

xRapid wins 18% of the French Awards at CES 2021

- xRapid, the international start up from Aix-en-Provence (France), has been awarded twice out of a total of 11 French prizes.
- Its intelligent xHale mask (wearable) and xRblood Pro Covid-19 test device were recognised for their relevance in the pandemic context and their strong innovation factor.
- xRapid is the only French company to be honoured two years in a row at CES and the only one to be an Honoree Award recipient 2 prizes in 2021.

Aix-en-Provence, France, 6 January 2020 - Specialised in the design and deployment of digital instruments and Artificial Intelligence for the healthcare industry, French-based international start-up xRapid Group is the recipient of 2 Honoree Awards at CES 2021 - a record, while only 11 French start-ups are named.

Already an Honoree at CES 2020, xRapid receives another nomination in the 2021 edition for its xRblood Pro. Equipped with a patented artificial intelligence (AI), xRblood Pro enables complete blood tests to be carried out at home (red blood cells, white cells, blood platelets, etc.) in the same way they would in the laboratory. As early as April 2020, the company provided laboratories with unprecedented analytical capacity for test validation with xRcovid, an AI solution embedded in a mobile App dedicated to analysis and monitoring of rapid diagnostic serological tests (RDTs) for Covid-19.

xRapid is also an Innovation Award Honoree in the Wearable Technology category with its [xHale mask](#), the world's first intelligent and connected mask; the mask allows us to breathe normally and offers an unprecedented level of comfort. Its pressure-sensing ventilation technology makes it suitable for everyday use, not only for protection against viruses, but also against pollens or any other natural or industrial pollution.

The mask is also particularly adapted to sportsmen and sportswomen, people who are subject to panic attacks or suffer from asthma-like respiratory diseases. xHale offers a level of protection similar to UNS1, FFP2 and FFP3, adaptable with a simple filter.

"The French contingent at CES continues to be strong, and we can only note the breakthrough of the local start-ups as a real breeding ground for innovation. At xRapid, we service common good on a global scale using our advanced, artificial intelligence technologies. The renown of a CES award only confirms our ability to bring concrete solutions to the needs of the post-Covid era" says Jean Viry-Babel, CEO and co-founder of xRapid Group.

xRapid indeed chose to work alongside the French government in the fight against Covid-19; it should be noted that the xRblood Pro solution, known for blood tests and antigenic tests, now has the capacity to streamline the healthcare data monitoring process, directly sharing results with DGS (French National Healthcare ministry – Direction Générale de la Santé), thus considerably improving the transmission of information and responding to crucial timing issues.

A leader in innovation, founded in 2015 by Jean Viry-Babel and Professor David Mendels, xRapid Group's mission is to apply Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies and computer science to previously unexplored fields in the hope of improving people's lives around the world.

About xRapid Group

Co-founded in 2015 by Jean Viry-Babel and Professor David Mendels, xRapid Group is an international start-up with 25 employees in France, Great Britain, the United States and China. It is a leader in the automated AI diagnosis of fibres in the air. Its application to detect malaria, launched in 2015, has already analysed more than a million tests. In January 2020, it won an award at CES 2020 in Las Vegas for its blood test device. Faced with the rising epidemic, xRapid Group mobilised its teams of experts to create its xHale smart mask in just a few months. In the same way as other xRapid Group products, xHale brings its technology to the service of health in order to improve our living conditions.

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