameter by scrolling the mouse wheel as described in the second method. Also, if a hair is really thin and it turns quite difficult to measure its thickness, magnify the image by increasing its scale, as described above. After determining thickness of the hair and its state, proceed with hair density count.

• **4.4 Follicular unit counts.**

This method compliments first three methods, described above, and supplements hair density with or without diameter estimates in addition with hair distribution information in follicular unit calculations (follicular unit is a group of adjacent growing hair).

• Perform hair density/diameter measurements and calculations using previous methods. Then click “Follicular unit count mode” icon (4.4). Place the cursor closer to the base of the hair and press the left mouse button as many times, as there are hairs in a specific follicular unit, mouse button clicks should be performed in quick successions. Program allows to estimate for single, double, triple, as well as for separate follicular units with four and five hairs. The chosen number of hairs will be displayed; in case of any mistake use “Cancel” icon (4.24) to return to previous step or click right mouse button to start over.

• **4.5 “Perifollicular sign” function.**

“Perifollicular sign” function (4.5) is designated to mark up and count “Exclamation mark hairs”, “Pointed hairs”, “Broken hairs”, “Cadaverized hairs”, "Yellow dots", "Red dots", "White dots". Click the icon to open up perifollicular sign menu, select the corresponding perifollicular sign and mark its location on the image by placing cursor on it and clicking the left mouse button. The information on the number of perifollicular signs in one or more fields of view will be provided on chart and saved into report. Perifollicular sign presence may be quite critical for proper interpretation of obtained density counts. For example, the sample image on Fig. 4 shows numerous “Yellow dots”, indicating the presence of empty follicles, thus, the Anagen phase delay, which represents quite typical clinical appearance for Alopecia Androgenetica. With treatment applied to achieve new hair growth from these follicles, there is a possibility eventually to have more hairs and less “yellow dots”
4.6 “Chart” function.

After counting all the hairs in the field of view, click the "Chart" icon (4.16) to open the composite chart and data window. The density chart and data (4.26) on the left side are representing measurement summary of the hair density. The diameter chart and data (4.27) on the right side are representing measurement summary of hair diameters in case, if density calculations were performed using the first method. If the second method was used, the right side of the chart will stay empty. In this case, for diameter chart and corresponding data information refer to next Trichoscopy session section (“Hair diameter”, 7.00, Fig.7) below.

The blue bar area on both charts represents the mean density and diameter for specified for the patient racial type of hair. On the hair density chart on the left, yellow column represents the total amount of hair per sq.cm, green column - the number of Terminal hair, red - the number of Vellus hairs. On the hair diameter chart on the right, each measurement taken is represented by a red column. If a lot of hair diameter measurements were performed, the red curve will be displayed instead of separate columns. Single yellow column reflects the mean diameter of Terminal hairs only (excluding all Vellus hairs). The chart window can be moved across the monitor into any convenient location to allow for easy continuation of hair measurements, if necessary. In order to move it, point to its title bar with the mouse cursor, then left click and drag the window. In order to increase or decrease any window size in any direction, point and drag any of its corners or borders. To save/delete charts to/from report, check/uncheck "To report" checkbox (4.28), located in the bottom right of each chart.

4.7 “Point localization” function.

"Point localization" icon (4.18) opens "Point localization” table (4.29), to mark up specific measurement points on the scalp diagram, where the hair counts have been performed. Click “Localize” icon (4.30), place mouse cursor on any standard point marked with a red circle, then, if necessary, move the cursor to the required location and left-click the mouse. This way the coordinates of a measurement site on the scalp will be recorded. If a separate spot mark is wanted, click on “New point marker” icon (4.31) and place a new mark at chosen location, then proceed with its localization as above, if necessary. It is often important to memorize measurement sites used during the session, since eventually it may be important to carry out control measurements in same location during patient's recurring visits. Right-clicking on “Information” icon (4.32) allows by choosing “Add information” item from pop-up menu, to add any additional information or comments to the diagram, select its font, move text by grabbing it with the mouse, reset its position, if it was moved, and save changes on exit.

4.8 “Choose frame” function.

"Choose frame" icon (4.19) allows to obtain additional image(s) for hair density calculations in the new window(s) added "on top" of the previous one(s). These additional density calculations in the added window(s) allow to significantly increase the reliability of the measurements performed. All the results of hair density and diameter calculations obtained from charts and reports for a given Parietal or Occipital area can be calculated as the mean arithmetic value of all the measurements performed. To obtain mean arithmetic value of all measurements in several windows added, click "Mean arithmetic value" icon (4.11).
• 4.9 “Hair length” function.

• “Hair length” icon (4.7) allows to perform linear length measurements of any growing hair within the site. To do this place the cursor on the base of the hair, press and hold down either mouse button, move the cursor along the shaft to the hair tip and release the button. The actual value of hair length will be displayed in the top right corner of the image window. Once the mouse button is released and the hair length is set, the actual measured hair length value in millimeters will pop-up on the screen by the measurement site. To cancel the performed measurement, quickly click once on either mouse button. For the performed measurements accuracy always make sure “Scope scaling” function (4.17) is properly configured in accordance with the applicable Diagnostic Scope magnification, for details refer to paragraph 3.3 “Scaling settings based on Diagnostic Scope magnification” above.

• 4.10 “Marker” function.

• "Marker" icon (4.6) allows to choose and mark up with different color markers any image sections or details, which may be important to pay patient’s attention during the diagnostic session. Select the desired color marker and circle an area or a subject of interest.

• 4.11 “Information” function.

• For detailed information on the measurements performed within the image field of view, click “Information” icon (4.12). The absolute number of measured hairs; density per sq.cm; total amount of Terminal and Vellus hairs; hair diameters; thick, medium and thin Terminal hair ratios; degree of Anisotrichosis – all this data will appear within image field. If several measurement windows have been used, click "Mean arithmetic value" icon (4.11) to obtain mean arithmetic value of all the measurements performed.

• NOTE: In wanted to save the image into a separate picture file, click "Save" icon (4.14). You will be prompted where to save the overall (full name, date) information or just the information that is set to show in the field of image. Select the desired storage capacity and click “OK” to confirm. The image can be also printed out by clicking “Print" icon (4.15).

• NOTE: The information of the performed counts may be edited (amount of information provided, font, changes or additions to the text). To make changes, place the cursor within text area. Click the right mouse button. From pop-up menu select the desired item to make a correction. If wanted to add own information, click "Add information"; "Choose fields" allows to select what information you want to be displayed; "Reset position" is intended to move information into its original location within the image, if the image scale was changed or text has moved; “Select font” allows to choose displayed text appearance options.

• NOTE: Results of any operations, performed while working with Program, are stored by default in the final report. If you do not want to save results into report, uncheck "To report" checkbox (4.25) in the lower right corner of the image window and/or the charts window (4.28). Even if you choose not to save data into report, it does not mean, that this data is "lost" after the session ends. All data obtained will be stored, if the session itself is saved.
Chapter 5. Special functions for hair density and diameter calculations.

Optional functions and settings for hair density and diameter calculations needed when evaluating applied treatment dynamics or conducting any research, which requires hairs to be calculated within a set size circle area with its center marked on the scalp with a tattoo, etc.

5.1 “Select area” function.

Click “Select rectangular area” icon (5.4, Fig.5) or “Select circle area” icon (5.5) and scroll the mouse cursor to select the size of the area in form of a circle or rectangle/square to be analyzed. To do this place the cursor in the starting point, press and hold down left mouse button, move the cursor to the end point and release the button. The actual square size “S” of selected rectangle in sq.mm or square size “S” in sq.mm and radius “R” in mm of selectable circle will be displayed in the top right corner of the image window. Once the mouse button is released and the area is set, the values “S” for rectangle or “S” and “R” for circle (5.9) will be displayed in the image window bottom left corner, which by default is showing the actual
square size “S” of original image obtained. To cancel the selected area, quickly click once the right mouse button. For more convenient analysis you can enlarge the image by zooming into it. To do this, click on the "Adjust scale" icon (5.6). Place the mouse cursor on the chosen image section and make one or more clicks with the left mouse button. Degree of the magnification for selected field of view depends on the number of mouse clicks. If it becomes too high, click right mouse button to return to the previous step(s). The greater magnification is used, the higher accuracy of hair density and diameter measurement is achieved. In order to move to a different magnified image section click on “Move” icon (5.7), then grab and drag it. To return the image to its original scale, click “Scaling per window size” icon (5.8).

- **ATTENTION:** It is important to remember that anytime the area selection is performed, the counting of any variables, i.e. hair density, diameter, follicular units, etc., shall be performed only within the chosen site!

- **5.2 “Sync windows” function.**

- The "Sync windows" function may be required for the correct assessment of the performed treatment dynamics when you need to compare two images taken in the same area before and after the treatment. The "after treatment" image may be located asymmetrically (in relation to image center), to the "before treatment" image. In this case, for correct comparison of the results, it is necessary to place both images identically, so that they are not only symmetrically arranged, but also displayed at the same angle. Load the "before treatment" image into the left window and the “after treatment” image into the right. By clicking “Select circle area” icon (5.5) choose identical size of the area in the form of a circle to be analyzed on both images (see “Select area” function description above). For additional accuracy it is preferable for the center of this circle to have a certain mark, e.g. tattoo. Next, clear the surrounding field of view by clicking “Clear background” icon (5.3). Click "Sync windows clockwise" icon (5.1) or "Sync windows counterclockwise" icon (5.2) in the left or in the right window in order to position both images for comparison under the same angle. You can now proceed with any calculations required.

- **5.3 “Terminal/Vellus hair diameter threshold” function.**

- When hair diameter is being evaluated together with hair density calculations, it is also necessary to take into consideration the difference in hairs thickness to automatically sort them into Terminal and Vellus accordingly. Generally, hairs with a diameter of less than 30-40 µm (micrometers or microns) are considered to be Vellus. By default the program auto-configures the Threshold setting value for Terminal/Vellus hair, µm (5.10). When calculating the hair density and diameter, depending on the mean diameter in the field of view, the threshold will be set to one of three values - 30, 35 or 40µm (5.11). This function changes dynamically, e.g., if in the field of view there are mostly thick Terminal hair present, the threshold will be automatically set to the value of 40 microns; if the hair is mostly fine, the threshold will be set to 30 microns; if there are various hair present, the threshold will be changed to 35 microns. In case, when you want to set the threshold value on your own, you
will have to turn off the automatic detection. To do it, right-click at the bottom of the window on the “Threshold for Terminal/Vellus hair, µm” link (5.10). In the pop-up dialog box uncheck the checkbox “Automatic threshold determination”. The link text color will change to black. Enter the desired threshold value into “Threshold for Terminal/Vellus hair actual value, µm” window (5.11). If the threshold has to be reset to automatic mode, right-click on the “Threshold for Terminal/Vellus hair, µm” link (5.10) in black and in pop-up prompt clear the checkbox “Automatic threshold determination”. The link text color will change back to red, thus, indicating that threshold determination is being automatically configured again.

• **NOTE:** The threshold data above corresponds to the mean European/Caucasian hair characteristics. For other racial variations of hair, automatic thresholds will be set according to the selection in “Add patient” table (1.2, Fig.1).
Chapter 6. Hair diameter measurements and calculations.

Click on the second "Hair diameter" button (3.2, Fig.3) and press the "Scan" icon (6.2). Capture window will open. Place the Diagnosis Scope lens (optimally with magnification from x100 to x200) on the chosen location of patient’s Parietal area (Androgen-dependent zone) and position the mouse cursor within image capture window, if a snapshot button on your Scope cannot be used. After good quality image is obtained, lock it by pressing the left mouse button. Click “OK” and the picture will appear in the left image window designated for Parietal area. In the same sequence, perform the operation in the right image window to study the second, normally Occipital area (Androgen-independent zone) of patient's scalp. “Scope scaling” (6.4) shall be configured in advance in accordance with the applicable Diagnostic Scope magnification, for details refer to paragraph 3.3 “Scaling settings based on Diagnostic Scope magnification” above. There are two different ways to calculate diameters of the hair.

NOTE: Images of the scalp and hair can be also uploaded from file by pressing appropriate icon (6.1). Any files to be uploaded into the program shall be located in the “Additional studies” folder created on the desktop during installation. For convenience of the patient’s additional data management, every new patient entered into the program gets personal subfolder created under this main folder. Folder content can be previewed anytime by clicking "Additional studies” module button (1.26, Fig.1).

6.1 Hair diameter measurements and calculations using the first method.

Click on “Semiautomatic detection mode” icon (6.7). Cross with mouse cursor all hairs in a field of view, either by one or in groups to count them with their diameters established automatically. Only well contrasted hairs will be detected by this mode and not all of their diameters might be measured correctly either. Corrections shall be done either by using “Cancel” (6.14) function to take one or more steps back to correct measurements in error, or by “Clear field” (6.11) function for groups of hairs in one area or "Clear“ (6.10) function to completely remove all previously performed actions. Next, click “Manual detection mode” icon (6.8) and press down “Diameter auto-measurement mode” icon (6.9) to activate this function. Place the cursor closer to the base of the hair approximately in the middle of the shaft, press and hold down the left mouse button, move the cursor along the shaft. The length of the line drawn is not of an importance, it can take up any small area along the hair shaft. Release the left mouse button. If the hair is still dark enough and well contrasted, the line drawn along the hair shaft becomes thicker automatically, coinciding with the thickness of hair. If the automatic measurement is performed correctly, confirm the completion of the measurement by clicking the left mouse button and proceed to the next hair measurement. If the automatic measurement was carried out incorrectly, e.g. drawn line does not thicken, goes beyond the diameter of the hair or vice versa, continue to measure hair diameter manually. To do this, release the left mouse button and scroll the mouse wheel – the line drawn along the hair shaft starts to thicken, if scrolled backwards - the line will become thinner. When the thickness of the line becomes equal to the thickness of the hair shaft, click the left mouse button to confirm the proper value of hair thickness measurement. Proceed to the next hair
• If working without a mouse, perform mouse wheel operations described above using "Slider" (6.6), located in the upper left corner of each window.

• **NOTE:** The semiautomatic detection mode and diameter auto-measurement mode may not work properly in cases when hairs are too light; contrasted poorly in relation to surrounding tissues; image taken is not sharp; hair grow too close to each other “in bunches”; etc. In such cases, to avoid any errors, the program function of automatic measurement is being disabled by default.

• **NOTE:** If any error occurs during specific action, it can be consistently cancelled. To do this, click "Cancel" icon (6.14). If you need to cancel any actions within selected area, press the "Clear field" icon (6.11), then press down the left mouse button and draw with cursor an area, where you want to cancel all the actions (trace the cursor over the information to be removed in the direction from upper left side to lower right and down). Release the mouse button. All actions within the encircled area will be removed. "Clear" function (6.10) is used to completely remove all previously performed actions.

• **6.2 Hair diameter measurements and calculations using the second method.**

• Click on “Manual detection mode” icon (6.8) and release “Diameter auto-measurement mode” icon (6.9) to disable this function. Place mouse cursor on any selected hair edge, click the right mouse button and drag the cursor across the width of hair to its other edge perpendicular to the shaft. As cursor has been positioned on opposite edge, release the button. The figure will appear displaying the performed measurement of the hair diameter in microns. Proceed to the next hair diameter measurement.

• **NOTE:** For detailed information on the measurements performed, click “Information” icon (6.13). The absolute number of measured hair; total amount of Terminal and Vellus hair; mean hair diameters; thick, medium and thin hair ratio; degree of Anisotrihosis data will appear within image field. The information on counting results may be edited (amount of information provided, font, changes or additions to the text). To make changes, place the cursor within the text area. Click the right mouse button. From pop-up menu select the item of interest and make the correction of the text. If you want to add your own information, click "Add information“ prompt. "Select field" is intended to correct the amount of on-screen information. "Reset field" is intended to move this information into its original location within the image, if the image scale was changed or text has moved.

• **NOTE:** "Choose frame" icon (6.5) allows to obtain additional image(s) for hair density calculations in the new window(s) added "on top" of the previous one. These additional diameter calculations in the additional windows may significantly increase the reliability of measurements performed. All the results of hair diameter calculations on charts and in the report for a given Parietal or Occipital area can be calculated as the mean arithmetic value of all measurements. To obtain mean arithmetic value of all measurements in several windows added, click "Mean arithmetic value” icon (6.12).
• **6.3 “Chart” function.**

After counting all the hairs in the field of view, click on "**Chart**" icon (6.3). The **diameter chart and data** (6.16) represent measurement summary on hair diameters. The blue bar area on the chart represents the average diameter for specified type of hair. On the hair diameter chart each measurement shows as a red column. If a lot of hair diameter measurements were performed, the red curve will be displayed instead of separate columns. Single yellow column reflects mean diameter of Terminal hairs only (excluding all Vellus hairs). The chart window can be moved across the monitor into any convenient location to allow easy continuation of hair measurements, if necessary. To move it, point to its title bar with the mouse pointer, then left click and drag the window. In order to increase or decrease window size in any direction, point and drag any of its corners or borders. To save/delete charts into/from final report, check/uncheck "**To report**" checkbox (6.17) located in the bottom right portion of the chart, identically to all session data being saved by checking “To report” checkbox (6.19) in the bottom of image window. If hair density and diameter measurements were performed in several windows for different images by means of "**Choose frame**" icon (6.5), the chart will reflect the arithmetic mean value of all the measurements in all the windows added.

• **NOTE:** There are four racial hair variation types that are distinguished based on the differences in their morphological characteristics: European/Caucasian, Latin/Mediterranean, Asian/Pacific and African/Caribbean types. As it shows on charts, the boundaries of mean density and diameter values for each hair will be different depending on specific hair variation type. This fact is taken into account automatically when registering and introducing patient's personal data into the program. The "**Mean norm**" is shown on the density and diameter charts within blue bars as the gap between the two red lines. These “Mean norm” boundaries may be adjusted per specialist’s decision. To accomplish this, grab red lines with the cursor and drag them to desired location. To save changes right click with the mouse and confirm "save settings" request.

• **NOTE:** The threshold data above is corresponding to average European/Caucasian hair characteristics. The program provides by default the auto-configuration for **Threshold for Terminal/Vellus hair (μm)** (6.18) establishment, unless modified by user, for details see paragraph **5.3 “Terminal/Vellus hair diameter threshold” function.** above. For other racial variations of hair automatic thresholds will be set according to the selection in “**Add patient**” table (1.2, Fig.1).

• **NOTE:** To make it more convenient and accurate, when counting hairs in the left image window for Parietal area, the size of this window can be increased. To do this, grab and drag with the mouse the separating "**Movable border**" (6.15) between windows. To make left window larger drag it to the right. Respectively, when counting hairs in the right image window for Occipital area, increase the area of this window by moving the border to the left.

• **NOTE:** The settings and functions of all other not described icons are absolutely identical to the “**Hair density**” diagnostic session (Fig.4 and Fig.5) and are respectively described in **Chapter 4 and Chapter 5** above.
• **ATTENTION!**: Pay attention to the average diameter of thick, medium and fine hair, percent of Vellus hair and their ratio in the Parietal and Occipital areas. Vellus hair amount normally should not exceed 15-20%. If this numbers are exceeded, it is an indication of the presence of a pathological hair thinning. With “Yellow spots” present Vellus hair percentage starts to decrease, since in such cases many hairs have really small diameter and are poorly visualized or do not grow at all. Under normal conditions the thick hairs percentage is higher and, respectively, the thin hairs percentage is smaller in Parietal area in comparison to Occipital area. With the development of Androgen-dependent Alopecia this proportion starts to change gradually.

• **ATTENTION**: Any record from any window within this computer program can be removed or corrected by allocating it with the right mouse button and confirming the request for deletion or correction.
• Chapter 7. Scalp analysis.

• Click on the third "Scalp analysis" button (3.3, Fig.3) and press the "Scan" icon (7.2). Image capture window will open. Place the Diagnosis Scope lens on chosen location of patient’s scalp and position the mouse cursor within image capture window, if a snapshot button on your Scope cannot be used. After a good quality image is obtained, lock it by pressing the left mouse button. Click “OK” and the picture will appear in the left window. From the right window scrollable area representing diagnostic “Sample database” (7.16), choose the diagnostic image that is most applicable to the current case. Place cursor on the selected image and press the left mouse button. The selected image will appear in the right window. The data will be saved into report by default. The report will contain obtained image of the scalp and the diagnosis name from the heading of the chosen sample image on the right. If you do not want to save results into the report, uncheck "To report" checkbox (7.14) in the lower left corner of the image window.

• **NOTE:** In order to add new diagnostic images to “Sample database” (7.16), place mouse cursor over the image on the left and right-click. You will be prompted "Add image to Own Base?” Release the button. The “Sample card” (7.17) will open. Type the name of diagnosis in “Indicate diagnosis” field (7.18) and click “Save” (7.20) or “Cancel” (7.21). The image will appear at the very bottom of the scroll bar. You can also upload more images by clicking “Select image” (7.19). If necessary, you can edit images from the “Sample database” (7.16.). To do this, place mouse cursor over the image in database and right click. From the menu select an option - add, delete, change or move.

• **NOTE:** Images of the scalp and hair can be also loaded from file by pressing appropriate icon (7.1). Any files to be uploaded into the program have to be located in the “Additional studies” folder created by the program during installation. For convenient data management, each new patient gets a personal subfolder created under the “Additional studies” folder. Folder content can be previewed anytime by clicking the "Additional studies" module button (1.26, Fig.1).

• **NOTE:** In case when it is necessary to save the image into a separate file, click "Save" icon (7.3). The image can be also identically printed out by clicking “Print” icon (7.4).

• **NOTE:** By means of "Point localization" icon (7.6) you can mark up specific measurement points on patient’s scalp where the hair counts have been performed. You can utilize this information for future reference. The steps are identical to 4.2 “Point localization” function description above.

• **NOTE:** By means of "Marker" icon (7.8), you can mark up with different color any image sections, which may be important to pay attention to during the diagnostic session. Select the desired color marker and circle an area or a subject of interest. Any mark ups on the image can be deleted by using “Clear” icon (7.10).

• **NOTE:** For more detailed view you can zoom into image to make it larger. To do this, click on the "Adjust scale" icon (7.11). Place the mouse cursor on chosen image section and make
one or more clicks with the left mouse button. Degree of magnification for selected field of view depends on the number of mouse clicks. If it becomes too high, click right mouse button to return to previous step(s). The greater magnification is being used, the higher accuracy is going to be achieved. In order to move to different magnified image section click on “Move” icon (7.12), than grab and drag it. To return the image to its original scale, click “Scaling per window size” icon (7.13). Also "Choose frame" icon (7.7) allows to obtain additional image(s) in the new window(s) added “on top” of the previous one.

**ATTENTION!**: Before proceeding to diagnostic session, make sure “Scope scaling” function (7.5) settings have been set according to paragraph 3.3. **Scaling settings based on Diagnosis Scope magnification** above! The proper settings will directly affect the accuracy of “Linear length” function (7.9), when measurements of any objects of interest are being performed. To measure length, press and hold down either mouse button, then move the cursor to destination and release the button. The actual linear measurement value in millimeters will be showing in the top right corner of the image window, once the length is set, the final result will display by the measurement site.
• **Chapter 8. Hair roots analysis.**

• Click on the third "**Hair roots analysis**" button (3.4, Fig.3) and press the "**Scan**" icon (8.1). Image capture window will open. Place the Diagnosis Scope lens on extracted hair root(s) and position the mouse cursor within image capture window, if a snapshot button on your Scope cannot be used. After a good quality image is obtained, lock it by pressing the left mouse button. Click “**OK**” and the picture will appear in the left window. From the right window scrollable area representing diagnostic “**Sample database**” (8.2), choose the diagnostic image that is most applicable to the current case. Place cursor on the selected image and press the left mouse button. The selected image will appear in the right window. The data will be saved into report by default. The report will contain obtained image of the hair roots and the diagnosis name from the heading of the chosen sample image on the right. If you do not want to save results into report, uncheck "**To report**" checkbox (8.3) in the bottom left corner.

• **NOTE:** The settings and functions of all other session icons are identical to “**Scalp analysis**” diagnostic session (Fig.7) and are respectively described in **Chapter 7.**
• Chapter 9. Hair shafts analysis.

• Click on the third "Hair shafts analysis" button (3.5, Fig.3) and press the "Scan" icon (9.1). Image capture window will open. Place the Diagnosis Scope lens on extracted/growing hair shafts and position the mouse cursor within image capture window, if a snapshot button on your Scope cannot be used. After a good quality image is obtained, lock it by pressing the left mouse button. Click “OK” and the picture will appear in the left window. From the right window scrollable area representing diagnostic “Sample database” (9.2), choose the diagnostic image that is most applicable to the current case. Place cursor on the selected image and press the left mouse button. The selected image will appear in the right window. The data will be saved into report by default. The report will contain obtained image of the hair shafts and the diagnosis name from the heading of the chosen sample image on the right. If you do not want to save results into report, uncheck "To report" checkbox (9.3) in the bottom left corner.

• **NOTE:** The settings and functions of all other session icons are identical to “Scalp analysis” diagnostic session (Fig.7) and are respectively described in Chapter 7.
Chapter 10. Generating conclusion.

Click the "Conclusion / Print the results" (3.6, Fig.3). A cumulative report will be generated containing all diagnostic session performed studies and results and will open up behind diagnostic session window as a MS Word document file. This convenient format of reporting allows to add/edit/delete any information within it per user discretion. Print the report and close it. You will be prompted to save it before exiting. If some specific data was not included into the report or you wish to include some additional information, close the report without saving it. Make any changes and open the report again. In this case you will be prompted to go to the previously saved report or generate the new one.

NOTE: If during hair density or diameter diagnostic sessions any additional information was added to images by means of “Information” icons (4.12 or 6.13) and “Mean arithmetic value” icons (4.11 or 6.12), when opening report you will be prompted to verify data in “Information to image” table (10.1) first. Select the applicable data in order to proceed.

Same procedure is applicable if any of these type image shall be printed out or saved.

When finished, you can exit by closing diagnostic session window. You will be prompted to save session data. If you choose to save it, patient’s diagnostic session will be recorded and will appear in “Performed Trichoscopies” module (11.1, Fig.11) in the form of date and time of the session. Any recurring patient sessions will be also recorded and listed in the module if saved. Any of these sessions may be reviewed anytime. To choose the session of interest right-click on its date once, so it is highlighted in blue color. Depending on what has to be viewed, specific diagnostic session itself or generated session report, click on "Load session" button (11.2) or "Show report" button (11.3).

**ATTENTION!**: If after diagnostic session completion the report per this session results was generated and saved, it will appear in the “Performed Trichoscopies” module (11.1) in form of “+” sign after the date and time of the session. Only in this case “Show report” button (11.3) will be enabled!
• Chapter 12. “Express Trichoscopy” module.

• The separate “Express Trichoscopy” module (1.27, Fig.1) of the program is dedicated to the express diagnostic sessions, that are performed when time devoted to each patient or client is limited, while quick, but efficient evaluation is of a main importance. The settings and functions of this module are absolutely identical to “Trichoscopy” module (1.20) above. However, the main difference is that this module operates in a standalone mode. There is no requirement to enter any patient data, also no session data is saved automatically by default. However, if necessary, any performed session actions and data may be saved by user into a separate picture file and printed out.

Fig. 12

• Chapter 13. “Phototrichogram” module.

• After entering “New patient” (1.1, Fig.1) information (1.2) and filling out the “Outpatient card” data (1.3), in order to proceed with the diagnostic session, click “Phototrichogram” module button (1.21). The “Phototrichogram” diagnostic session window (13.0, Fig.13) will open. If the patient has been entered into the program already, select the name from “Patient’s name” list (1.15, Fig.1) and proceed to the diagnostic session.
13.1 Getting started. Image acquirement.

In the opened “Phototrichogram” section window (13.1, Fig.13.1) press the "Scan" icon (13.5). Image capture window will open. Place the Diagnosis Scope lens (optimally with magnification from x10 to x60) on chosen location of patient’s Parietal area (Androgen-dependent zone) and position the mouse cursor within the image capture window, if a snapshot button on your Scope cannot be used. After good quality image is obtained, lock it by pressing the left mouse button. Click “OK” and the picture will appear in the left window, designated for Parietal area analysis. Perform the same sequence of operations for the image window on the right to study the second, normally Occipital area (Androgen-independent zone) of patient’s scalp.

**NOTE:** Images of the scalp and hair can be also loaded from file by pressing appropriate icon (13.4). Any files to be uploaded into the program have to be located in the “Additional studies” folder created by the program during installation. For convenient data management, each new patient gets a personal subfolder created under the “Additional studies” folder. Folder content can be previewed anytime by clicking the "Additional studies" module button (1.26, Fig.1).

**NOTE:** In case, when it is necessary to save the image into a file, click "Save" icon (13.6). You may be prompted where to save the overall (full name, date) information or just the information that is set to show in the field of image. Select the desired storage capacity and click “OK” to confirm. The image can be also printed out by clicking “Print” icon (13.7).

**NOTE:** By means of "Point localization" icon (13.10) you can mark up specific measurement points on patient’s scalp where the hair counts have been performed. You can utilize this information for future reference. The steps are identical to paragraph 4.5 “Point localization” function description above.

**NOTE:** By means of "Marker" icon (13.20), you can mark up with different color any image sections, which may be important to pay patient’s attention to during the diagnostic session. Select the desired color marker and circle an area or a subject of interest.

**ATTENTION!** Before proceeding to diagnostic session, make sure “Scope scaling” (icon 13.9) settings have been set according to the paragraph 3.3 Scaling settings based on Diagnosis Scope magnification above!

13.2 Phototrichogram analysis.

The Phototrichogram analysis is based on the same principles as the hair density and diameter calculations using the first method, described in paragraph 4.1 Hair density and diameter calculations using the first method. The main difference is based on the approach of how the hairs are being actually marked up for evaluation. In case of hair density and diameter calculations, it is necessary to mark up only some part of hair shaft no matter how long it may be, while for Phototrichogram study it is very important to carefully trace the entire length of each hair. Proper hair length determination is critical for calculations of such parameters as the ratio of Anagen to Telogen hairs or rates of hair growth. That’s why for proper and correct
Phototrichogram assessment we have to evaluate only hairs, which are clearly visible in given field of view. Thus, any hairs extending beyond the field of view are not being included for Phototrichogram evaluation, as their lengths are unclear. Although, these hairs are examined for proper density assessment, see paragraph 13.7 Density correction function below. Also, another difference with described in paragraph 4.1 Hair density and diameter calculations using the first method, is that with the Phototrichogram module there is additional important fully automatic detection mode available for hairs assessment, while all other functions are being identical to measurement tools of Hair density section of Trichoscopy module (Fig.4). Therefore, based on primary detection mode used, there are four different methods for Phototrichogram calculation: with automatic, semiautomatic, manual detection modes and manual detection mode with automatic hair diameter measurements.

- **NOTE:** To make it more convenient and accurate, when processing images, the size of the window may be increased. To do this, grab and drag with the mouse the separating border "Movable wall" (13.12) between windows. To make left window larger drag it to the right. Respectively, when assessing hairs in the right image window, increase the area of the window by moving the separating border between windows to the left.

- **NOTE:** It is important to run Phototrichogram evaluation on a set area within a field of view, which may be reduced or limited for greater accuracy or convenience. To do that, use the “Select rectangular area” (13.32) or “Select circle area” icons (13.33) to form rectangular/square or circular areas to be analyzed; their sizes will be displayed in the lower left corner (13.38). The function and directions are identical to described in paragraph 5.1 “Select area” function above.

- **NOTE:** For more accurate hair diameter measurements, as well as various types of hairs and perifollicular signs determination, before starting assessment, zoom into image to make it larger. To do this, click on the "Adjust scale" icon (13.34). Place the mouse cursor on chosen image section and make one or more clicks with the left mouse button. The degree of magnification for selected field of view depends on the number of mouse clicks. If it becomes too high, click right mouse button to return to the previous step(s). The greater magnification is used the higher accuracy achieved, especially for hair diameter measurement accuracy. In order to move to different magnified image section click on “Move” icon (13.35), then grab and drag it. To return image to original scale, click “Scaling per window size” icon (13.36.).

- **13.3 Phototrichogram calculation using first method with automatic detection.**

- Automatic detection mode quality directly depends on quality of an image, being processed. Choose for a field of view, by “Selecting rectangular area” (13.32), or “Selecting circular area” (13.33), in which limits you plan to perform calculations. Increase image scale by using “Adjust scale” (13.34). Place cursor on image and right-click once or several times, the greater magnification, the more accurate measurements of diameters will be achieved. Click on “Automatic detection mode” icon (13.13). Within several seconds Phototrichogram will be processed in automatic mode. While processing image in the left diagnostic window, three intermediate images will cascade on the right (Fig.13.2). Respectively, if processing an image
on the right, three intermediate images will cascade on the left. The first window will display “Original image” (13.52), the second – “Filtered image” (13.53) and the third – “Processed image” (13.53). You can close these images, using “Cancel automatic detection preview” (13.24) and reopen, using ”Automatic detection preview” (13.23) buttons, if needed when correcting obtained measurements. After processing, all detected and measured hairs get marked up by four different color strips, either in green for Terminal in Anagen, blue for Terminal in Telogen, red for Vellus in Anagen and pink for Vellus in Telogen.

- Since typically automatic detection mode does not allow for completely accurate results, as some hairs may not be processed properly, an image correction is being performed by next step. Any hairs, which have been detected partially, i.e. color strip not passing by entire length or width of hair, a correction shall be done manually. Press on “Manual detection mode” (13.15) and “Diameter auto-measurement mode” (13.16) buttons. Position cursor at the end of color strip over hair, so it turns into “cross”. Press down left button of the mouse and continue the line to hair distal or proximal end (tip or base). Release the button and, if hair diameter did not get detected automatically, or was detected incorrectly, rotate the mouse wheel either direction to get the width of the color strip to be equal to hair thickness. Press on left button again to complete measurement. Proceed to next hair evaluation.

- Some hairs in the field of view may not get detected at all, like very thin, or light shaded hairs and hairs, which get attached side by side to neighboring hairs. Press on “Manual detection mode” (13.15) and “Diameter auto-measurement mode” (13.16) buttons. As this correction method is actually same to the third method with manual detection and diameter auto-measurement mode, for the complete instructions refer to its full description below in paragraph 13.5.

- **NOTE:** In case, when correction of certain performed measurement is not helpful and it is more convenient to make a new measurement instead, use “Cancel” (13.37) function to take one or more steps back to correct measurements in error, or “Clear field” (13.26) function for groups of hairs in one area, or "Clear" (13.25) function to completely remove all previously performed actions within given field of view. Same applies to correct any errors with Program

- **ATTENTION!!:** Only clearly visible by entire length hairs in given field of view have to be evaluated with Phototrichogram study, as their lengths are unclear! Although, those hairs, which are growing out of the given field of view, will be in addition examined for proper density assessment, see paragraph 13.7 Density correction function below.

- 13.4 Phototrichogram calculation using second method with semiautomatic detection.

- For more accurate hair diameter measurements, before processing an image, select for proper field of view and increase the scale, as described at the beginning of paragraph 13.3 Phototrichogram calculation using first method with automatic detection. Click on “Semiautomatic detection mode” icon (13.14). Cross with mouse cursor all hairs in a field of view, either by one or in groups to count them with their diameters and lengths being established automatically. To do that, position cursor by measured hairs side, press down left button of the mouse and cross with a line perpendicular to hair. You may extend this line to
cross more neighboring hairs. As long as the line remains perpendicular to hairs being crossed, their diameters and lengths will be measured properly. When processed, all measured hairs get marked up by four different color strips, either in green for Terminal in Anagen, blue for Terminal in Telogen, red for Vellus in Anagen and pink for Vellus in Telogen.

- Perform measurements of all hairs in given field of view. Some hairs in the field of view may not get detected properly or at all, like very thin, or light shaded hairs and hairs, which get attached side by side to neighboring hairs. In such cases, at line crossing hair is not getting any color strip or its width is not corresponding to hair thickness. For each case correction, including just an adjustment of improperly detected hairs or their completely new assessment, as well as for missed at all during detection hairs and all hair density count corrections, use same steps and precautions, as described in paragraph 13.3 Phototrichogram calculation using first method with automatic detection above.

- **ATTENTION:** Both automatic and semiautomatic detection modes for Phototrichogram calculations may work incorrectly with really dense or intercrossing in-between hairs; there are high contrasted inclusions within a field of view or hairs are light or too poorly contrasted against scalp; poor sharpness of a diagnostic image; low resolution of the Scope, etc.).

- **13.5 Phototrichogram calculation using third method with manual detection and diameter auto-measurement mode.**

  This is another method to simultaneously measure hair density and their diameters, used to correct and complete first two methods measurements or used widely on its own when assessing hairs, that are densely populated, thicker, curlier, growing in bunches, etc., especially in a darker shades, or when wanted to perform a study “straight forward” without going back to perform corrections. For more accurate hair diameter measurements, before processing an image, select for proper field of view and increase the scale, as described at the beginning of paragraph 13.3 Phototrichogram calculation using first method with automatic detection. Press on “Manual detection mode” (13.15) and “Diameter auto-measurement mode” (13.16) buttons. Position cursor at the end of hair distal end (base), approximately in the middle of the shaft, press and hold down the left mouse button, move the cursor along the shaft to the proximal end (tip) of the hair. The length of the line drawn is very important for proper calculation of Anagen to Telogen hairs ratio or rates of hair growth. Release the left mouse button. If the hair is dark enough and well contrasted, the line drawn along the hair shaft becomes thicker automatically, coinciding with the thickness of hair. If the automatic measurement is performed correctly, confirm its completion by clicking the left mouse button and proceed to the next hair measurement. If the automatic measurement was carried out incorrectly, e.g. the drawn line does not thicken or goes beyond the diameter of the hair, continue to measure hair diameter manually. To do this, release the left mouse button and scroll the mouse wheel. If scrolling forward the line drawn along the hair shaft starts to thicken, if scrolling backwards the line will become thinner. When the thickness of the line becomes equal to the thickness of the hair shaft, click the left mouse button to confirm the proper value of hair thickness measurement. Proceed to next hair measurement. If working without a mouse wheel, use "Slider" (13.3) located in the upper left corner of each window.
• **13.6 Phototrichogram calculation using fourth method with manual detections.**

This is another method to simultaneously measure in manual mode both hair density and their diameters. This method is designated to hair types, that may not get detected by any automatic or semiautomatic mode due to being really thin, grey or light shaded, etc. This mode is also being used for corrections for similar hair types with all 3 previous methods above. For more accurate hair diameter measurements, before processing an image, select for proper field of view and increase the scale, as described at the beginning of paragraph 13.3 **Phototrichogram calculation using first method with automatic detection.** Press on “Manual detection mode” (13.15) and depress “Diameter auto-measurement mode” (13.16) buttons, if it has been activated for previously used detection mode. Position cursor at the end of hair distal end (base), approximately in the middle of the shaft, press and hold down the left mouse button, move the cursor along the shaft to the proximal end (tip) of the hair. The length of the line drawn is very important for proper calculation of Anagen to Telogen hairs ratio or rates of hair growth. Release the left mouse button and scroll the mouse wheel. If scrolling forward the line drawn along the hair shaft starts to thicken, if scrolling backwards the line will become thinner. When the thickness of the line becomes equal to the thickness of the hair shaft, click the left mouse button to confirm the proper value of hair thickness measurement. Proceed to next hair measurement. If working without a mouse wheel, use "Slider" (13.3) located in the upper left corner of each window.

• **13.7 “Density correction” function.**

The proper Phototrichogram assessment requires evaluation of only those hairs, which are clearly visible in the field of view. Any hair shafts extending beyond the field of view should not be accounted as their lengths are unclear. This requirement is essential to properly calculate Anagen and Telogen hair percentages. However, since during the study hair density counts are carried out simultaneously, density measurements have to be corrected as well, since it is important to account for all hairs growing within the field of view. To do this, left-click on the “Correct density” icon (13.17) and measure hair density and diameter for the rest of the hairs in the field of view by the first method, described in paragraph 4.1 **Hair density and diameter calculations using the first method** above.

• **13.8 Follicular unit count mode.**

This method supplements hair density count with hair distribution per follicular units information (follicular unit is a group of adjacent growing hair).

• To perform this calculations, click “Follicular unit count mode” icon (13.18). Place the cursor closer to the base of the hair and press the left mouse button as many times, as there are hairs in a specific follicular unit, mouse button clicks should be performed in quick successions. Program allows estimation for single, double, triple, as well as separate follicular units with four and five hairs. The chosen number of hairs will be displayed; in case of any mistake use “Cancel” icon (13.37) to return to previous step or click right mouse button to start over. The information on follicular unit counts and distribution in one or more fields of view will be saved into report and can be displayed with image **Information** (13.28).
• 13.9 “Perifollicular signs” function.

“Perifollicular signs” icon (13.19) is designated to mark up and count “Exclamation mark hairs”, “Pointed hairs”, “Broken hairs”, “Cadaverized hairs”, "Yellow dots", "Red dots“, "White dots”. Click the icon to open up perifollicular sign menu, select the corresponding perifollicular sign and mark its location on the image by placing cursor on it and clicking the left mouse button. The information on the number of perifollicular signs in one or more fields of view will be present on the chart and saved into report. It will be also displayed with image Information (13.28). For more information, see paragraph 4.5 above.

• 13.10 “Chart” function.

After measuring all the hairs in the field of view, click on the "Chart" icon (13.8) to open composite chart and data window, containing measurements summary for Phototrichogram (13.46) on the left, for Density (13.47) in the middle and for Diameters (13.49) on the right side for either the left image window for Parietal area or the right image window for Occipital area. If measurements were performed in several fields of view (see description of "Choose frame“ (13.11) function below), the charts and data will be reflecting accordingly the average value of all associated measurements.

• In Phototrichogram section the dark brown column on the chart reflects percentage and total number of Anagen hairs; the light brown is for Telogen hairs; the green is for Terminal among Anagen hairs, the blue is for Terminal among Telogen hairs; the red is for Vellus among Anagen hairs; the purple represents Vellus among Telogen hairs. All this data with mean diameters for these different hair types in addition and calculated hair growth rate is listed below the chart.

• In Density section the yellow column on the chart represents the total amount of hair per sq.cm, green column – the number of Terminal hairs, red - the number of Vellus hairs. The blue bar area represents the mean density for specified for the patient racial type of hair. Same data with percentages for these different hair types in addition and follicular unit with perifollicular sign counts is listed below the chart.

• In Hair diameter section each measurement taken is represented on the chart by red column. If a lot of hair diameter measurements were performed, the red curve will be displayed instead of separate columns. Single yellow column reflects the mean diameter of Terminal hairs only (excluding all Vellus hairs). Same data with percentages for these different hair types in addition and Terminal hairs separation into thin, regular and thick groups based on diameters, including Anisotrichosis value (see paragraph 4. Hair density and diameter measurements and calculations. Follicular unit counts, below)

• The composite chart and data window can be moved across the monitor into any convenient location to allow easy continuation of hair measurements if necessary. To move it, point to its title bar with the mouse cursor, then left click and drag the window. In order to increase or decrease window size in any direction, point and drag any of its corners or borders. To save or delete charts in final report, check/uncheck "To report" checkboxes (13.49, 13.50, 13.51), located in the bottom right portion of associated chart and data table.
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- **NOTE:** Image window "Choose frame" icon (13.25) allows to obtain additional images for Phototrichogram calculations in new windows added "on top" of the previous one. These additional calculations in the new windows may significantly increase reliability of the measurements. All the results in charts and in report for a given Parietal or Occipital area can be calculated as the average of all measurements. To obtain the average values of the measurements across several windows, click the "Mean arithmetic value" icon (13.7).

- **NOTE:** Any operations performed while working with the program results are stored by default in the final report. If you do not want to save results into report, uncheck "To report" checkboxes of associated chart and data table, as indicated above. Even if you choose not to save information into the report, it does not mean that this data is "lost" after the session ends. All data obtained will be stored, if the session itself is saved.

- **13.11 “Information” function.**

  For more detailed information on the measurements performed within the field of view, click on the “Information” icon (13.28). All information, identical to listed in chart and data tables for “Chart” function (13.11), described in paragraph 13.10 “Chart” function above, will be listed on the image, which can be printed (13.7) or saved (13.6), as a separate image file. The displayed information includes total hair counts and ratios of Anagen and Telogen hairs, Terminal and Vellus hairs and their intermediate ratios, hair and follicular unit density counts, different hair type diameter values with thick, medium and thin terminal hair ratios and anisotrichosis values, etc. If several measurement windows were used, click on the "Mean arithmetic value" icon (13.27) to obtain the average of all the measurements performed.

- **NOTE:** The information on counting results may be edited (amount of information provided, font, changes or additions to the text). To make changes, place the cursor within text area and right-click. From the pop-up menu select the desired item and make a correction of the text. If you want to add your own information, click "Add information"; "Choose fields" allows to select what specific information you want to be displayed; "Reset position" is intended to move information into its original location within the image, if the image scale was changed or text has moved; “Select font” allows to choose displayed text appearance options.

- **13.12 Hair growth rate calculations.**

  Calculation of the hair growth rate is performed automatically, based on the difference in the length between Anagen and Telogen hairs within a set period of time. In the Phototrichogram study all hairs within certain select area get trimmed down to an identical minimal length and when the image is taken after a certain period of time (typically 48 to 72 hours), the Anagen hairs will grow out, while the Telogen hairs will be remaining of the same length. In order to calculate the hair growth rate properly, an exact number of hours that passed from the moment of trimming to the new image acquisition shall be entered into the “Time period between measurements (hours)” window (13.40) before the hair growth rate calculation is carried out. The value displayed by default in this window is 48 hours. The result of the hair growth calculation will be reflected in the "Conclusion/Print results" section (13.2).
• **13.13 “Anagen/Telogen hair diameter threshold” function.**

Anagen and Telogen hair percentage and ratio calculations are based on the difference in length between Anagen hairs, which grew out, and Telogen hairs, which remained the same, within a set period of time. For proper calculations, it is necessary to enter the correct hair length for the “Threshold for Anagen/Telogen hair length, mm” value (13.41). To correctly determine the length, locate the longest Telogen hair in the field of view and trace its entire length by holding down the left mouse button. Watch for the hair length value in mm that appears in the yellow window in the upper right corner of the image. Enter this number into the “Threshold for Anagen/Telogen hair length, mm” window (13.42). After the threshold value is established, all hairs with equal or lesser length will be considered to be Telogen hairs, while hairs with a greater length will be considered, as Anagen hairs. By moving the "Slider for Anagen/Telogen hair length threshold determination” (13.43), the threshold value may be dynamically changed during any stage of the Phototrichogram session, as well as prior to starting the session, or after finishing it. Changing the threshold value will affect the Anagen/ Telogen hair ratio value calculations. By default this value is set to 0.35 mm.

• **NOTE:** The “Linear length” function (13.21) can be used for any length measurements within any field of view. The function and directions, are identical to those, described in paragraph **4.8 Hair length above.**

• **13.14 “Terminal/Vellus hair diameter threshold” function.**

When hair diameter is being evaluated along with hair density calculations, it is necessary to take into consideration the difference in hair thickness to automatically sort them into Vellus or Terminal hairs. Generally, hairs with a diameter of less than 30-40 µm (micrometers or microns) are considered to be Vellus hairs. The program provides default auto-configuration values for the “Threshold for Terminal/Vellus hair, µm” window (13.44). When calculating hair density and diameters, depending on the average diameter in the field of view, the threshold will be set to one of the three preset values - 30, 35 or 40um (13.45). This function changes dynamically, e.g., if the field of view mostly contains thick Terminal hairs, the threshold will be automatically set to the value of 40 microns; if the hairs are mostly fine, the threshold will be set to 30 microns; if hairs are mixed, the threshold will be set to 35 microns. In case, if you want to change the threshold, you have to turn automatic detection off. To do this, right-click on the red link “Threshold for Terminal/Vellus hair, µm” (13.44) at the bottom of the window. In the pop-up window uncheck the “Automatic threshold determination” checkbox. The text color of the link will change to black. Enter the desired threshold value into the “Threshold for Terminal/Vellus hair, µm” window (13.45). If the threshold has to be reset to automatic mode again, right-click on the “Threshold for Terminal/Vellus hair, µm” link (13.44) and check the “Automatic threshold determination” checkbox in the pop-up window. The text color of the link will change back to red, thus, indicating that threshold determination is configured automatically again.

• **NOTE:** The threshold data above is corresponding to average European/Caucasian hair characteristics. For ethnic variations of hair, automatic thresholds will be set accordingly with selection in the “Add patient” table (1.2, Fig.1).
• **NOTE:** The "Sync windows" special function (13.29, 13.30) may be required for the correct assessment of treatment dynamics, when comparing before- and after-treatment images, taken in same area. The function and directions, including “Select circle area” (13.33) and “Clear background” (13.31) are identical to those, described in paragraph 5.2 Sync windows above.

• **NOTE:** The "Select area" special function may be needed to set any rectangular (13.32) or circle (13.33) area of determined size of field of view for more accurate measurements. The function and directions, including other functions for magnifying (13.34) selected area, moving (13.35) to different image parts and restoring (13.36) original scaling for image, are identical to those, described in paragraph 5.1 Select area above.

• **13.15 Ending session. Generating conclusion. “Performed Phototrichograms” module.**

• After Phototrichogram session is completed, determine what data has to be saved to report by using the “To report: Phototrichogram, Hair density, Hair diameter” checkboxes (13.39). Click on the "Conclusion /Print the results" section (13.2). Generated per above selection report for the diagnostic session will open up behind diagnostic session window, as a MS Word document file. This convenient format of reporting allows to add/edit/delete any data within it per user discretion. Print the report and close it. You will be prompted to save it before exiting. You may also save it as an uneditable PDF file to personal patients folder in “Additional Studies” folder, conveniently accessible from desktop, to email it or other uses. When finished, you can exit by closing the diagnostic session window. You will be prompted to save the session. If you choose to save it, this patient’s diagnostic session will be recorded and appear in the “Performed Phototrichograms” module (1.6, Fig.1) in the form of date and time of the session. Any recurring patient sessions will be also recorded and listed in the module if saved. Any of these sessions may be reviewed anytime. To choose the session of interest right-click on the appropriate date, so it gets highlighted in blue. Depending on what has to be viewed, specific diagnostic session itself or generated session report, click on the "Load session" button (1.17) or the "Show report" button (1.18) respectively.

• **NOTE:** Any performed during diagnostic session actions and their results are stored by default in the final report. If some specific data was not included into the report or you wish to include some additional information, close the report without saving it. Make any changes and open the report again. You will be prompted to go to the previously developed report or generate new one. If you do not want to generate full report at all, or want it to be partial, uncheck some or all three “To report: Phototrichogram, Hair density, Hair diameter” checkboxes (13.29, Fig.13). Even if you choose not to save data into the final report, it does not mean, that this data is "lost" after the session ends. All data obtained will be stored, if the session itself is saved. Other report options and directions are identical to those, described in Chapter 10 “Generating conclusion report” function above.

• **ATTENTION:** If after the diagnostic session completion the session’s report was generated and saved, it will be listed in the “Performed Phototrichograms” module (1.6, Fig.1) with the “✦” sign following the date and time of the session. Only in this case, the "Show report" button (1.18) will be enabled.
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After entering “New patient” (1.1, Fig.1) information (1.2) and filling out the “Outpatient card” data (1.3), in order to proceed with the diagnostic session, click "Trichogram” module button (1.22). The “Trichogram” diagnostic session window (14.0, Fig.14) will open. If the patient has been entered into the program already, select the patients’ name from “Patient’s name” list (1.15) and proceed to the diagnostic session.

14.1 Conducting the “Trichogram” session.

In the opened “Trichogram” diagnostic session window (14.0, Fig.14) press the "Scan" icon (14.12), the image capture window will open. Usually left window is used for Parietal area and right window for Occipital area study. Place the Diagnosis Scope lens on epilated hair root(s), extracted from patient’s scalp, and position the mouse cursor within image capture window. Trichogram study typically requires about 50 hairs to be epilated. After good quality image is obtained, lock it by pressing left mouse button. Click “OK” and the picture will appear in the corresponding window. Use the block of 7 hair type icons (14.1) to mark up hair roots in the field of view. By placing mouse cursor over each of these icons, you will have their names displayed. This group of 7 icons provides functionality to mark up Anagen, Dysplastic Anagen, Broken Anagen, Anagen with Papilla, as well as Catagen, Telogen and Dystrophic hairs. In the window’s bottom scrollable area, representing diagnostic “Sample database” (14.20), you can locate various epilated hair root reference images. By placing mouse cursor over each of these images, you will have their names displayed. You may also place the cursor on the selected image and double-click the left mouse button to open the selected image in a separate window with its name displayed. In case of an mistake made, use “Cancel” icon (14.10) to correct it. With each additional click it will take you back by sequentially reverting to previously performed step. After completing the counting process, press “Trichogram table” icon (14.17) to open the table with results (14.25) for review.

NOTE: In order to add new diagnostic images to the “Sample database” (14.20), place mouse cursor over the image and right-click with the mouse. You will be prompted to "Add image to Own Base?”. Left-click on it in order to open the “Sample card” (14.21). Type the name of diagnosis in the “Sample title” field (14.22) and click ”Save” (14.24). The image will appear at the very end of the scrollable area. More images can be uploaded by clicking “Select image” button (14.23). If necessary, images from the “Sample database” (14.20) may be edited. To do this, place mouse cursor over any image in it and right-click. From the menu select an option to open, add, delete, change or move the selected image.

NOTE: Diagnostic images can be also downloaded from file by pressing appropriate icon (14.11). Any image files to be loaded into program have to be located in the “Additional studies” folder that was created on the desktop during installation. For convenient additional data management, for every new patient entered into program a personal subfolder is created under this “Additional studies” desktop folder. Folder content can be previewed anytime by clicking "Additional studies” module button (1.26, Fig.1).

NOTE: In case when it is necessary to save an image into a separate file, click "Save" icon (14.13). The image can also be printed by clicking the “Print” icon (14.14).
• **NOTE:** By means of "Marker" icon (14.4) you can choose and mark up with different colors any image sections, which may be important to pay patient’s attention to during the diagnostic session. Select the desired color marker and circle an area or a subject of interest. Any mark ups on the image can be deleted by using “Clear” icon (14.5)

• **NOTE:** The “Information” icon (14.6) allows placing any important information within image field by right clicking "Add information" when prompted; "Choose fields" allows to select what specific information you want to be displayed; "Reset position" is intended to move information into its original location within the image, if the image scale was changed or text has moved; “Select font” allows to choose displayed text appearance options.

• **NOTE:** For more detailed view you can zoom into image to make it larger. To do this, click on the "Adjust scale" icon (14.7). Place the mouse cursor on chosen image section and make one or more clicks with the left mouse button. Degree of magnification for selected field of view depends on the number of mouse clicks. If it becomes too high, click right mouse button to return to previous step(s).The greater magnification is being used, the higher accuracy is going to be achieved. In order to move to different magnified image section click on “Move” icon (14.8), than grab and drag it. To return the image to its original scale, click “Scaling per window size” icon (14.9). Also "Choose frame" icon (14.16) allows to obtain additional image(s) in the new window(s) added "on top" of the previous one.

• **ATTENTION!:** Before proceeding to diagnostic session, make sure “Scope scaling” icon (14.15) settings have been set according to the paragraph 3.3. **Scaling settings based on Diagnosis Scope magnification** above! The proper settings will directly affect the “Linear measurer” function (14.2) or “Circular measurer” function (14.3) data displayed in the yellow window by the measurement object or in the upper right corner of the image, when measuring, and in the left bottom corner under diagnostic image, when finished, should any measurements of the objects of interest will be performed!

• **14.2 Ending session. Generating conclusion. “Performed Trichograms” module.**

• After completing the Trichogram diagnostic session, check “To report” checkbox (14.19). Click the "Conclusion/Print the results" module (14.0). Generated per diagnostic session report will open up behind diagnostic session window as a MS Word document file. This convenient format of reporting allows to add/edit/delete any information within it per user discretion. Print the report and close it. You will be prompted to save it before exiting. When finished, you can exit by closing the diagnostic session window. You will be prompted to save session data. If you choose to save it, your diagnostic session will be recorded and appear in “Performed Trichograms” module (Fig.1, 1.7) in the form of date and time of the session. Any recurring patient sessions will be also recorded and listed in the module if saved. Any of these sessions may be reviewed anytime. To choose the session of interest right-click on the appropriate date, so it gets highlighted in blue. Depending on what has to be viewed, specific diagnostic session itself or generated session report, click on the "Load session" button (1.17) or the "Show report" button (1.18), respectively.

• **NOTE:** Any operations performed while working with the program results are stored by default in the final report. If some specific data was not included into the report or you wish
to include additional information, close the report without saving it. Make any changes and open the report again, you will be prompted to go to the previously generated report or build new one. If you do not want to save results into report, uncheck "To report" checkbox (14.19). Even if you choose not to save data into the report, it does not mean, that this data is "lost" after the session ends. All the data obtained will be stored if the session itself is saved.

- **ATTENTION:** If after diagnostic session completion the report per this session results was generated and saved, it will show in “Performed Trichograms” module (1.7) in form of “+” sign after date and time of the session and the "Show report" button (1.18) will be enabled!

• Chapter 15. “Dermatoscopy” module.

• After entering “New patient” (1.1, Fig.1) information (1.2) and filling out the “Outpatient card” data (1.3), in order to proceed with the diagnostic session, click "Dermatoscopy" module button (1.23). The “Dermatoscopy” section window (15.0, Fig.15) will open. If the
patient has been entered into the program already, select the name from “Patient’s name” list (1.15) and proceed to the diagnostic session.

- **15.1 Conducting the “Dermatoscopy” session.**
- Each standard “Dermatoscopy” (15.0, Fig.15) diagnostic session is composed of “General Dermatoscopy” and “Pigmented Lesions” diagnostic sections steps and “Conclusion/Print results” completion step (15.1). Both diagnostic sections are identical in use. In the opened section window press the "Scan" icon (15.12), image capture window will open. Place the Diagnosis Scope lens on chosen location of patient’s scalp and position the mouse cursor within image capture window. After good quality image is obtained, lock it by pressing the left mouse button. Click “OK” and the picture will appear in the left window. In the the right window scrollable area, representing diagnostic “Sample database” (15.20), choose the diagnostic image that is most applicable to the current case. Place cursor on the selected image and press the left mouse button. The selected image will appear in the right window (15.19). “Linear measurer” function (15.2) and/or “Circular measurer” function (15.3) allow to estimate the size, area and diameter, as well as the symmetry of the skin structures, i.e. lesions, neoplasms, melanomas, tumors, etc. Both diagnostic sessions of this module have “Calculators” functions (15.17) with three most common Dermatoscopic algorithms of pigmented lesion assessment. You may choose from “ABCD”, “ABC” and “Argeniziano” calculator algorithms (15.25) for melanoma and other tumor estimation. The “ABCD” algorithm requires the user to enter points in its third graph. Left-click on “0” and enter the corresponding number of points. For the “ABC” and “Argeniziano” algorithms mark corresponding points in the fourth graph, if applicable. When finished, you can evaluate results by pressing “Evaluation of results” button (15.26) for additional data.

- **NOTE:** In order to add new diagnostic images to “Sample database” (15.20), place mouse cursor over the image on the left and right-click. You will be prompted "Add image to Own Base?“ Left-click on it in order to open the “Sample card” (15.21). Type the name of the diagnosis in the “Sample title” field (15.22) and click "Save” (15.24). The image will appear at the very bottom of the scrollable area. You can also upload more images by clicking the “Select image” button (15.23). If necessary, images from the “Sample database” (15.20) may be edited. To do this, place mouse cursor over any image in it and right-click. From the menu select an option to open, add, delete, change or move the selected image.

- **NOTE:** Diagnostic images can be also downloaded from file by pressing appropriate icon (15.11). Any files to be uploaded into the program have to be located in the “Additional studies” folder created by the program during installation on the desktop. For convenient data management, each new patient gets a personal subfolder created under the “Additional studies” folder. Folder content can be previewed anytime by clicking the "Additional studies” module button (1.26, Fig.1).

- **NOTE:** By means of "Marker" icon (15.4) you can choose and mark up with different colors any image sections, which may be important to pay patient’s attention to during the diagnostic session. Select the desired color marker and circle an area or a subject of interest. Any mark ups on the image can be deleted by using “Clear” icon (15.5).
• **NOTE:** In case when it is necessary to save the image into a separate file, click "Save" icon (15.13). The image can also be printed out by clicking “Print” icon (15.14).

• **NOTE:** The “Information” icon (15.6) allows placing any important information within image field by right clicking "Add information" when prompted; "Choose fields" allows to select what specific information you want to be displayed; "Reset position" is intended to move information into its original location within the image, if the image scale was changed or text has moved; “Select font” allows to choose displayed text appearance options.

• **NOTE:** To make it more convenient and accurate, when counting hairs in the left image window the size of the window can be increased. To do this, grab and drag with the mouse the separating border between windows. To make the left window larger drag it to the right ("Movable border" 15.18). Respectively, when counting hairs in the right window, increase the area of the window by moving the border to the left.

• **NOTE:** For more detailed view you can zoom into image to make it larger. To do this, click on the "Adjust scale" icon (15.7). Place the mouse cursor on chosen image section and make one or more clicks with the left mouse button. Degree of magnification for selected field of view depends on the number of mouse clicks. If it becomes too high, click right mouse button to return to previous step(s). The greater magnification is being used, the higher accuracy is going to be achieved. In order to move to different magnified image section click on “Move” icon (15.8), than grab and drag it. To return the image to its original scale, click “Scaling per window size” icon (15.9). Also "Choose frame" icon (15.16) allows to obtain additional image(s) in the new window(s) added "on top" of the previous one.

• **ATTENTION!** Before proceeding to diagnostic sessions, make sure “Scope scaling” icon (15.15) settings have been set according to the paragraph 3.3. Scaling settings based on Diagnosis Scope magnification above! The proper settings will directly affect the “Linear measurer” function (15.2) or “Circular measurer” function (15.3) data displayed in the yellow window by the measurement object or in the upper right corner of the image, when measuring, and in the left bottom corner under diagnostic image, when finished, should any measurements of the objects of interest will be performed!

• **15.2 Ending session. Generating conclusion. “Performed Dermatoscopies” module.**

• After completing the Dermatoscopy session, click the "Conclusion/Print the results" section (15.0). The report will contain obtained images of the scalp and lesions, as well as diagnosis names from headings of the chosen sample image on the right and chosen calculator data. If you do not want to save everything into report, uncheck "To report" checkbox (15.29) and/or "To report" checkbox (15.27) in lower right corners of applicable calculator tables accordingly. The generated report will open up behind diagnostic session window as a MS Word document file. This convenient format of reporting allows to add/edit/delete any information within it per user discretion. Print the report and close it. You will be prompted to save it before exiting. When finished, exit by closing diagnostic session.
window. You will be prompted to save session data. If saved, your diagnostic session will be recorded and appear in the “Performed Dermatoscopies” module (1.8, Fig.1) in the form of date and time of the session. Any recurring patient sessions will be also recorded and listed in the module if saved. To choose the session of interest right-click on the appropriate date, so it gets highlighted in blue and proceed with clicking on the "Load session" button (1.17) or the "Show report" button (1.18). Other functions/settings are identical to described in paragraph 14.2 Ending session. Generating conclusion. “Performed Trichograms” module.

In order to proceed, click "Hair calculator" module button (1.24, Fig.1). The “Hair calculator” window (16.0, Fig.16) will open. This module allows to calculate total quantity of scalp hair, hair growth and hair loss rates, to compare this data to mean numbers based on patient’s sex, age and racial hair variations, and much more. The module functions in automatic mode by default. The data for its upper portion – Terminal and Vellus hairs density and percentages in Parietal and Occipital areas, percentages of Telogen and Anagen hairs in Parietal and Occipital areas, as well as percentages of Vellus Telogen hairs in Parietal and Occipital areas (16.1), is obtained from corresponding Trichoscopy and Phototrichogram sessions. “Sex” (16.2), “Age” (16.3) and “Racial variation of hair” (16.4) fields data is obtained from the data contained in Outpatient card. Per user discretion all the data above, which is being obtained automatically, may be modified and corrected anytime by typing new information into applicable fields. The bottom module portion contains calculated data in applicable fields (16.7) as follows: “Total mean and actual quantities of scalp hairs” with mean quantity in reference to specific patient’s racial hair variation and actual quantity breakdown to Terminal and Vellus hairs counts, mean and actual hair growth rates with mean rate in reference to specific patient’s racial hair variation and actual rate breakdown to Parietal and Occipital areas, total actual hair loss rates with a breakdown to Terminal and Vellus hairs counts. The measurement error may reach up to 10%, depending on user's qualifications. You may Print, Download to MS Word, Close (16.8) or save results into “Summary report” (1.30, Fig.1) by selecting "To report" checkbox (16.9) in the lower right corner of the calculator window. Also there are two additional calculators included, representing Trichometry functions, based on hair wash test (16.5) and growing hair test (16.6) results, as described below.

16.1 “Trichometry” function (hair wash test).

In order to proceed, click “Trichometry function (hair wash test)” function (16.5) button. The “Trichometry function (hair wash test)” window (16.10) will open. This function allows for better understanding of ongoing hair loss intensity and form. The test can be carried out only if patient’s hair are at least 5 cm. long and were not washed at least 3 days prior to the test. Enter the "Date of hair sampling" (16.11) and patient’s “Current mean hair length, cm” (16.12) into appropriate fields. Count shed during hair wash and collected for the test Telogen hairs, based on their lengths. Enter results into left table column “Hair quantity” (16.13) appropriate fields. After filling in data required you will get automatically calculated results of the percentages of the Telogen hairs depending on their length in the right column “Percentage of hair” (16.14). For example, if the quantity of shed during wash hairs with lengths up to 3 cm. is going to be greater than 20%, this will indicate the potential progression of Alopecia Androgenetica. As finished you may Print, Download to MS Word, Close (16.5) or save results into “Summary report” (1.30, Fig.1) by selecting "To report" checkbox (16.6) in the lower right corner of the calculator window.
16.2 “Trichometry” function (growing hair test).

In order to proceed, click “Trichometry (growing hair test)” function (16.6) button. The “Trichometry (growing hair test)” window (16.17) will open. This function allows for retrospective calculation of total quantities of hairs shed within 5, 4, 3, 2 consecutive months preceding to the test. To carry out the test a fixed quantity of hairs growing within neighboring follicular units from select scalp areas is being epilated and affixed to a scotch tape in order to measure their lengths. Enter the "Date of hair sampling" (16.18) into appropriate field and amount of hairs collected for the test, depending on their lengths, into the left table column “Total amount” (16.19) appropriate fields. After filling in applicable data you will get in the right table column an automatically calculated results of the “Intensity of monthly hair loss” (16.20) for the five preceding to the test months. You may Print, Download to MS Word, Close (16.21) or save results into “Summary report” (1.30, Fig.1) by selecting "To report" checkbox (16.22) in the lower right corner of the calculator window.
Chapter 17. “Hospital anxiety and depression scale” module.

In order to proceed, click “Hospital anxiety and depression scale” module button (1.22, Fig.1). The “Hospital anxiety and depression scale” window (17.0, Fig.17) will open. This module is based on “Zigmond A., Snaith R. 1983” questionnaire. The patient should answer 14 questions of this questionnaire by selecting one out of four answer choices. After finished click “OK” to save data or “Cancel” to exit (17.1). To get evaluation of results press the “Conclusion” button (17.2). The “Conclusion” table (17.3) with automatic evaluation will open. Press the “Detailed report” button (17.4) if you want to get all complete test data. The “Detailed report” window (17.5) will open. You may Print, Download to MS Word, Close (17.6) or save results into “Summary report” (1.30, Fig.1) by selecting "To report" checkbox (17.7) in the lower right corner of the window.

After entering “New patient” (1.1, Fig.1) information (1.2) and filling out the “Outpatient card” data (1.3) in order to proceed with the diagnostic session, click "Additional Studies" module button (1.26). The “Additional Studies” section window (18.0, Fig.18) will open. This module is intended to be used primarily for “Global photographs” study assessment to evaluate performed treatment results and/or progress, however, any other images taken by Diagnosis Scope, i.e. Trichoscope or any other microscopic or regular camera, e.g. any specific scalp area changes, etc., may be uploaded and used per user discretion. If the patient has been entered into the program already, select the name from “Patient’s name” list (1.15) and proceed to the diagnostic session.

18.1 Conducting the “Additional Study” session.

In the opened “Additional studies” section window (18.0, Fig.18) press the "Scan" icon (18.5), the image capture window will open. To perform before and after treatment comparison, load the “before the treatment” image into the left window for “Image Nr.1” and the “after the treatment” image into the right window for “Image Nr.2”. Images can be also loaded from file by pressing appropriate icon (18.4). Any image files to be loaded into program have to be located in the “Additional studies” folder that was created on the desktop during installation. For convenient additional data management, for every new patient entered into program a personal subfolder is created under the “Additional studies” folder. Folder content can be previewed anytime by clicking "Additional studies” module button (1.26, Fig.1).

NOTE: In case when it is necessary to save the image into a separate file, click "Save" icon (18.6). Image will be saved into the “Additional studies” desktop folder. The image can also be printed out by clicking the “Print” icon (18.7). After completing the session, check “To report” checkbox (18.10) to have the obtained data saved into the “Summary report” (1.30, Fig.1).

NOTE: To get a closer look on any image part in the left window, the size of it may be increased. To do this, grab and drag with the mouse the separating border between windows. To make left window larger drag it to the right ("Movable border" 18.9). Respectively, when counting hair in the right window, increase the area of the window by moving the border to the left.

NOTE: For more detailed view you can zoom into image to make it larger. To do this, click on the "Adjust scale" icon (1.1). Place the mouse cursor on chosen image section and make one or more clicks with the left mouse button. Degree of magnification for selected field of view depends on the number of mouse clicks. If it becomes too high, click right mouse button to return to previous step(s). In order to move to different magnified image section click on on “Move” icon (18.2), than grab and drag it. To return the image to its original scale, click “Scaling per window size” icon (18.3). Also "Choose frame" icon (18.8) allows to obtain additional image(s) in the new window(s) added "on top" of the previous one.

After completing the “Additional Studies” session, check “To report” checkbox (18.10) to have data saved into “Summary report” (1.30, Fig.1). Click the "Conclusion/Print results" module (18.0). Generated per session results report will open up behind session window as a MS Word document file. This convenient format of reporting allows to add/edit/delete any information within it per user discretion. Print the report and close it. You will be prompted to save it before exiting. When finished, you can exit by closing the diagnostic session window. You will be prompted to save session data. If you choose to save it, your diagnostic session will be recorded and appear in “Performed Additional Studies” module (1.9, Fig.1) in the form of date and time of the session. Any recurring patient sessions will be also recorded and listed in the module if saved. Any of these sessions may be reviewed anytime. To choose the session of interest right-click on the appropriate date, so it gets highlighted in blue. Depending on what has to be viewed, specific diagnostic session itself or generated session report, click on the "Load session" button (1.17) or the "Show report" button (1.18), respectively. Other functions/settings are identical to described in paragraph 14.2 Ending session. Generating conclusion. “Performed Trichograms” module.

After completing all diagnostic sessions, in order to proceed, click on “Conclusions and Recommendations” module button (1.28, Fig.1) to open the “Conclusions and Recommendations” window (19.0, Fig.19). This module is intended to record patient’s specific diagnostic conclusions, results and applicable notes. It also offers extended listings of common diagnoses and additional diagnostic tests, as well as mostly used topical, oral and physical therapy products and practices, to choose from.

19.1 Conducting the “Conclusions and Recommendations” session.

In the opened “Conclusions and Recommendations” window (19.0, Fig.19) from the “List of diagnoses” section (19.2) select an applicable clinical case by marking up appropriate checkbox, chosen diagnosis will be displayed in the right field. If proper diagnosis is not listed, go to the “Diagnosis” section (19.1) and type it in. Also any other important clinical case related additional information may be entered in this field. Other sections of “Diagnostic tests” (19.3), “Topical treatment” (19.4), “Oral therapy” (19.5) and “Physiotherapy” (19.6) allow to select applicable diagnostic and therapeutic activities from appropriate lists of recommendations. The “Reference materials” section (19.7) offers selection of standard hair loss and other classification diagrams as well as other useful data, used in “Questionnaire” section (2.4, Fig.2) of the “Outpatient card” module (1.3, Fig.1). The “Search” engine (19.8) allows to easily find various diagnostic and therapeutic activities available in the program by entering applicable keyword into the search field.

NOTE: If any additional information has to be entered into modules’ sections (19.2-19.7), go to the relevant section, place mouse cursor anywhere within information listings (19.9), and click the right mouse button. From the opened menu (19.10) select the “Add” prompt to open “Add record” window (19.11). Enter the new item name and in table’s “Add” section choose where to place it. If you want to enter a new section title, click the checkbox on the right. This will center the new record and make it bold. Click “OK” to save changes. You can “Delete record” or “Download from file” any text files by selecting appropriate prompts. If changes have to be applied to any existing item in the list, select it first by left-clicking the mouse. You can edit information by using “Rename”, “Find”, “Move up” and “Move down” prompts. Also there is “Detailed information” prompt, which is designated for adding extended information to any listed items. By selecting this option, the empty MS Word file will open allowing to conveniently enter any important information per user discretion. Any information entered will be saved by default and an “i” icon will appear next to selected item name. Thus, while viewing informational listings, it can be easily understood which items have additional detailed descriptions. These descriptions may be deleted anytime by using “Delete information” prompt.

19.2 Ending session. “Performed Conclusions and Recommendations” module.

After completing all appropriate sections you may Print, Download to MS Word, Close (19.12) or save results into “Summary report” (1.30, Fig.1) by selecting "To report"
• checkbox (19.13) in the lower right corner of the window. Click the "**Download into MS Word**" button. Generated per session results report will open up behind session window as a MS Word document file. This convenient format of reporting allows to add/edit/delete any information within it per user discretion. Print the report and close it. You will be prompted to save it before exiting. When finished, you can exit by closing the diagnostic session window. You will be prompted to save session data. If you choose to save it, your diagnostic session will be recorded and appear in “**Performed Conclusions and Recommendations**” module (1.10, Fig.1) in the form of date and time of the session. Any recurring patient sessions will be also recorded and listed in the module if saved. Any of these sessions may be reviewed anytime. To choose the session of interest right-click on the appropriate date, so it gets highlighted in blue and proceed with clicking on the "**Load session**" button (1.17) or the "**Show report**" button (1.18). Other functions/settings are identical to described in paragraph 14.2 Ending session. Generating conclusion. “**Performed Trichograms**” module.
Chapter 20. “Automatic conclusion” function.

In order to proceed, click “Automatic Conclusion” function button (1.29, Fig.1). The “Automatic Conclusion” window (20.0) will open. This function is implemented to calculate for the differential diagnosis between most common Alopecia Androgenetica and Telogen Effluvium hair loss diagnoses. Calculations are based on “Outpatient card” (1.3, Fig.1) questionnaire information and “Trichoscopy” (1.20), “Phototrichogram” (1.21) and “Trichogram” (1.22) sessions calculated data. This information, as well as other subjective and objective data obtained during diagnostic sessions, is being collected and processed in a specialized table, which assigns and counts specific points. For the conclusion to be correct it is important to have questionnaire information completely filled out, as well as various conducted measurement and calculation results, i.e. hair density, diameter, follicular unit and perifollicular sign counts, Terminal/Vellus and Anagen/Telogen hair ratio assessment data in various scalp locations, percentages of Vellus to Telogen hair numbers, etc. The total results obtained in this table indicate the potential activity of each of these processes. Since signs of Androgenetic and Diffuse Alopecia often coexist, this issue typically turns to be a frequent cause of diagnostic difficulties. You may Print, Download to MS Word, Close (20.1) or save results into “Summary report” (1.30, Fig.1) by selecting "To report" checkbox (20.2) in the lower right corner of the window.

NOTE: One of the most frequent diagnostic difficulties is to distinguish Female Pattern Hair Loss signs from Chronic Telogen Effluvium in women in the early stages of hair loss development. In the early stages of Androgenetic Alopecia, despite the reduction in hair density in the Parietal area, the total quantity of hairs within the Parietal area remains higher than in the Occipital area. The average diameter of hairs in the Parietal area is also reduced, but there are no significant changes in diameters of the hairs in the Occipital area. There is an increase in the quantity of fine hairs in the Parietal area, as compared to the Occipital area and there is a reduction in the quantity of thick hairs in the Parietal area, as compared to the Occipital area. There is an increase in the percentage of Telogen hairs in the Parietal area, as compared to the Occipital area. There is a pronounced condition of the Anisotrichosis and an increased percentage of single follicular units in the Parietal area, as compared to the Occipital area. Though it should be noted, that with appearance of the “Yellow Dots”, indicating the presence of empty follicles, the calculation of percentage of Vellus hair becomes impractical, as their quantity begins to decline since empty follicles in form of “Yellow Dots” start to replace thinning hairs.

NOTE: An appearance of the “Spiky Hairs” indicates the intensity of hair loss, but does not reflect progressive hair thinning. The progressive thinning of hair is best reflected by the Anisotrichosis value and the proportion of Vellus hairs in Telogen phase.

After completing all diagnostic sessions and studies, as well as generating conclusions and reports for the patient, in order to proceed, click “Summary report” function button (1.30, Fig. 1). When prompted (21.0) to select components for the report, choose the items you want to be included into report, i.e. Trichoscopy, Phototrichogram, Trichogram, Dermatoscopy, Hair calculator, Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale, Additional Studies, Conclusions.
and Recommendations, Automatic Conclusion (21.1). When finished click “OK” (21.2). The “Summary report” will be generated as MS Word document file.

• NOTE: “Summary report” may include any patient images stored in “Additional Studies” folder on the desktop. To do this click ”Additional Studies” button (1.26), locate and open images, that you plan to include into report. Place the cursor within the open image field, right-click the mouse and select “To report” when prompted. The image will be stored within the report and will remain in it anytime the new “Summary report” is generated.

- 21.1 “Set template for report” function.
- The “Set template for report” function (1.31, Fig.1) is designated for cases, when it is necessary to print out “Summary report” or any other reports on the specific preset forms with the company or institution name, address and other information on it. The template file should be a document in the MS Word 97-2003 (.doc) file format. If you wish the report content to be printed out within specific area of the template, mark this area on template with “$$$$”. If no mark up is present, the report will be built and attached to the end of the template.
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