

Clinical Cytogenetics

Disorders of the Autosomes

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Chapter 6

1. Autosomal Disorders

- Numerical disorders
- Structural disorders

2. The sex chromosomes and their abnormalities (Pr I. Maystadt)



A microscopic image of several chromosomes, appearing as purple, elongated structures with distinct bands. A DNA double helix is overlaid on one of the chromosomes, illustrating the molecular structure of the genetic material. The background is a dark, textured grey.

Numerical Autosomes Disorders

Numerical autosomes abnormalities

- Most of them are spontaneously aborted (94%)
- Incidence in newborns: 1/160 births (0.5-0.7%)

	Pregnancies (incidence)	% Spontaneous abortions	% Live births
Total	10000	1500 (15%)	8500 (85%)
Abnormal chromosomes	800 (8%)	750 (94%)	50 (6%)
Triploid/tetraploid	170 (1.7%)	170 (100%)	0
Trisomy 16	112 (1.1%)	112 (100%)	0
Trisomy 18	20 (0.2%)	19 (95%)	1 (5%)
Trisomy 21	45 (0.4%)	35 (78%)	10 (22%)
Other trisomy	209 (2%)	208 (99.5%)	1 (0.5%)

Incidence of autosomal aneuploidies in 10000 pregnancies (Table 5-5)

- ! Except for mosaic forms



Numerical autosomes abnormalities

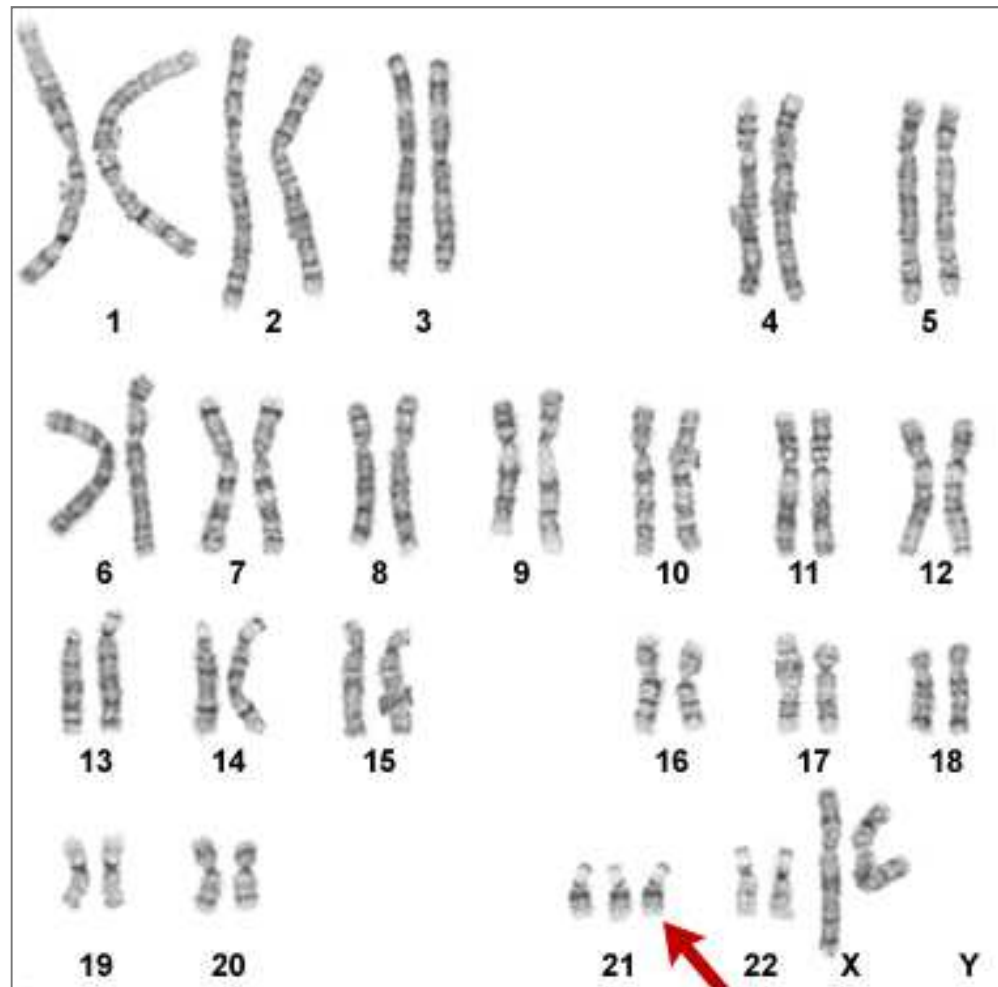
- 3 well-defined non mosaic chromosome numerical disorders compatible with postnatal survival:
 - Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome)
 - Trisomy 18
 - Trisomy 13

	Number	Approximate incidence
Total	68.159	
Trisomy 21	82	1/830
Trisomy 18	9	1/7500
Trisomy 13	3	1/22700
Other aneuploidy	2	1/34000
All aneuploidies	96	1/700

*Incidence of autosomal aneuploidies in newborn surveys
(Table 5-3)*

Down syndrome (Trisomy 21)

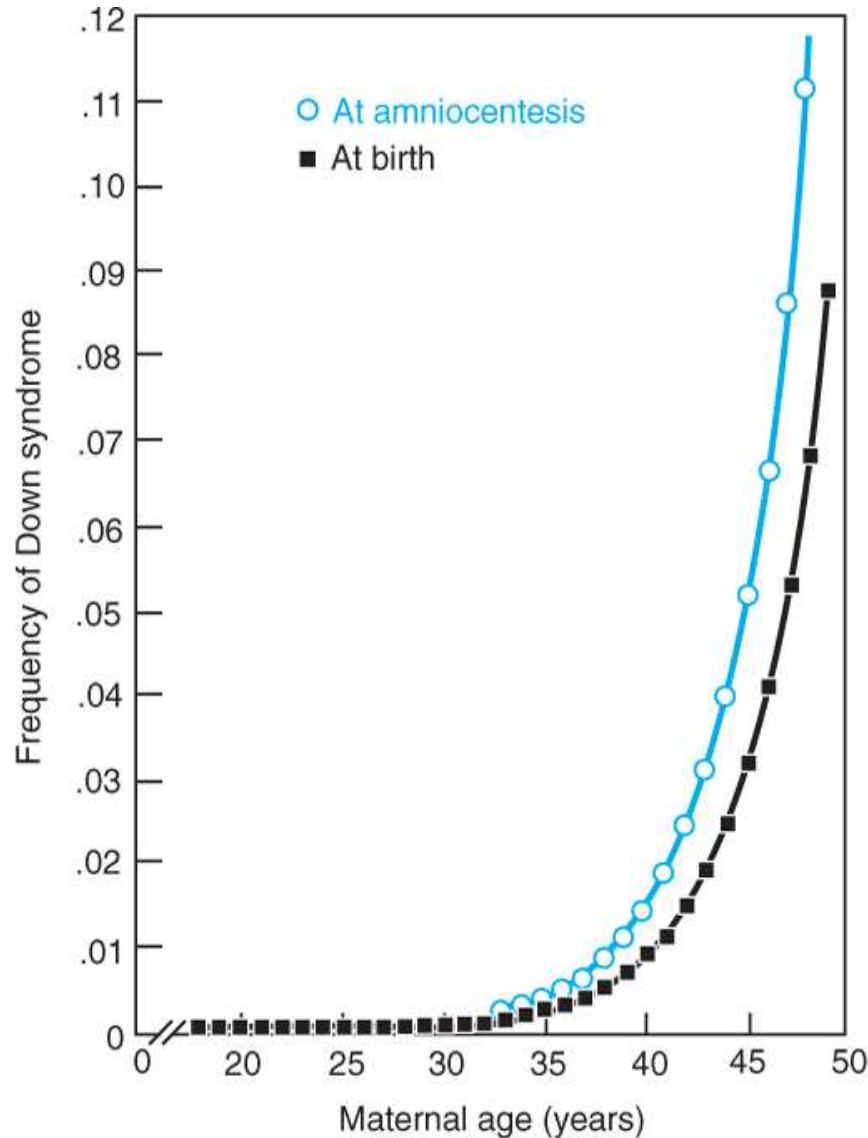
- First clinically described in 1866 by Langdon Down
genetically explained in 1959
- 1/800 live births



47,XX,+21

Down syndrome (Trisomy 21)

- increased risk with higher maternal age



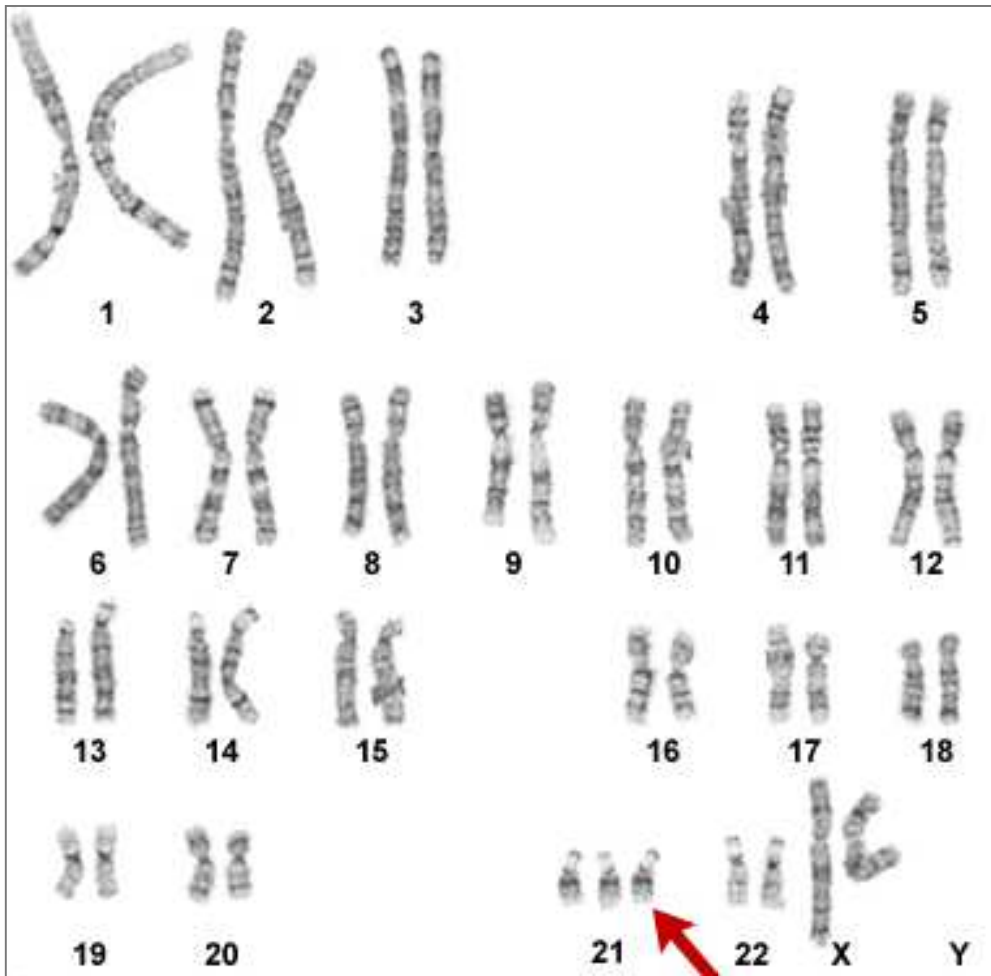
Mat age (years)	At birth	Amn Liq (16w)	CVS (9-11w)
15-19	1/1250	-	-
20-24	1/1400	-	-
25-29	1/1100	-	-
33	1/625	1/420	1/370
35	1/385	1/250	1/250
38	1/175	1/115	1/115
40	1/100	1/70	1/80
42	1/65	1/40	1/30
≥50	1/25	1/20	1/15

Table 15-1
(chapter 15)



Down syndrome (Trisomy 21)

- 95% = meiotic nondisjunction of the chromosome 21 pair
 - ↳ 90% maternal meiosis I, 10% paternal meiosis II
 - ↳ « old egg » model



STANDARD TRISOMY 21

Recurrence risk: 1%

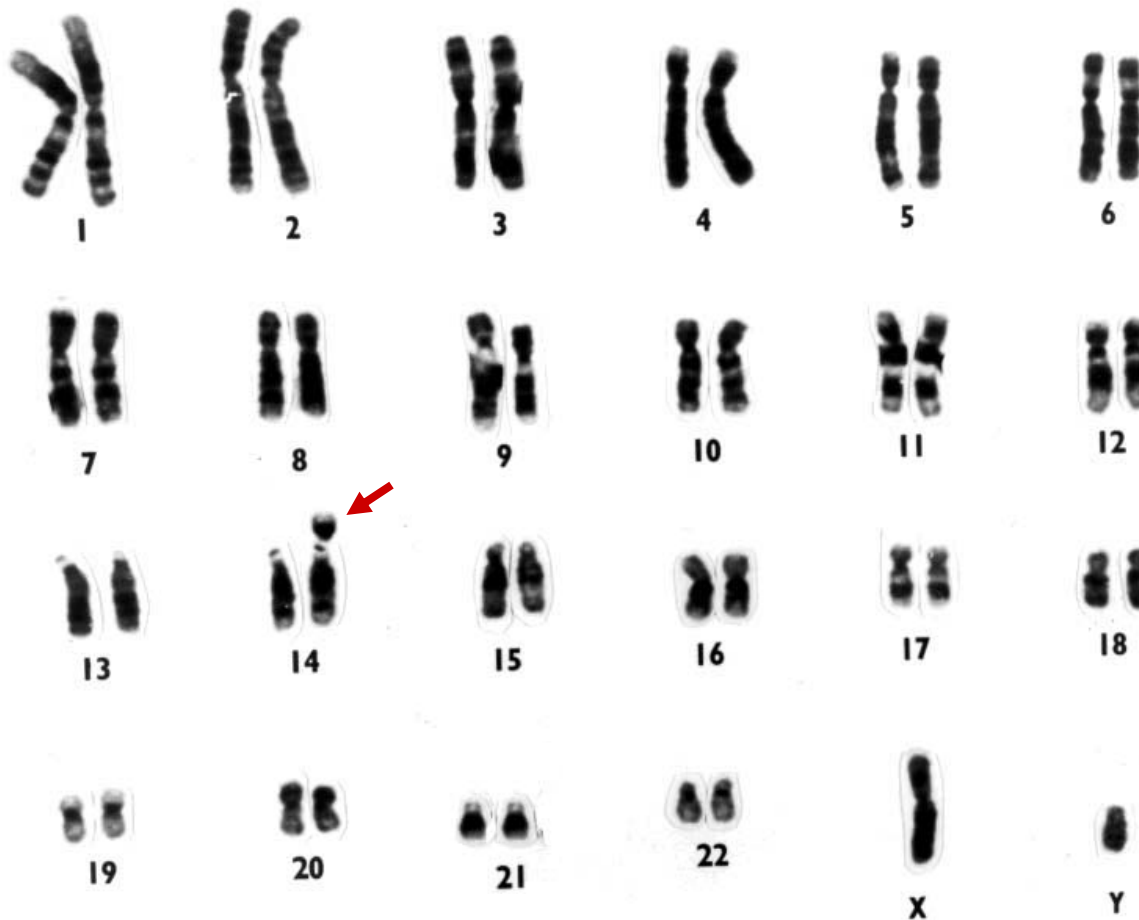
→ 1.4% <30y

→ age-related risk >30y

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Down syndrome (Trisomy 21)

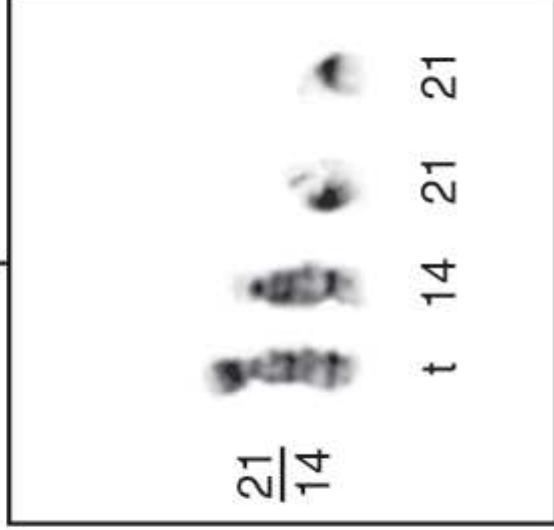
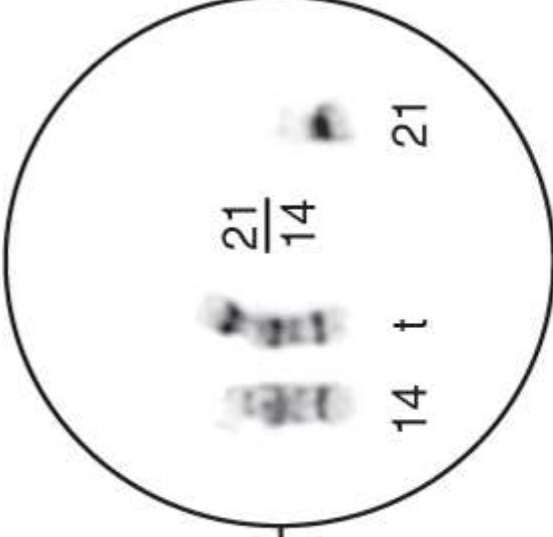
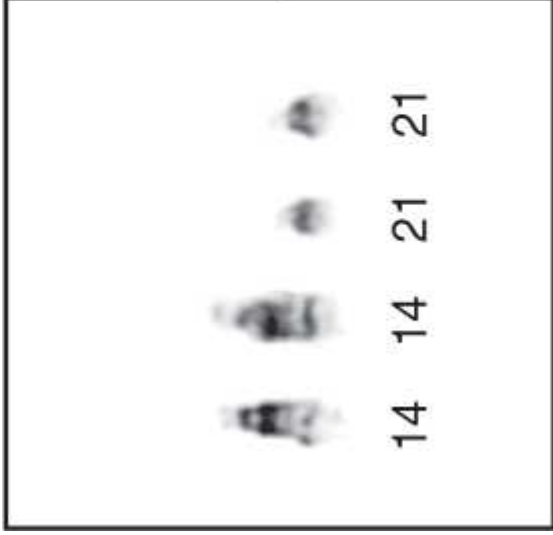
- 4% = Robertsonian Translocation
der(14;21), der(21;22), der(21;21)



TRISOMY 21
by translocation

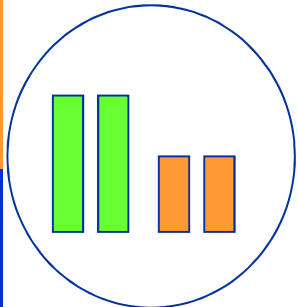
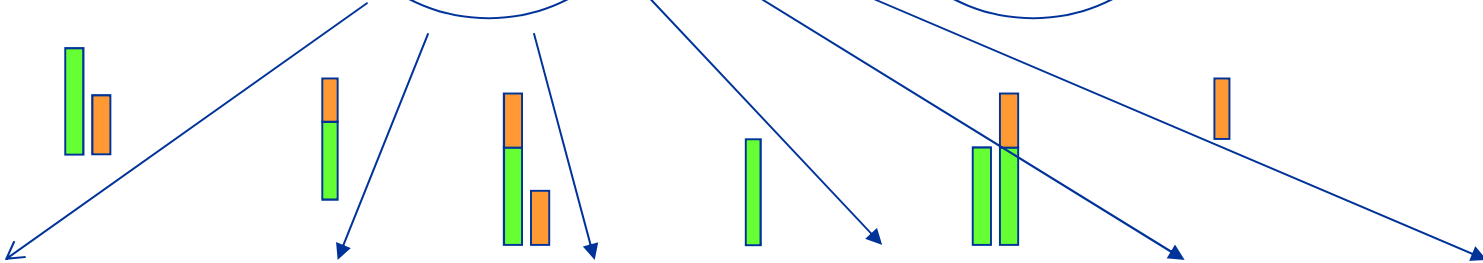
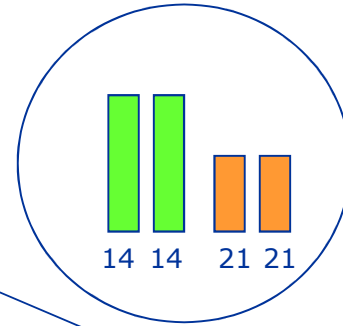
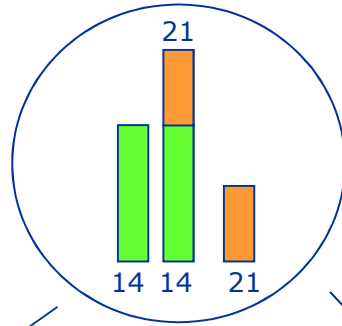
Recurrence risk: ↑↑

46,XY,rob(14;21)(q10;q10),+21

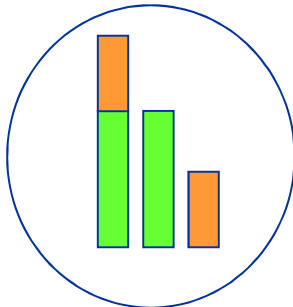


45,XX,rob(14;21)

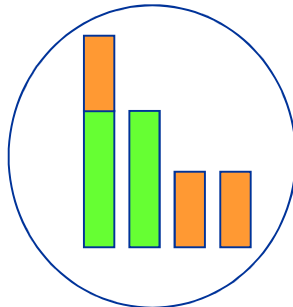
46,XY



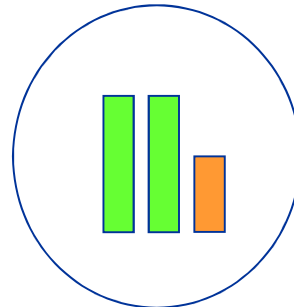
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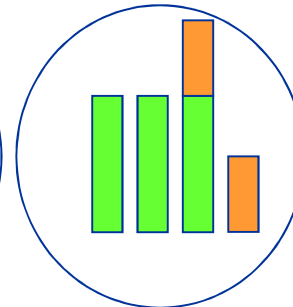
Balanced translocation



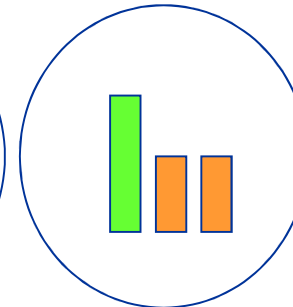
Trisomy 21



Monosomy 21



Trisomy 14



Monosomy 14

Viable

Not Viable



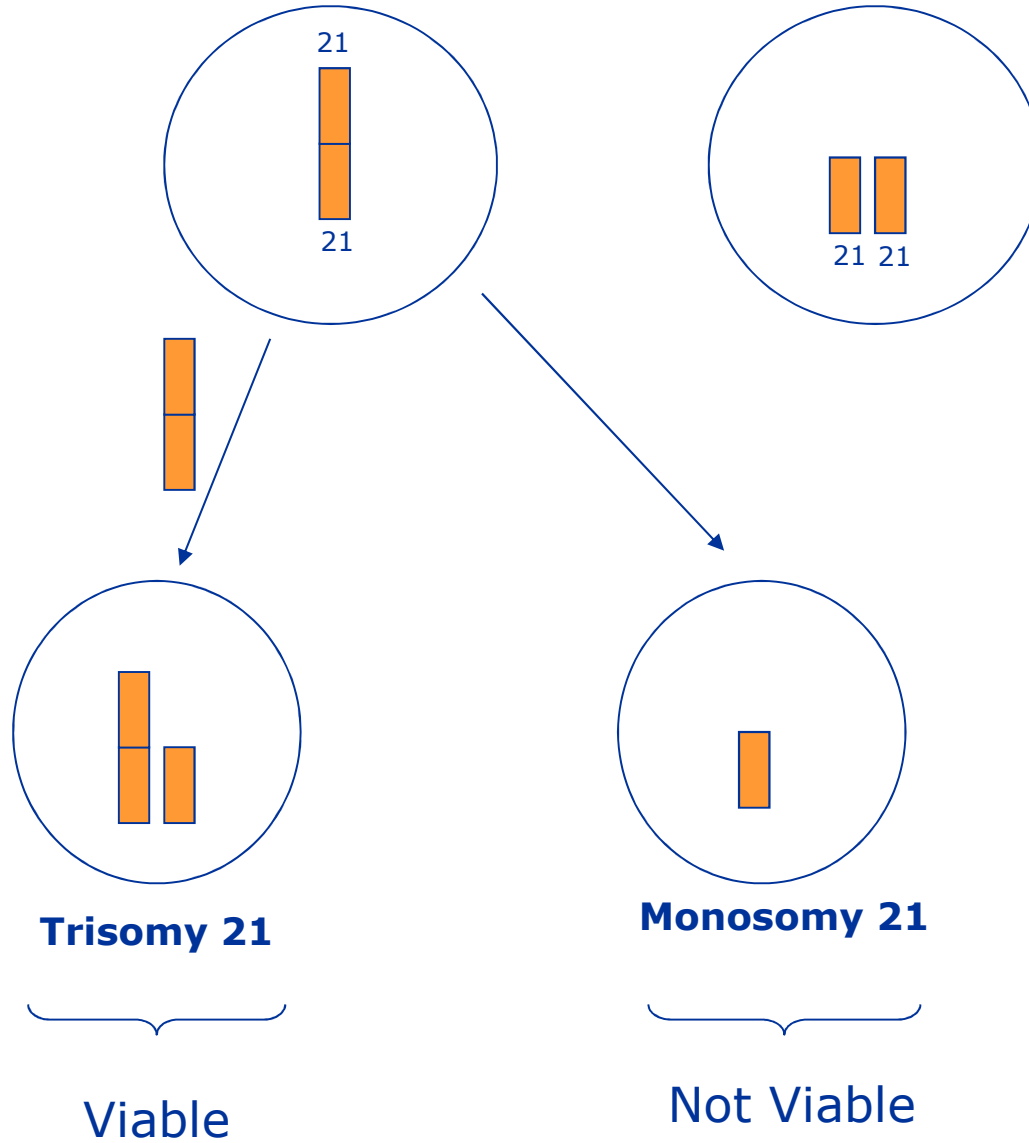
Down syndrome (Trisomy 21)



46,XY,rob(21;21)(q10;q10),+21
Or 46,XY,i(21)(q10)

45,XX,rob(21;21)
or
45,XX,i(21)(q10)

46,XY

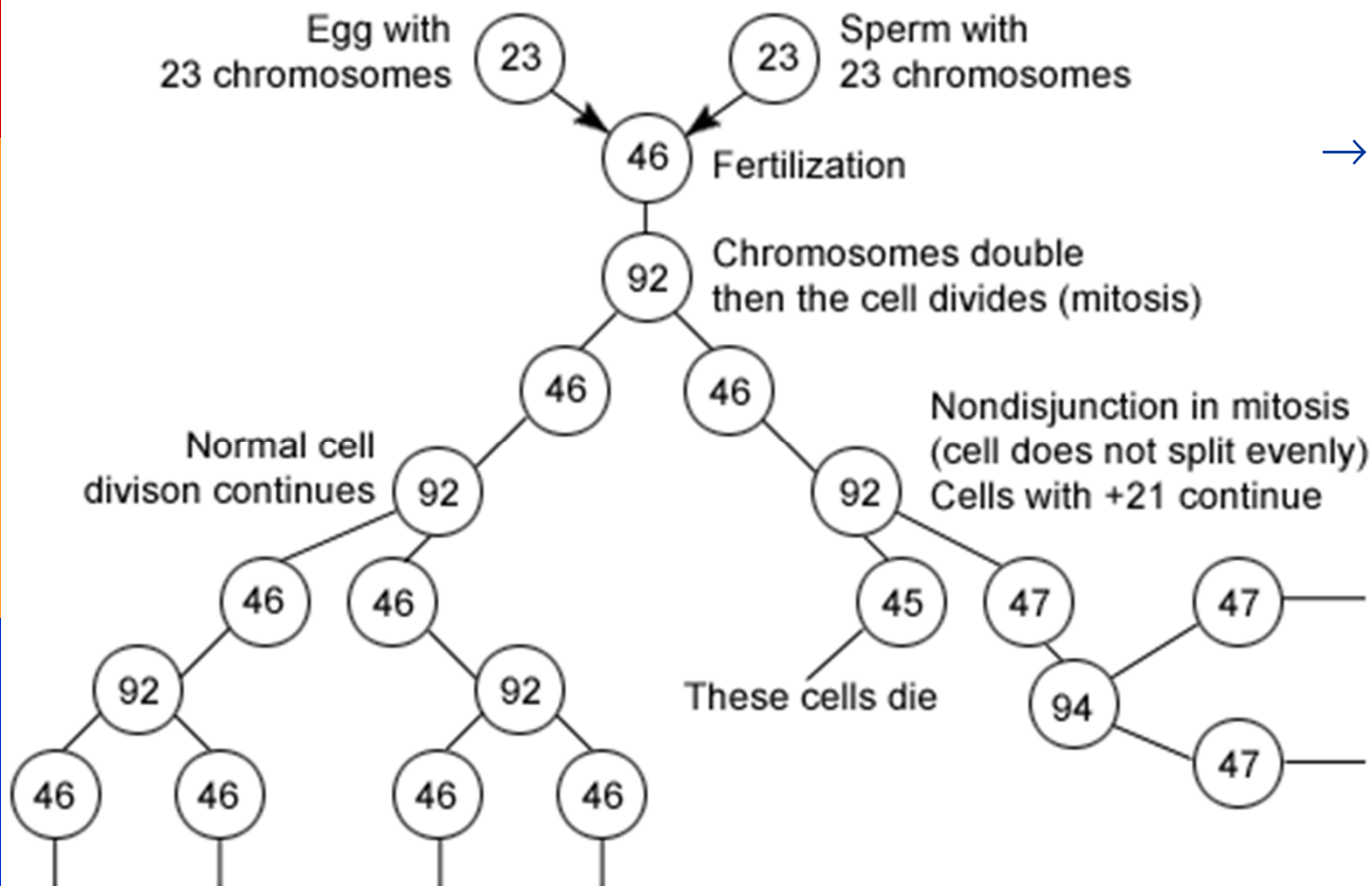


TRISOMY 21 by translocation : recurrence risk

	Maternal carrier 45,XX,rob	Paternal carrier 45,XY,rob
Rob (14;21)	10-15%	2.5%
Rob (21;22)	10-15%	2.5%
Rob (21;21) or i(21)	100%	100%

Down syndrome (Trisomy 21)

- 2%: mosaic Down syndrome

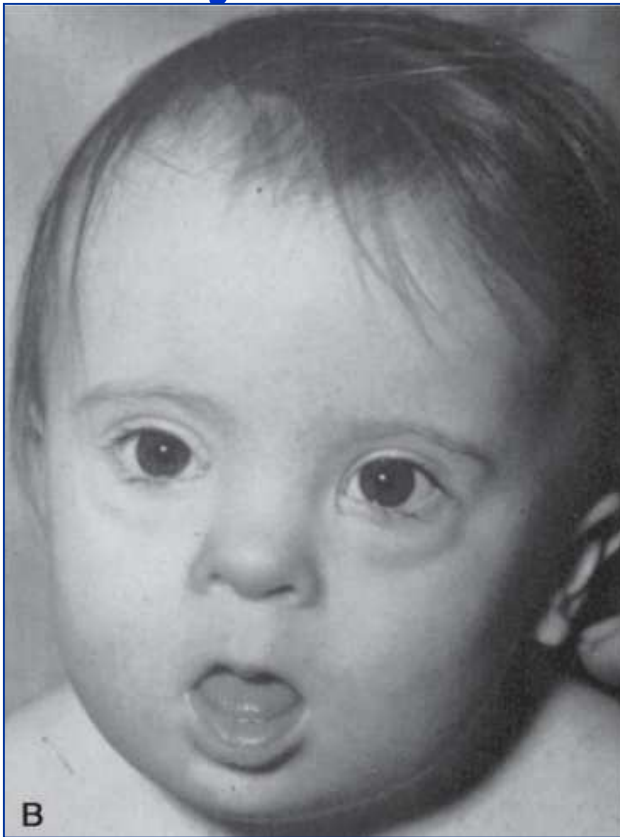


→ No recurrence risk



- <1%: Partial trisomy 21

Down syndrome: postnatal diagnosis



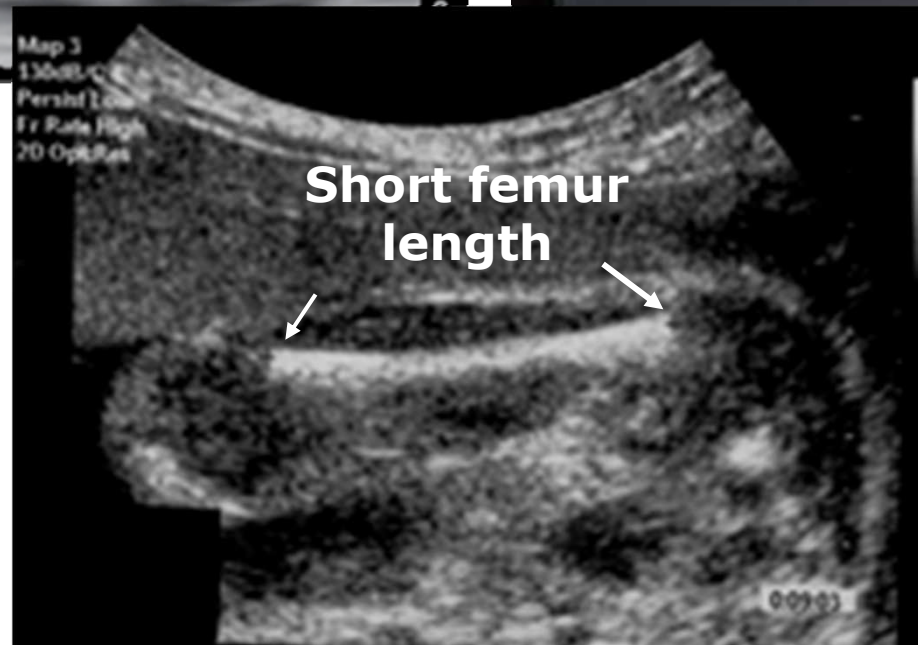
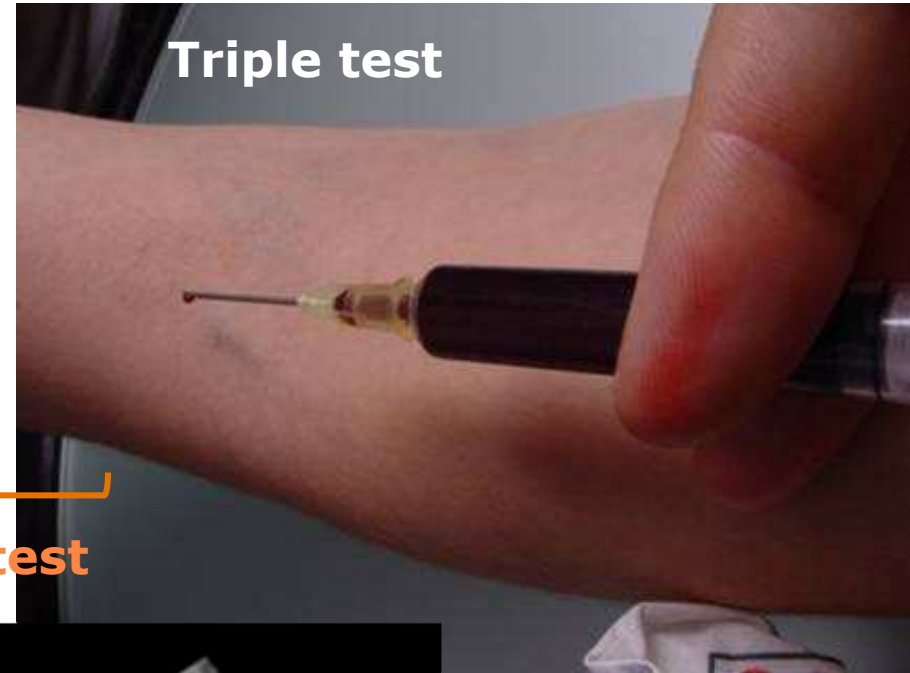
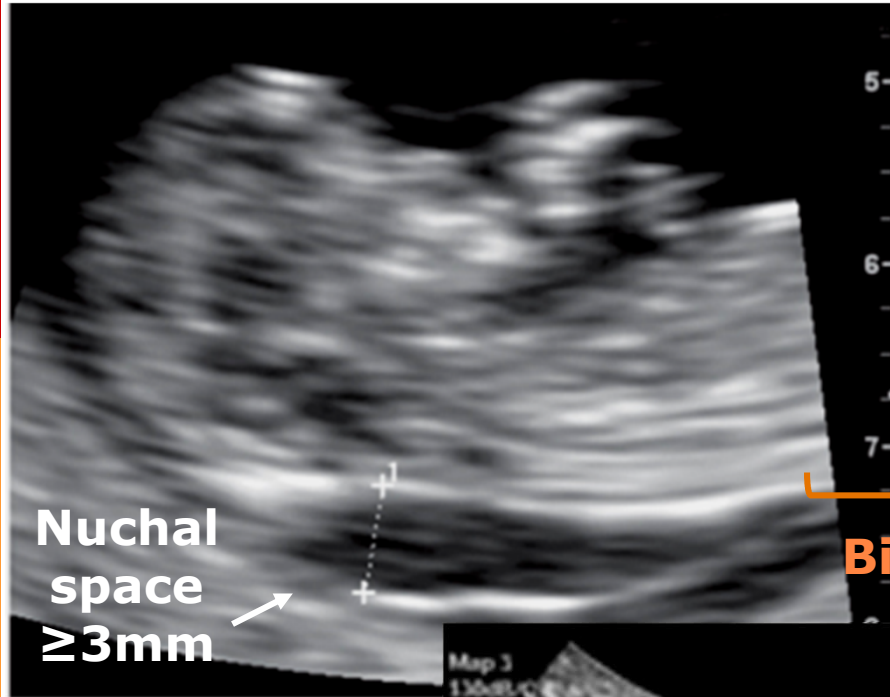
- Dysmorphic features
 - **Short stature**
 - Flattened face
 - Brachycephaly, flat occiput
 - Bilateral epicanthus
 - Upslanting palpebral fissures
 - Brushfield spots
 - Protruding tongue
 - Low-set-ears
 - **Short neck, with loose skin**
 - Short and broad hands
 - Single transverse palmar crease
 - Clinodactyly
 - « sandal » gap



Down syndrome (Trisomy 21)

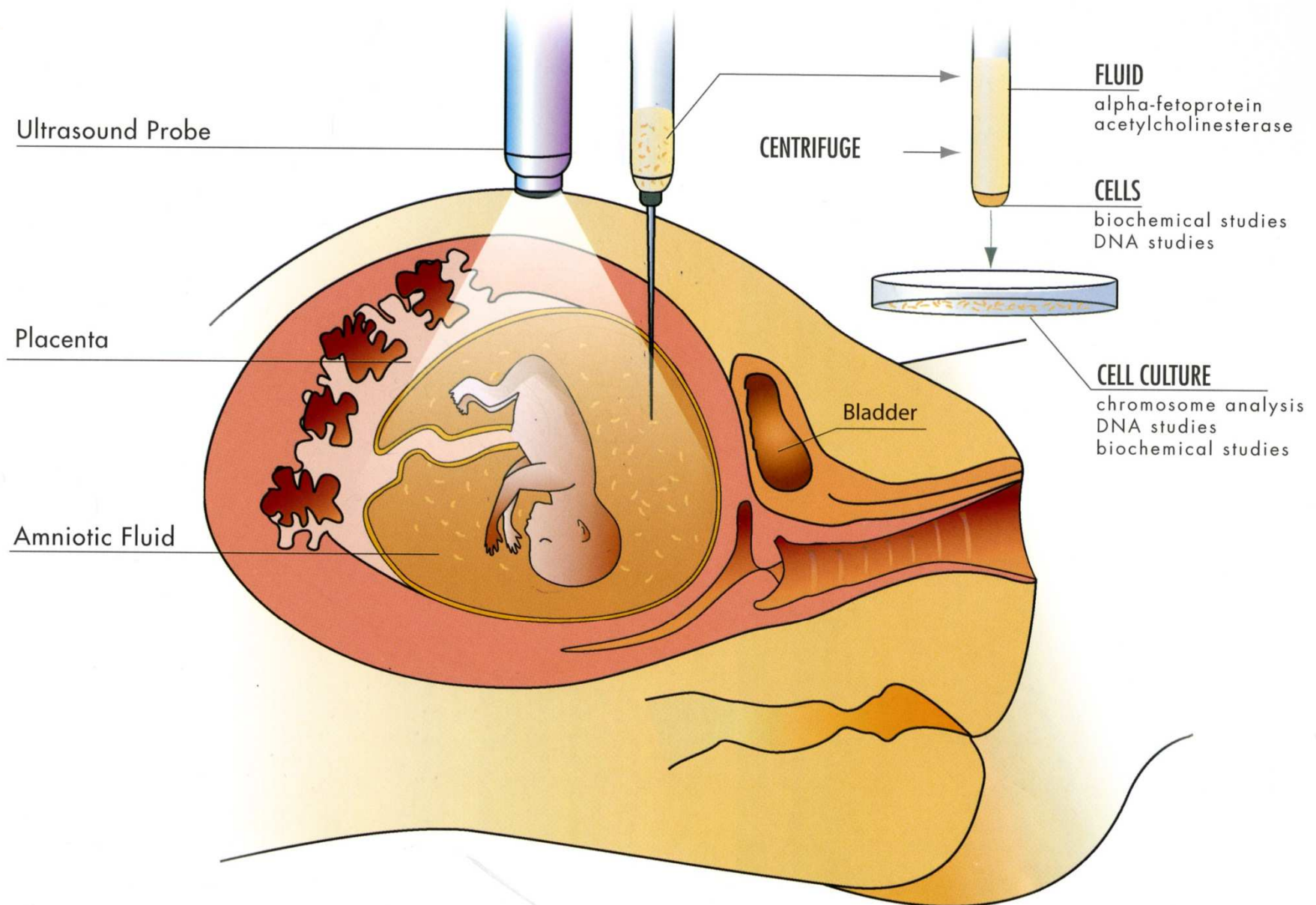
- Hypotonia
- Mental retardation (IQ 30-60): 100%
- Congenital heart disease: 33%
(complete atrioventricular canal, ...)
- Other congenital malformations
(duodenal atresia, tracheoesophageal fistula,
congenital cataract, Hirshprung disease, ...)
- Other increased risk
(hypothyroidism, diabetes, leukemia, Alzheimer,...)

Down syndrome: prenatal diagnosis

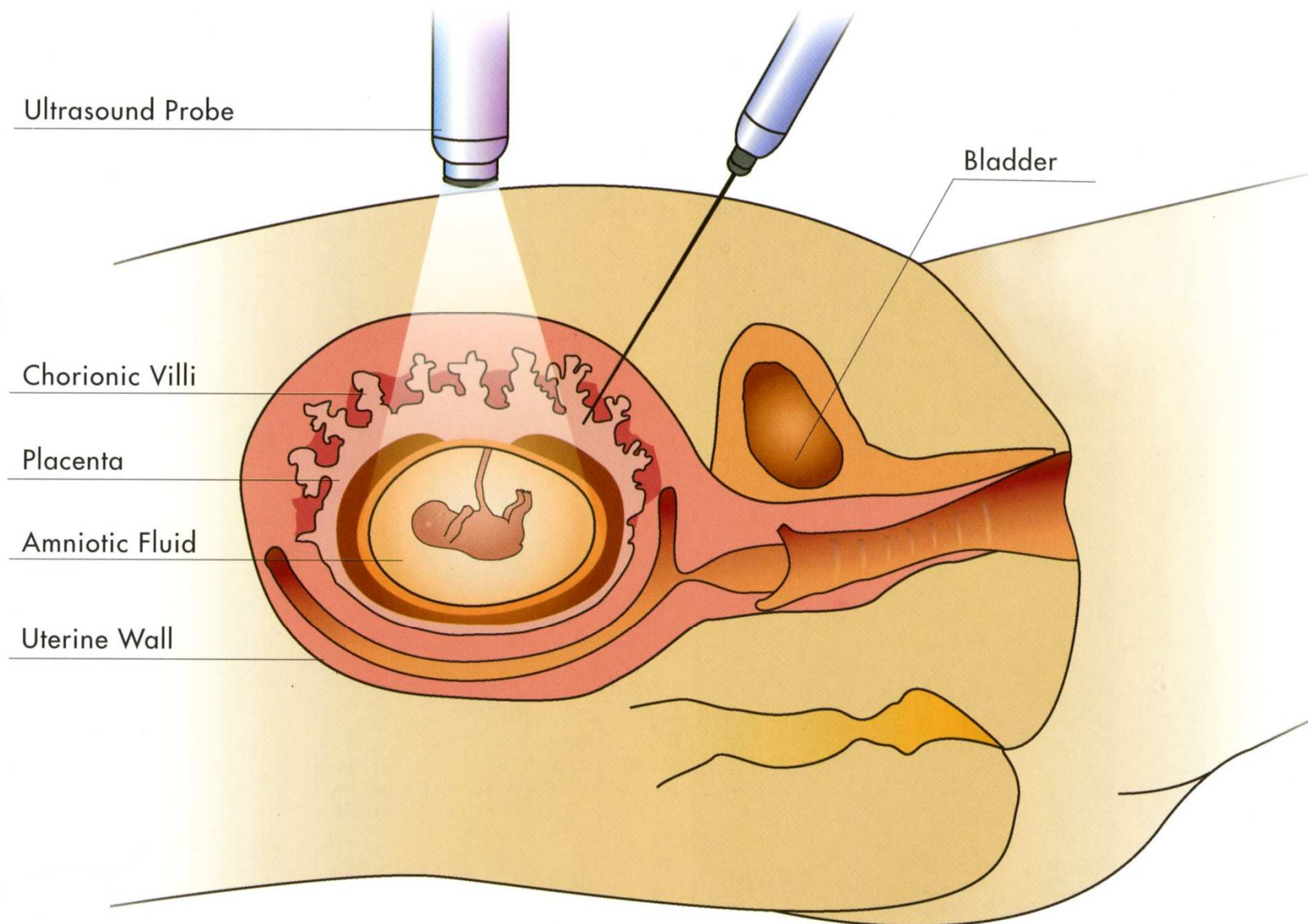


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Amniocentesis (15-16 gestational weeks)

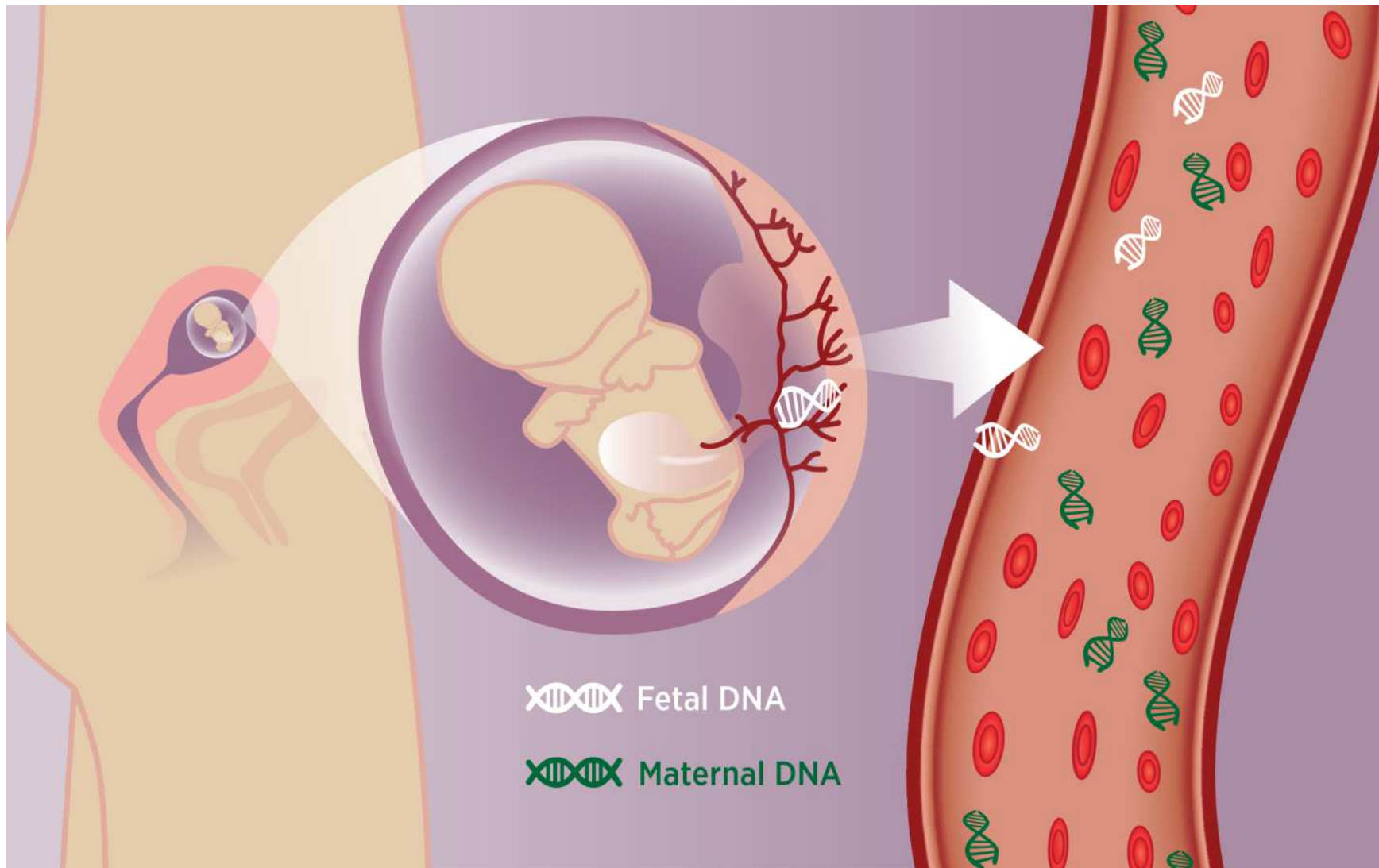


Chorionic Villous Sample (10 - 12 gestational weeks)



Down syndrome: NIPT

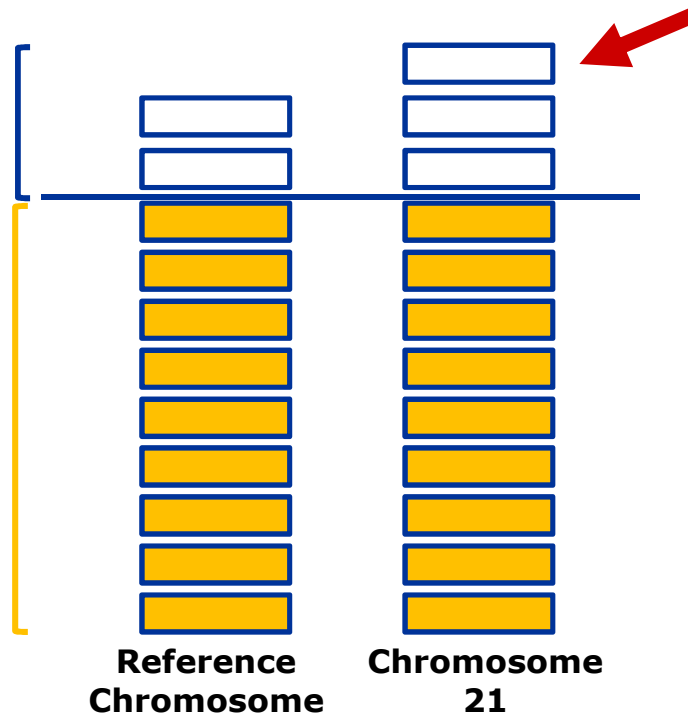
(non invasive prenatal testing, > 10w)



NIPT

**Foetal
cffDNA**

**Maternal
cfDNA**



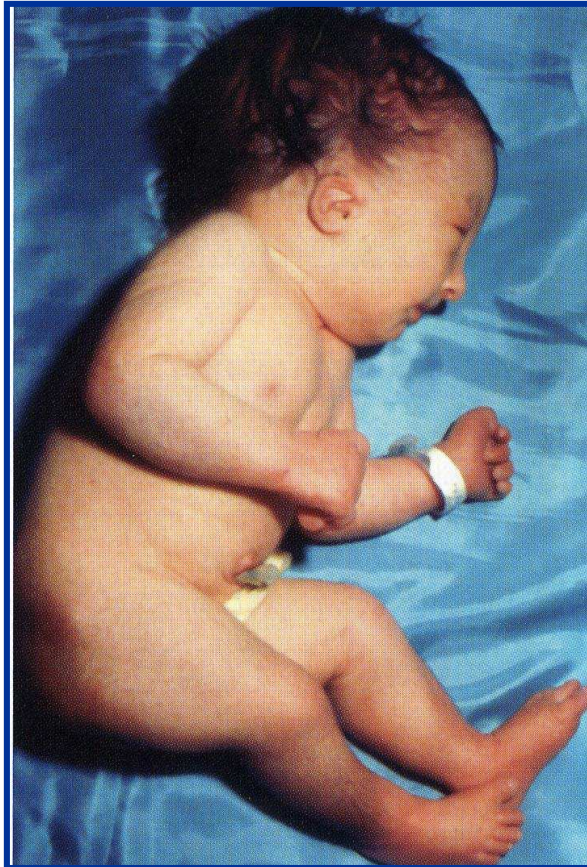
NIPT

	Detection rate (Sensitivity)	FPR (Specificity)
Trisomy 21	> 99.5%	0.1%
Trisomy 18	98 %	0.1-0.4%
Trisomy 13	80-90 %	0.1-0.2%

*Chiu et al, 2011; Chen et al, 2011; Ebrich et al, 2011; Palomaki et al, 2011;
Bianchi et al, 2012; Sparks et al, 2012; Ashoor et al, 2012; Norton et al, 2012*



Trisomy 18



- Mental retardation
- **Failure to thrive**
- **Cardiac malformation**
- Hypotonia, then hypertonia
- Dysmorphic features

- **Prominent occiput**

- Retrognathia

- Low-set and malformed ears

- Short sternum

- Clenched hands

- Hypoplastic nails

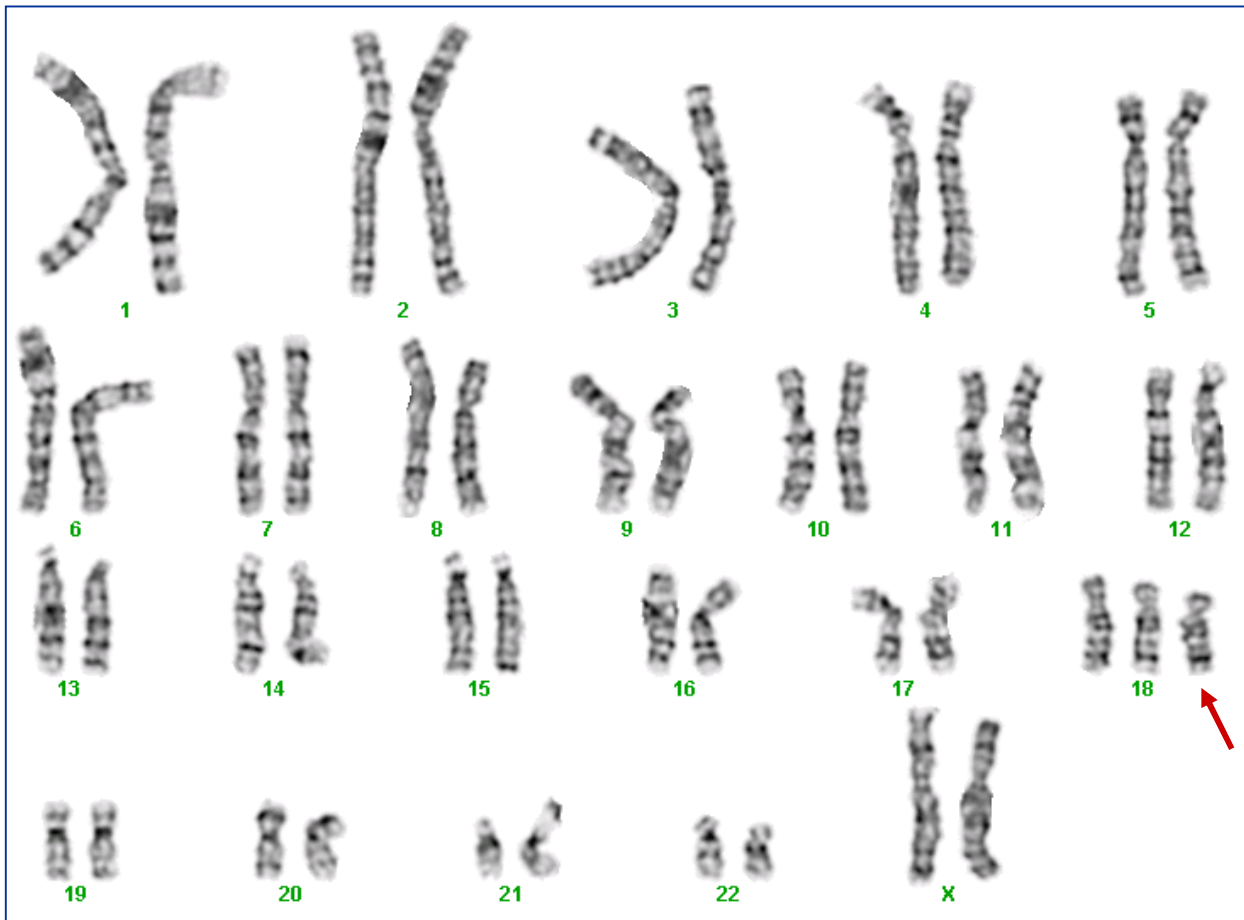
- **Rocker-bottom feet**





Trisomy 18

- 95% spontaneously aborted
- 1 / 7500 live births
- increased risk with higher maternal age



80%: standard trisomy 18

20%: translocation (de novo or inherited)

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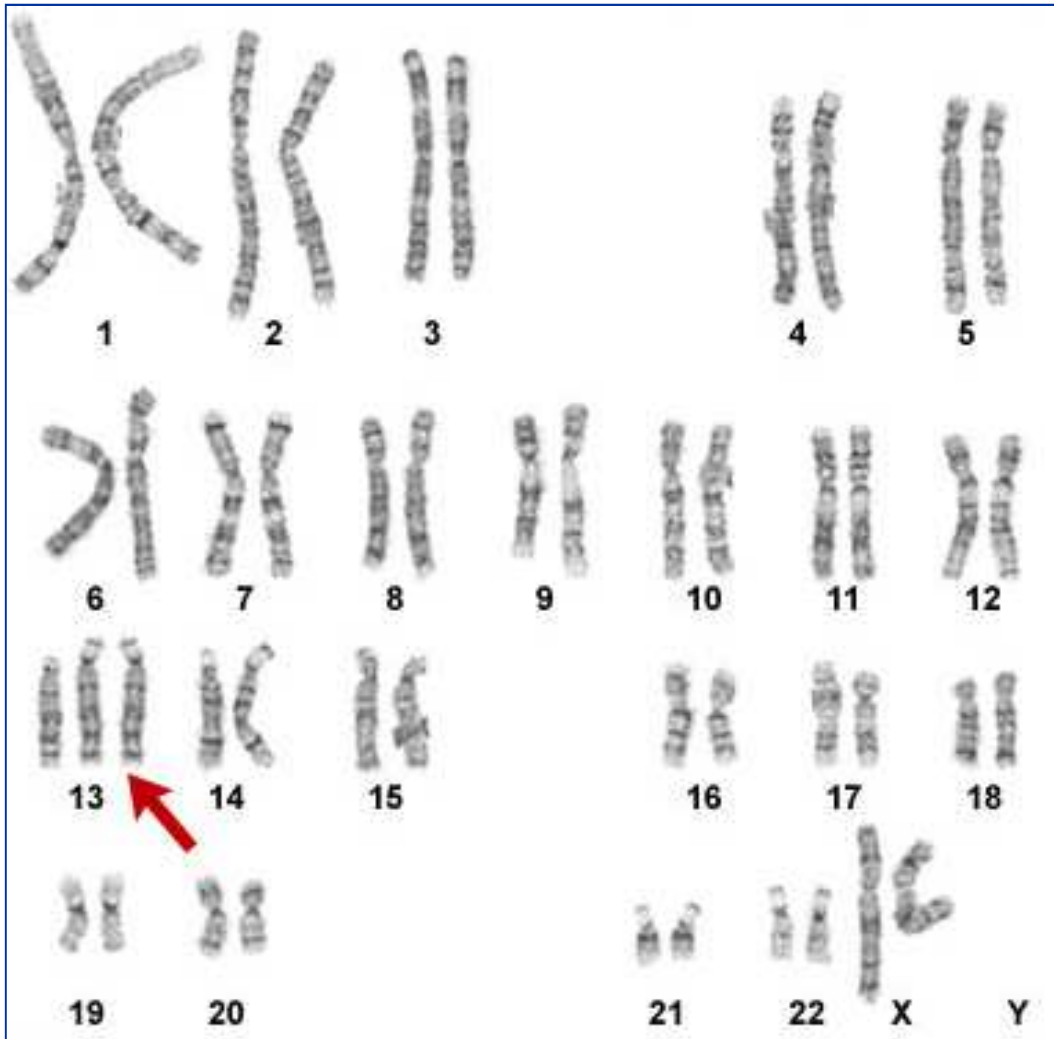
Trisomy 13

- Mental retardation
- Growth retardation
- **CNS malformation** (holoprosencephaly,...)
- Congenital heart defect
- Urogenital anomalies
- Dysmorphic features
 - Microcephaly
 - Sloping forehead
 - Scalp defect
 - Cleft lip/palate**
 - Eye anomalies**
(microphthalmia, iris coloboma,...)
 - Post-axial **polydactyly**
 - Clenched hands
 - Rocker-bottom feet



Trisomy 13

- 95% spontaneously aborted
- 1 / 15000 – 1 / 25000 live births
- increased risk with higher maternal age



**80%: standard
trisomy 13**

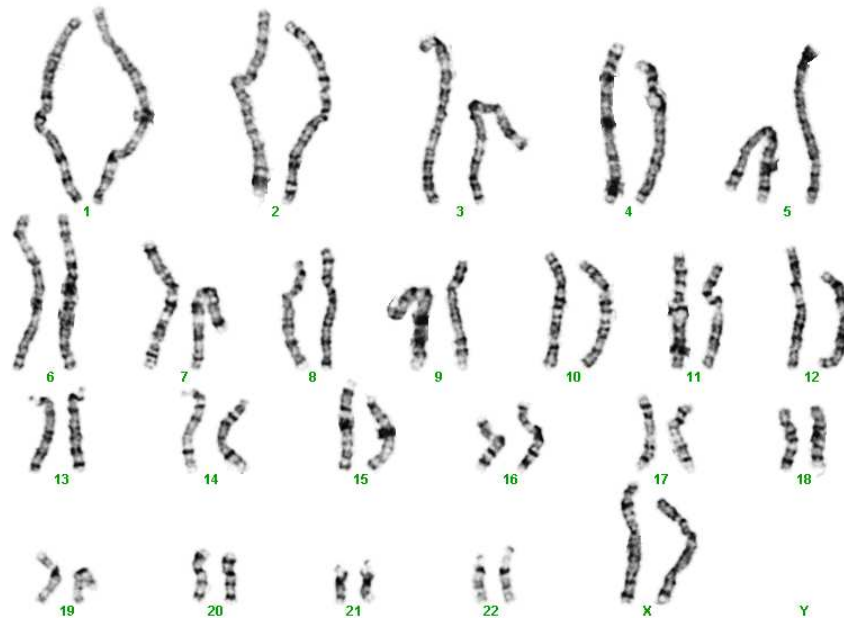
**20%: unbalanced
translocation**

→ Low recurrence risk
(<2%)

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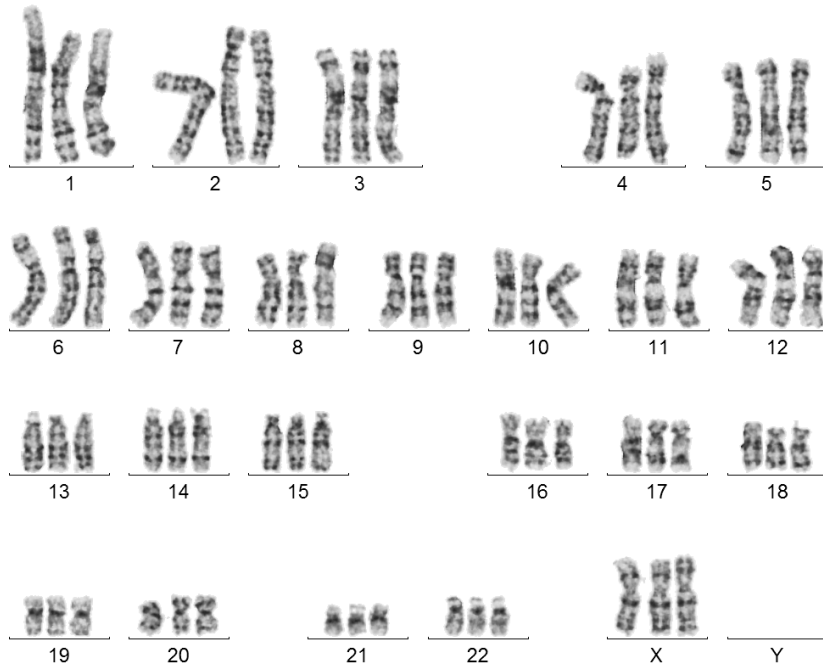


Other autosomes numerical anomalies



blood (leukocytes):
46,XX

Other autosomes numerical anomalies



Skin biopsy (fibroblasts):

69,XXX



Mosaic Triploidy



Other autosomes numerical anomalies



Mosaic Trisomy 8



Mosaic Trisomy 9



Structural Autosomes Disorders

Structural autosomes abnormalities

- Most of unbalanced rearrangements are spontaneously aborted (85%) – *see table 5-5*
- But some of them are viable

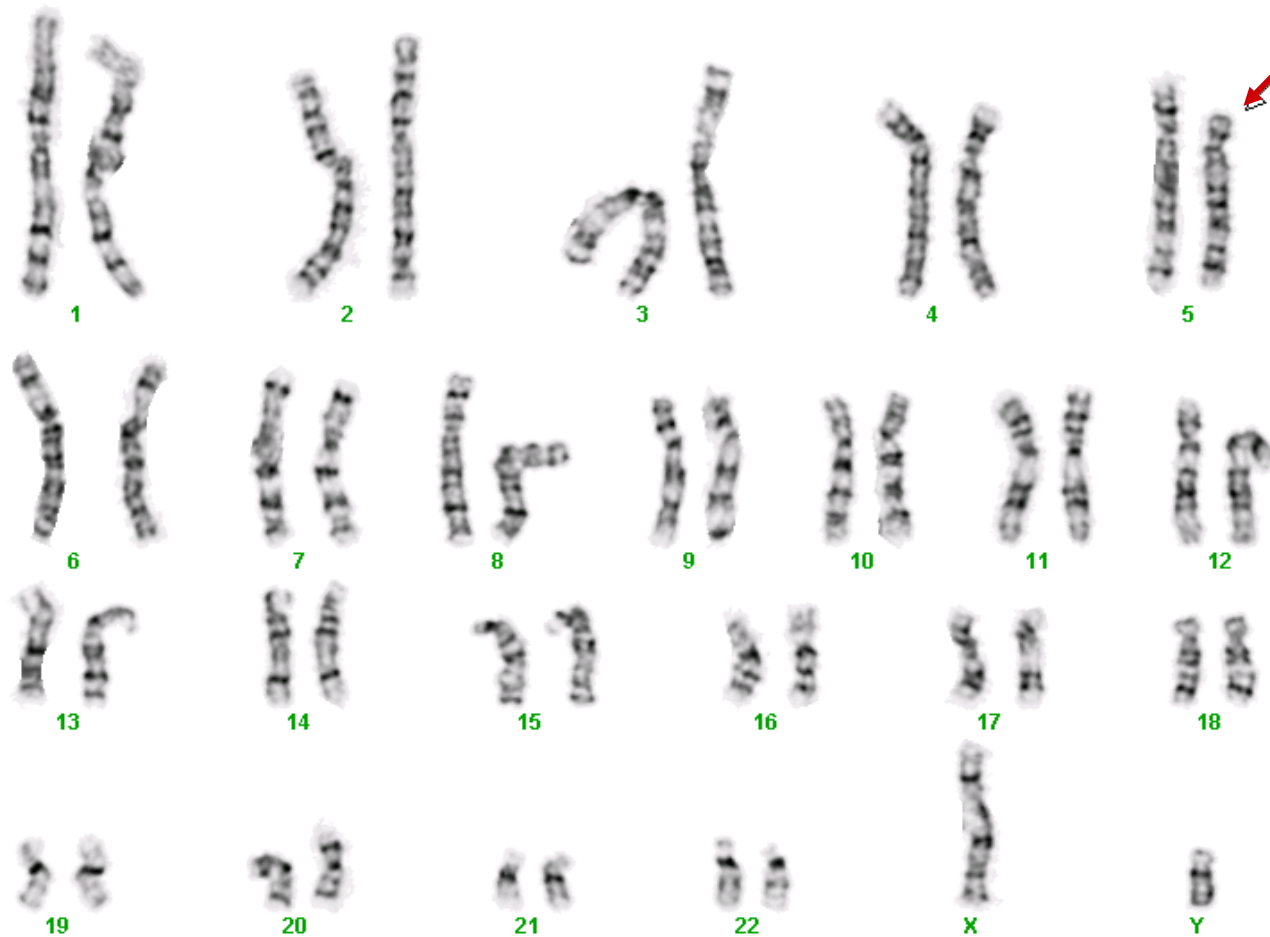
	Number	Approximate incidence
Total	68.159	
Balanced rearrangement	139	1/490
Unbalanced rearrangement	43	1/1585
All structural rearrangements	182	1/375

***Incidence of structural abnormalities
in newborn surveys (Table 5-3)***

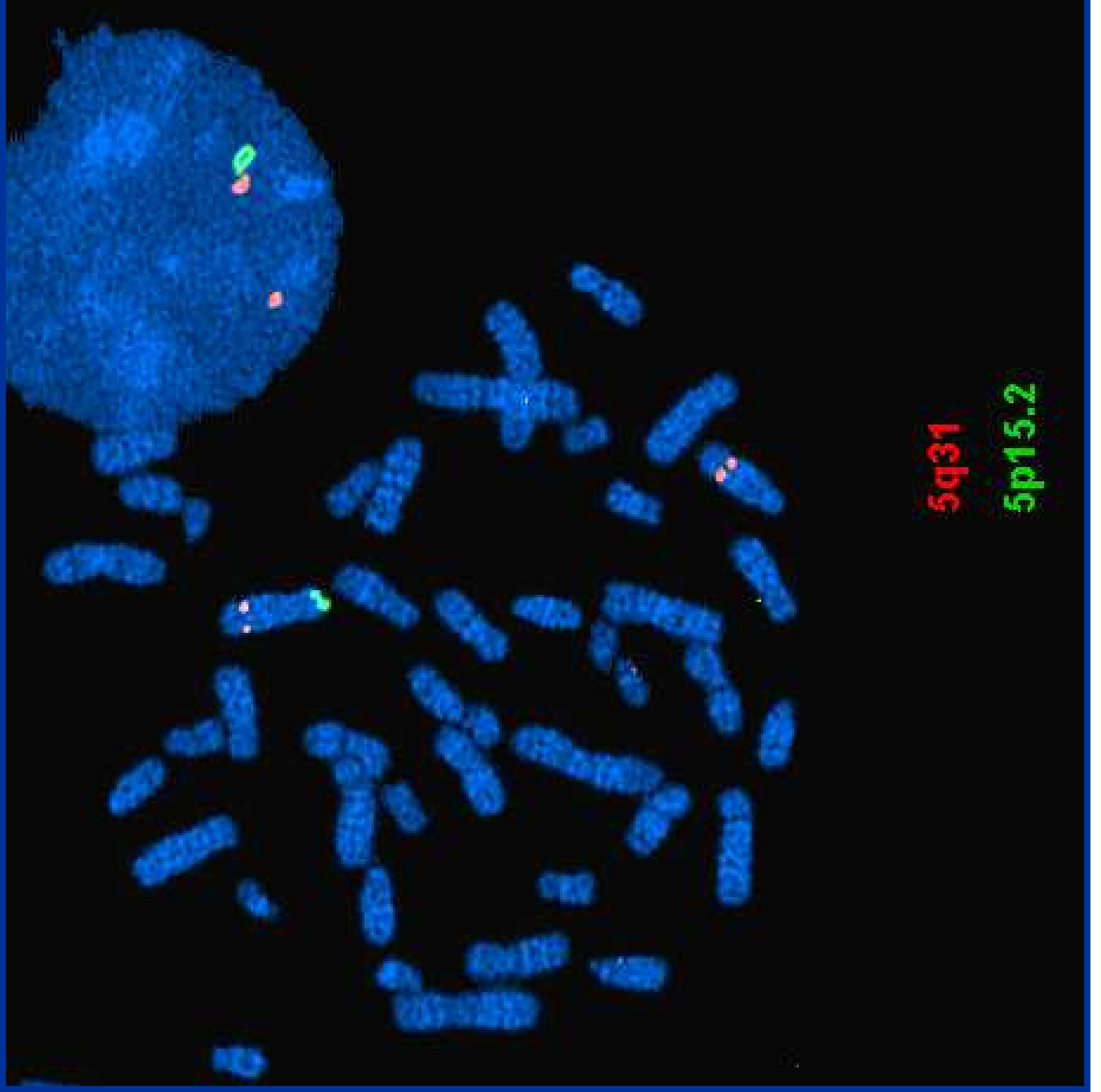


Autosomal deletion syndromes

- cytogenetically visible autosomal deletion: 1/7000 live births
- some clearly recognizable syndromes
(5p-, 4p-, 9p-, 9q-, 18p-, ...)



example: 46,XY, del(5)(pter→p14.2)



Cri du Chat syndrome (5p-)

- Mental retardation
- Cry like a mewling cat
- Heart defect
- Dysmorphic features
 - Microcephaly
 - Hypertelorism
 - Epicanthal folds
 - Low-set ears
 - Preauricular tags
 - Micrognathia

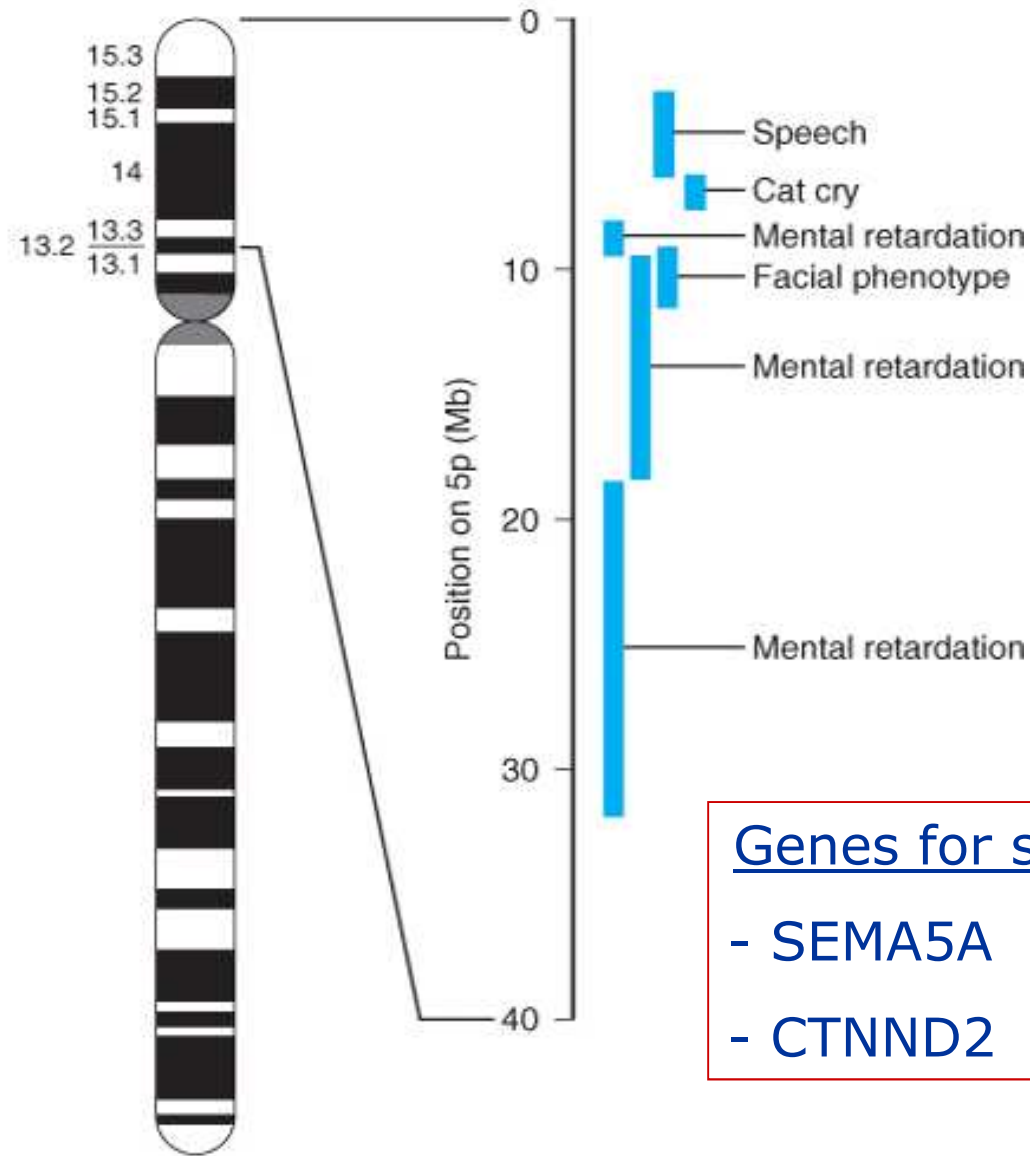
85-90%: de novo (sporadic)

10-15%: parental translocation



Cri du Chat syndrome (5p-)

- Genotype-Phenotype correlations



Autosomal deletion syndromes: other examples



**4p deletion
(Wolf-Hirschhorn)**

9p deletion

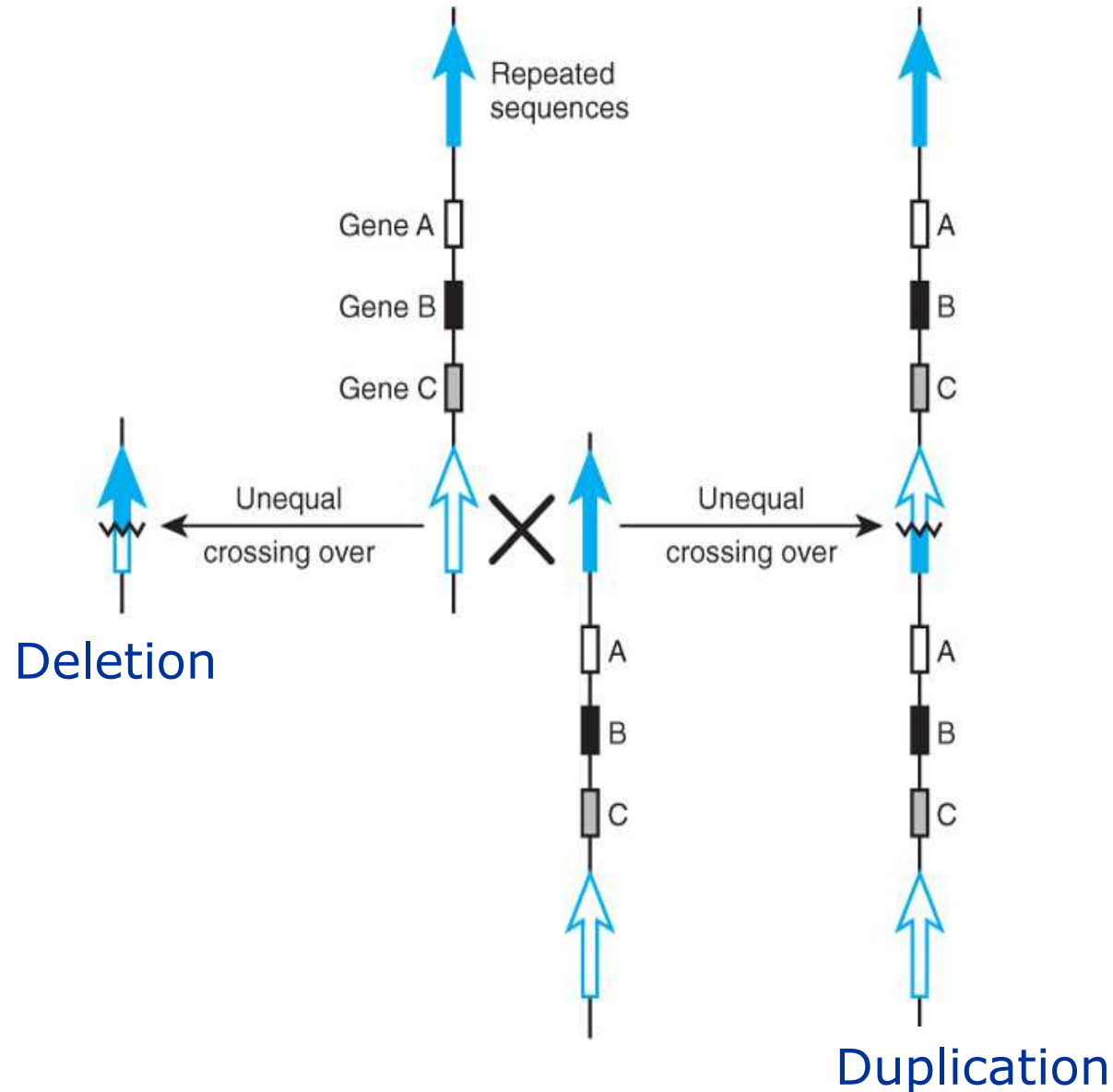
Genomic disorders:

Microdeletion and microduplication syndromes

- small deletions or duplications, most often cryptic
 - ⇒ - high-resolution karyotype
 - FISH analysis
 - MLPA (multiple ligation-dependant probe assay)
 - array-CGH
- several clinically recognizable syndromes
including « contiguous gene syndromes »

Genomic disorders:

Microdeletion and microduplication syndromes



Genomic disorders:

Microdeletion syndromes

Disorder	Location	Rearrangement Type	Rearrangement Size (kb)
Smith-Magenis	17p11.2	Deletion	4000
HNLPP	17p12	Deletion	1400
Velo-cardio-facial	22q11.2	Deletion	3000,1500
Prader Willi/ Angelman	15q11-q13	Deletion	3500
Williams	7q11.23	Deletion	1600
Neurofibromatosis	17q11.2	Deletion	1400
Sotos	5q35	Deletion	2000
Azoospermia (AZFc)	Yq11.2	Deletion	3500

Examples of genomic disorders due to recombination between low-copy repeat sequences (Table 6-1)



Genomic disorders: microduplication syndromes

Disorder	Location	Rearrangement Type	Rearrangement Size (kb)
Charcot-Marie-Tooth1A	17p12	Duplication	1400
Cat-eye syndrome	22q11.2	Triplication	3000,1500

Examples of genomic disorders due to recombination between low-copy repeat sequences (Table 6-1)



Genomic disorders: new microduplication syndromes

Disorder	Location	Rearrangement Type	Rearrangement Size (kb)
Charcot-Marie-Tooth1A	17p12	Duplication	1400
Cat-eye syndrome	22q11.2	Triplication	3000,1500
(Smith-Magenis)	17p11.2	Dup 17p11.2	4000
(Velo-cardio-facial)	22q11.2	Dup 22q11.2	3000,1500
(Prader Willi/ Angelman)	15q11-q13	Dup 15q11-q13	3500
(Williams)	7q11.23	Dup 7p11.23	1600
(Neurofibromatosis)	17q11.2	Dup 17q11.2	1400

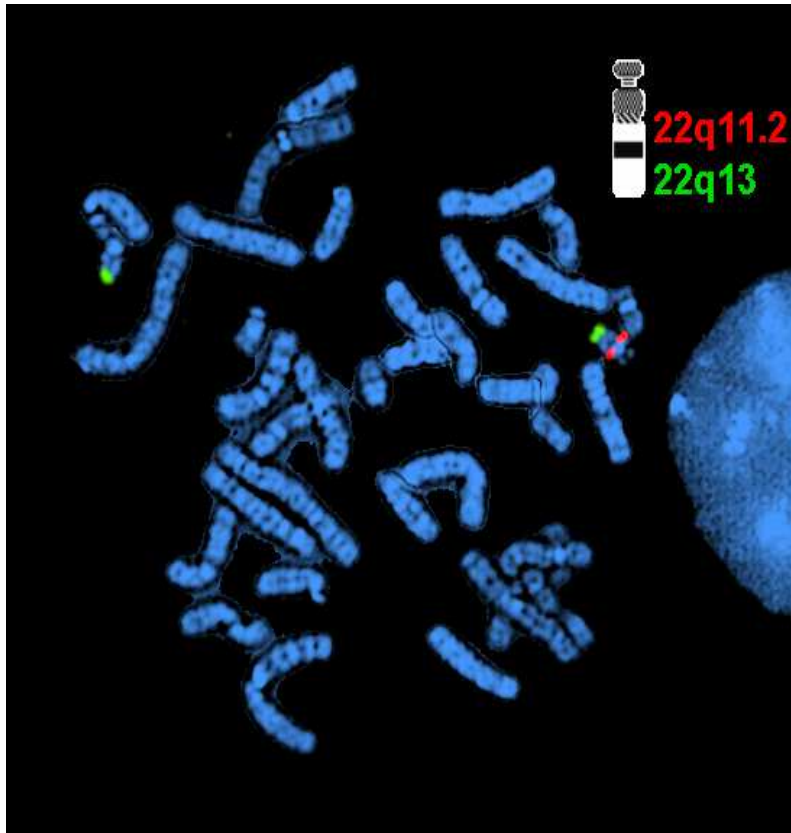
Examples of genomic disorders due to recombination between low-copy repeat sequences (Table 6-1)



Region 22q11

Deletion **Velo-cardio-facial syndrome**

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Region 22q11

Deletion **Velo-cardio-facial syndrome**



- 1/2000-1/4000 live births
- Learning difficulties (60%)
- Psychiatric disorders (10%)
- Heart defects (65%)
- Velar incompetence (95%)
- Facial dysmorphism

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< TBX1 gene

Region 22q11

Deletion

Velo-cardio-facial syndrome

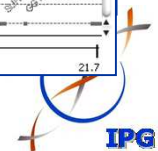
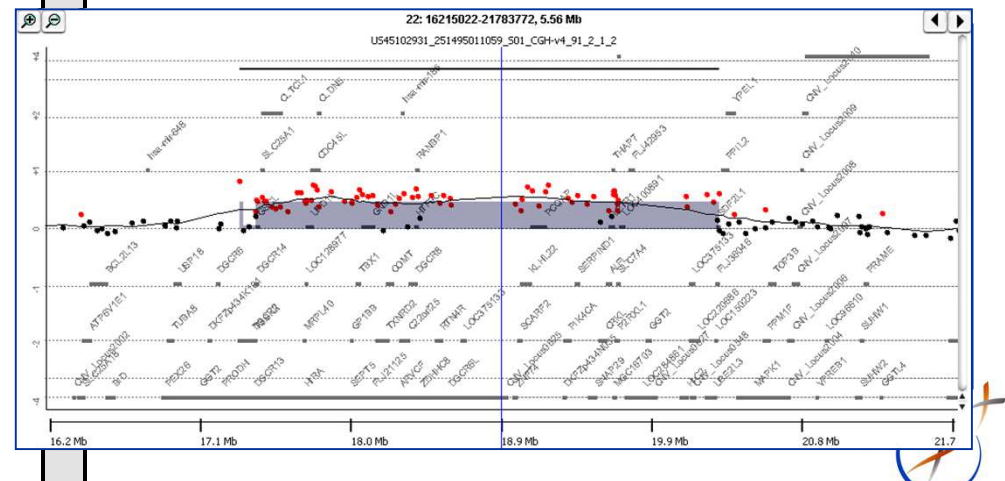
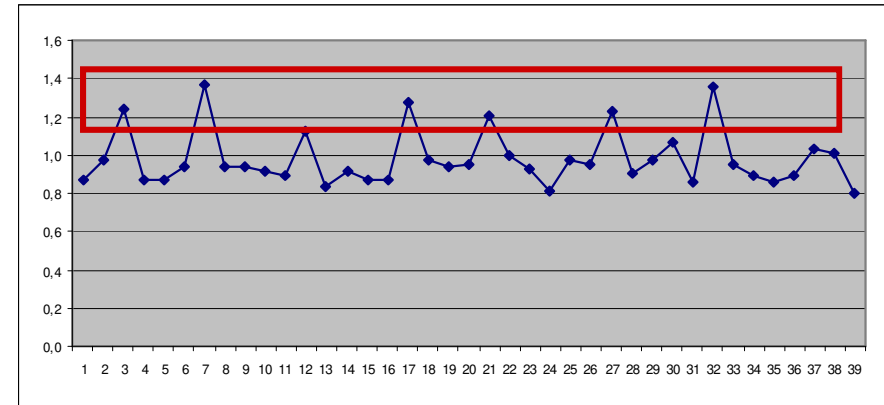


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Duplication

Dup (22)(q11.2)



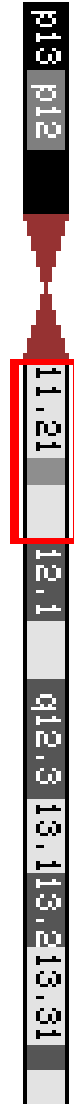
Region 22q11

Deletion **Velo-cardio-facial syndrome**



- 1/2000-1/4000 live births
- Learning difficulties (60%)
- Psychiatric disorders (10%)
- Heart defects (65%)
- Velar incompetence (95%)
- Facial dysmorphism

Ch 22



Duplication **Dup (22)(q11.2)**

- Learning difficulties (100%)
- Behavioral problems (50%)
- Heart defects (15-20%)
- Velar incompetence (70%)

Region 22q11

Deletion

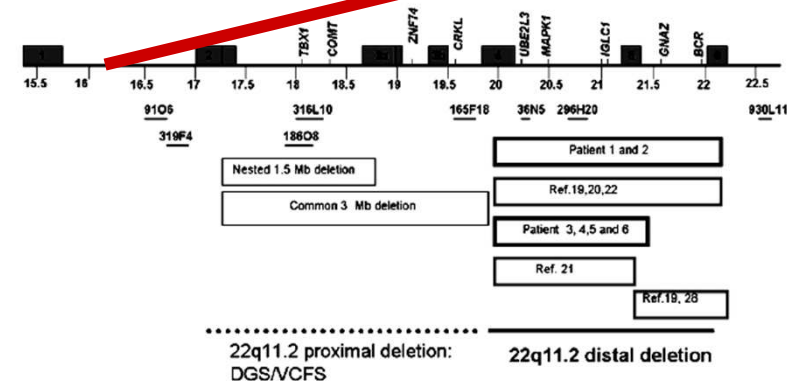
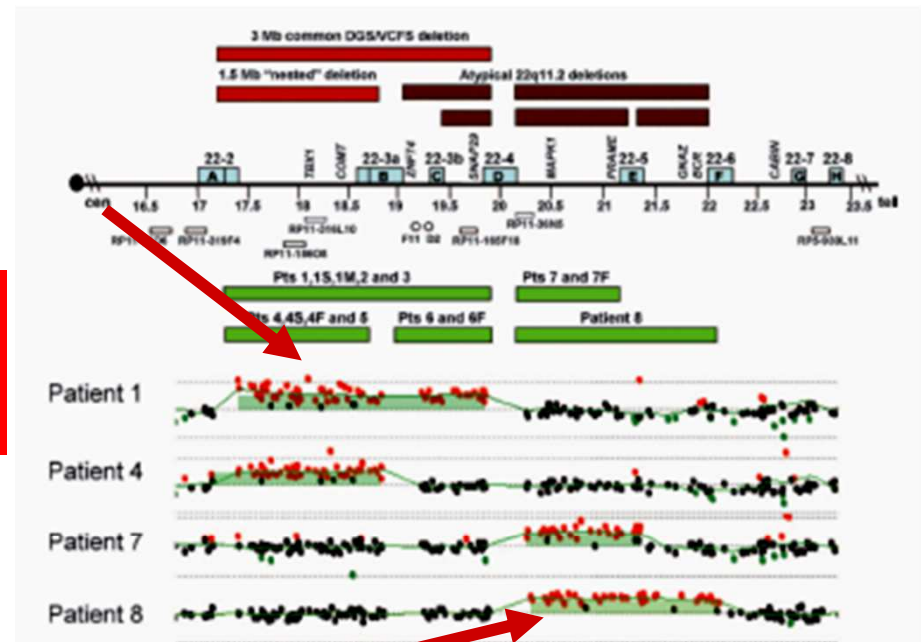
Velo-cardio-facial syndrome



- 1/2000-1/4000 live births
- Learning difficulties (60%)
- Psychiatric disorders (10%)
- Heart defects (65%)
- Velar incompetence (95%)
- Facial dysmorphism

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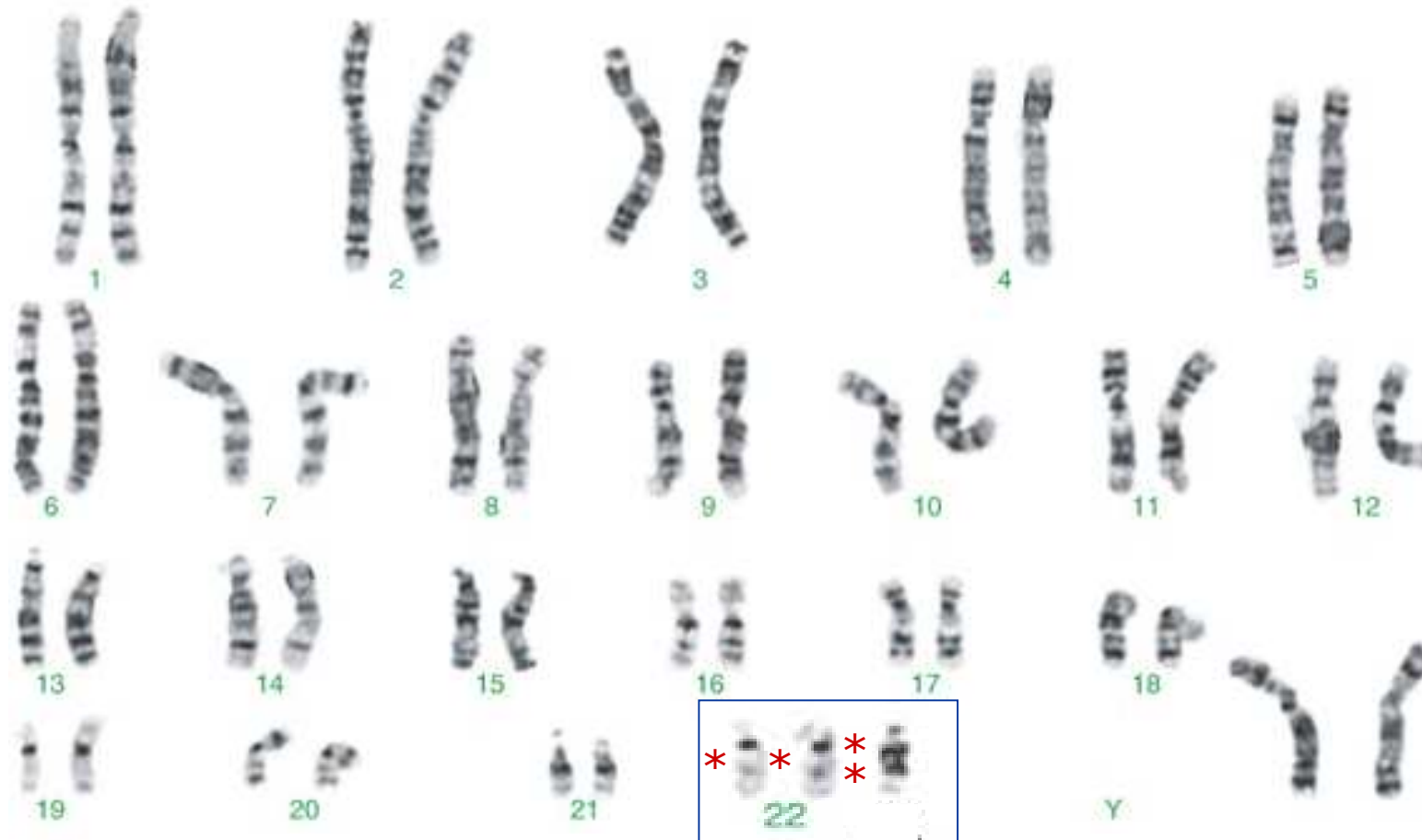
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Region 22q11

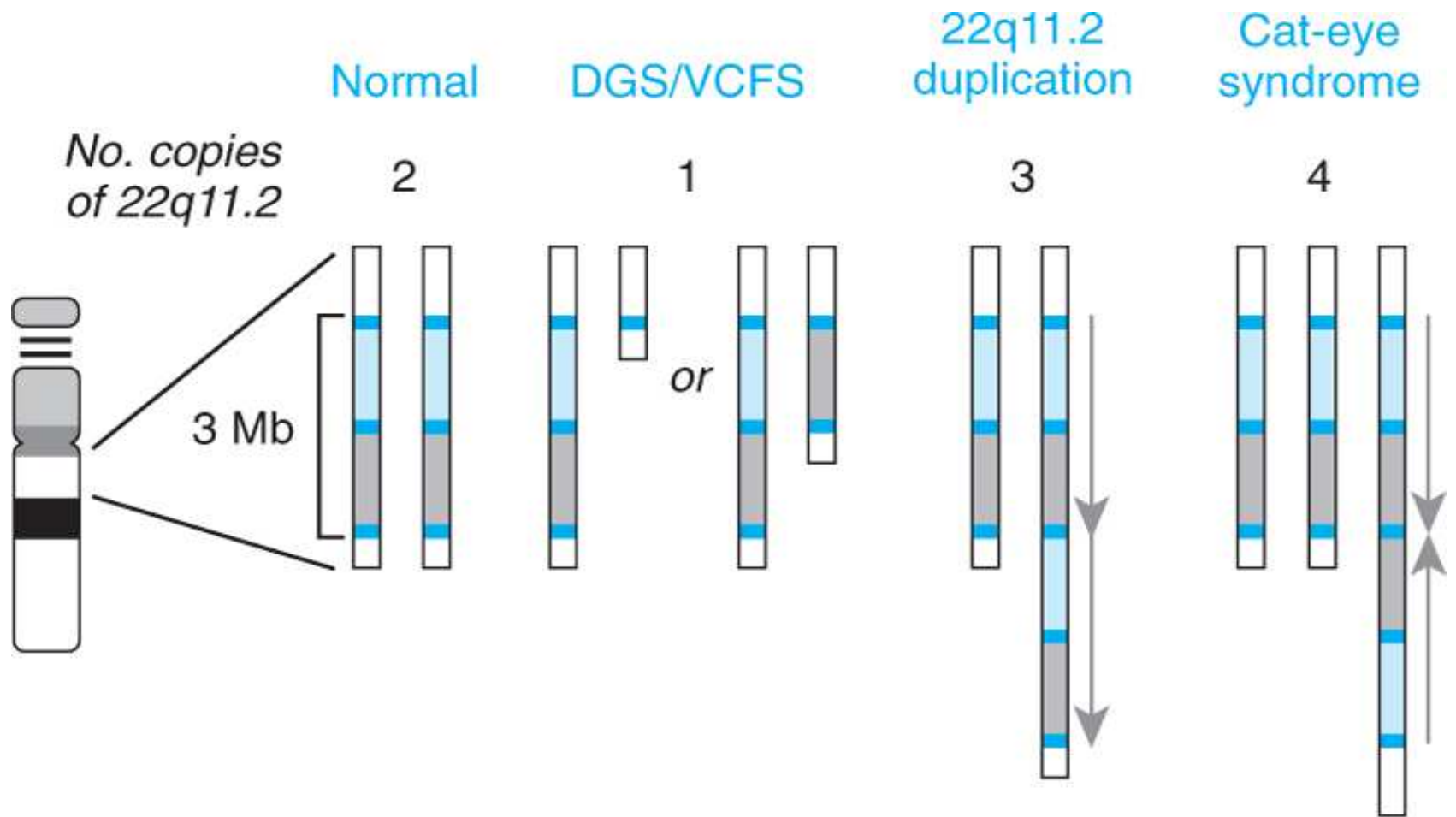


Tetrasomy 22q11 → Cat-eye syndrome



47,XX,+inv dup(22)(pter→q11.2)

Region 22q11



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Region 17p11.2

Deletion **Smith-Magenis syndrome**

- Mental retardation, speech delay
- Self-destructive behavior
- Sleep disorders
- Flat midface, brachycephaly
- Brachydactyly
- Congenital anomalies

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Duplication **Dup (17)(p11.2)**



- Dvpt delay, speech delay
- Poor feeding, growth retardation
- Autistic features
- Cardiac defect

Region 15q11-q13

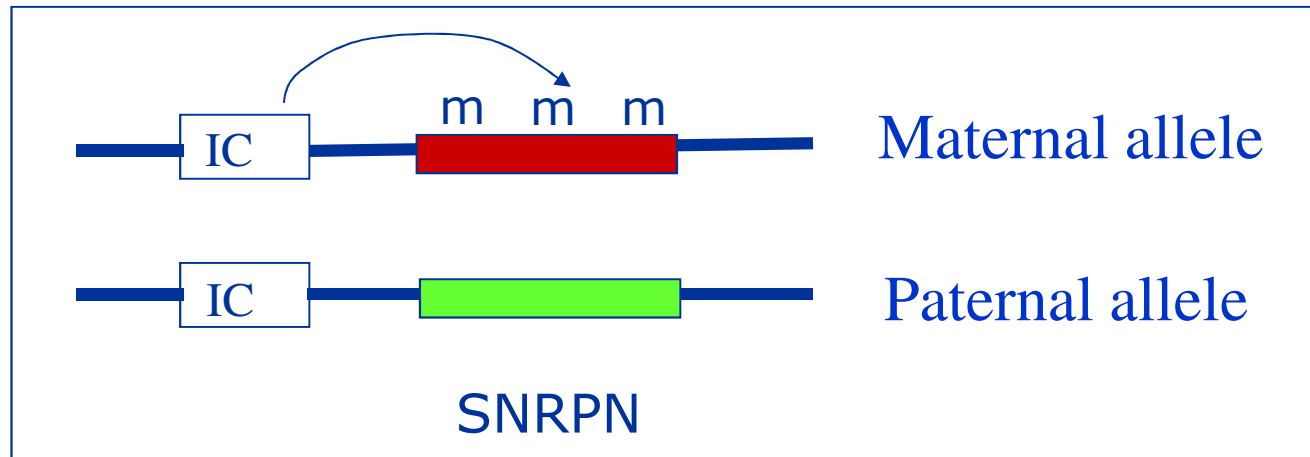
Paternal Deletion Ch 15

Prader-Willi syndrome



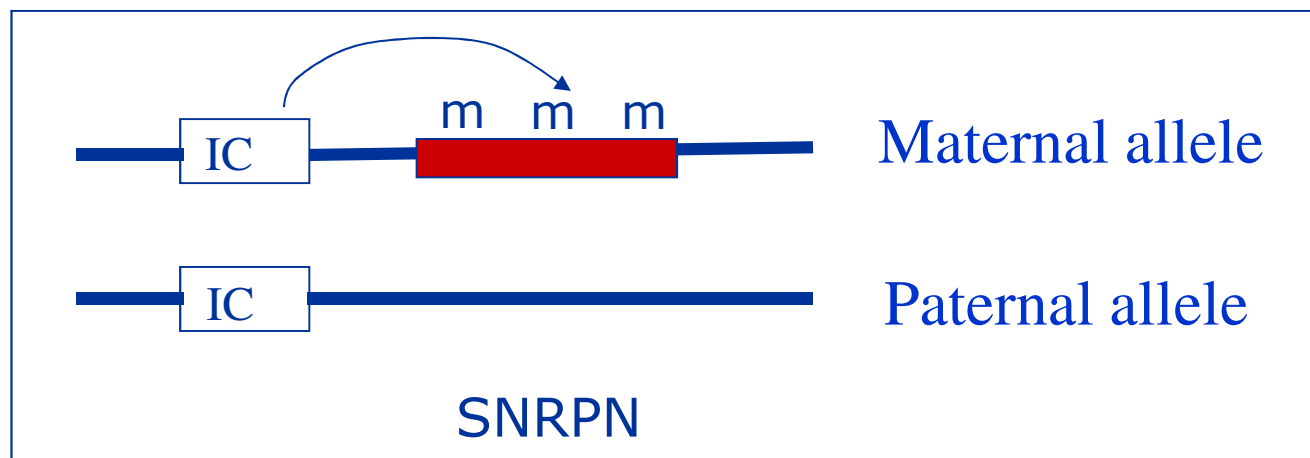
- Mental retardation
- Behavior problems
- Neonatal hypotonia
- Hyperphagia, morbid obesity
- Hypogonadism

Region 15q11-q13

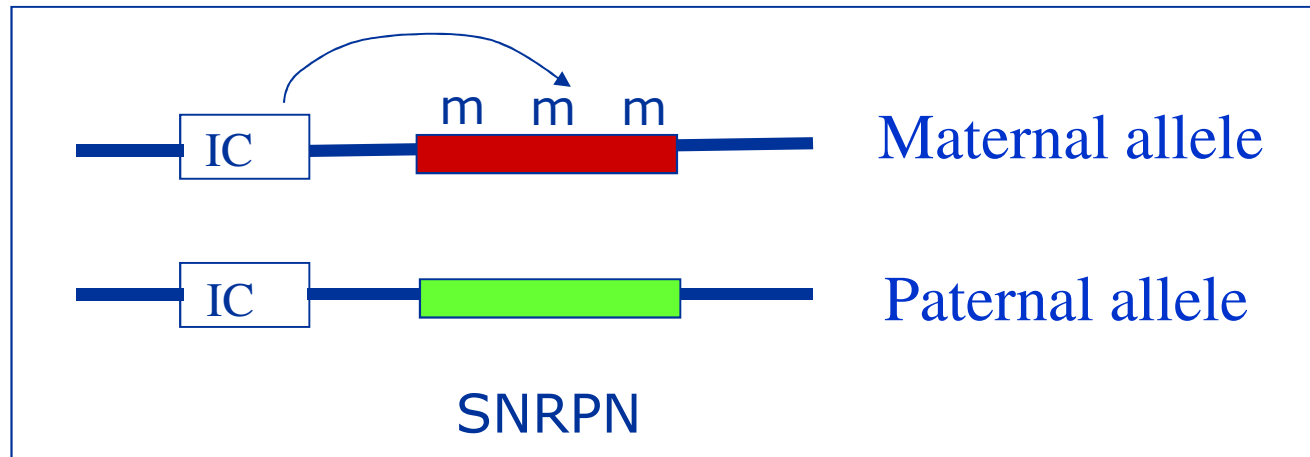


70%

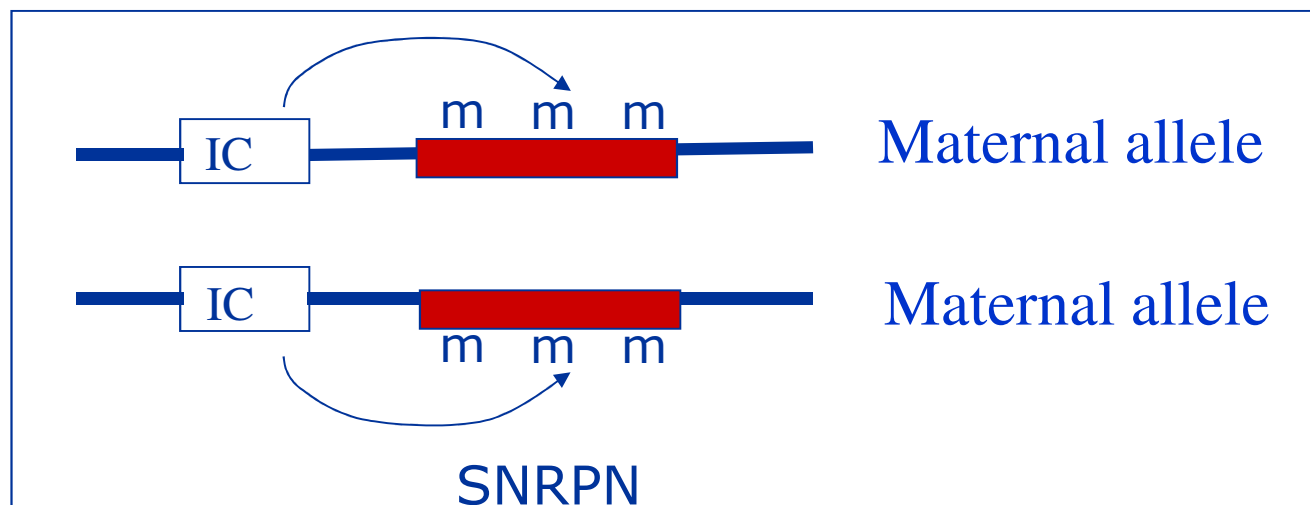
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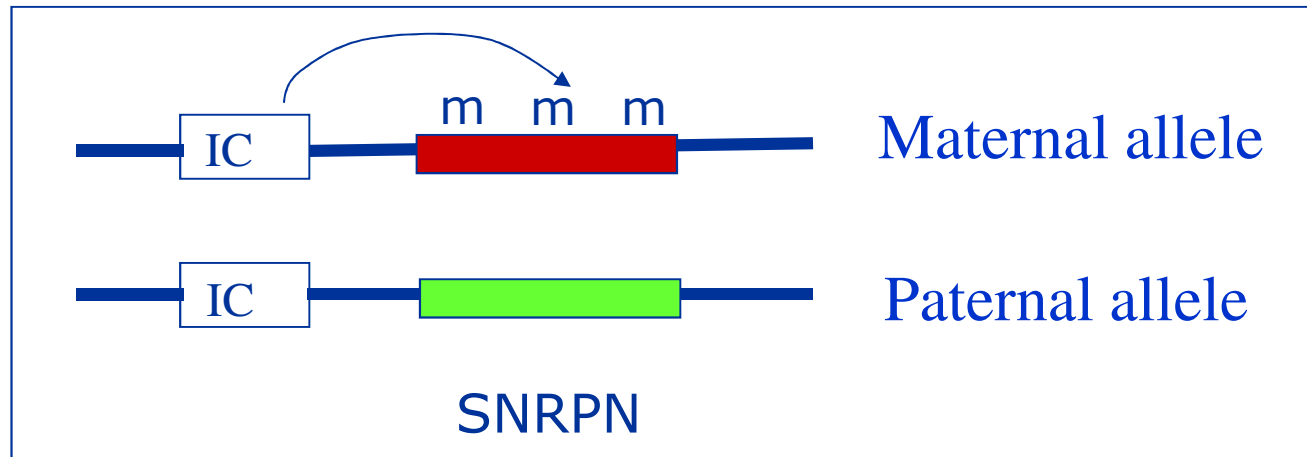
Region 15q11-q13



25-30% *maternal uniparental disomy*

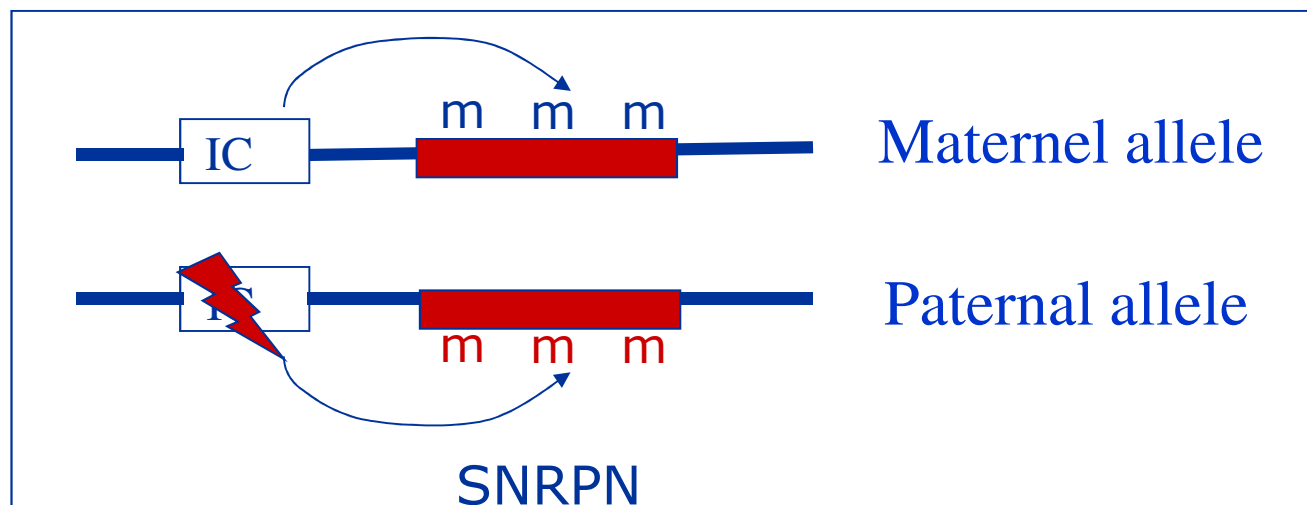


Region 15q11-q13



<5%

defect in the imprinting center

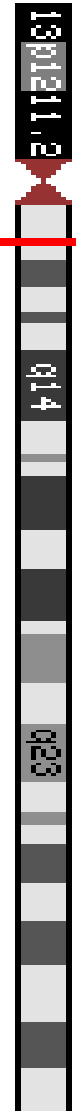


Region 15q11-q13

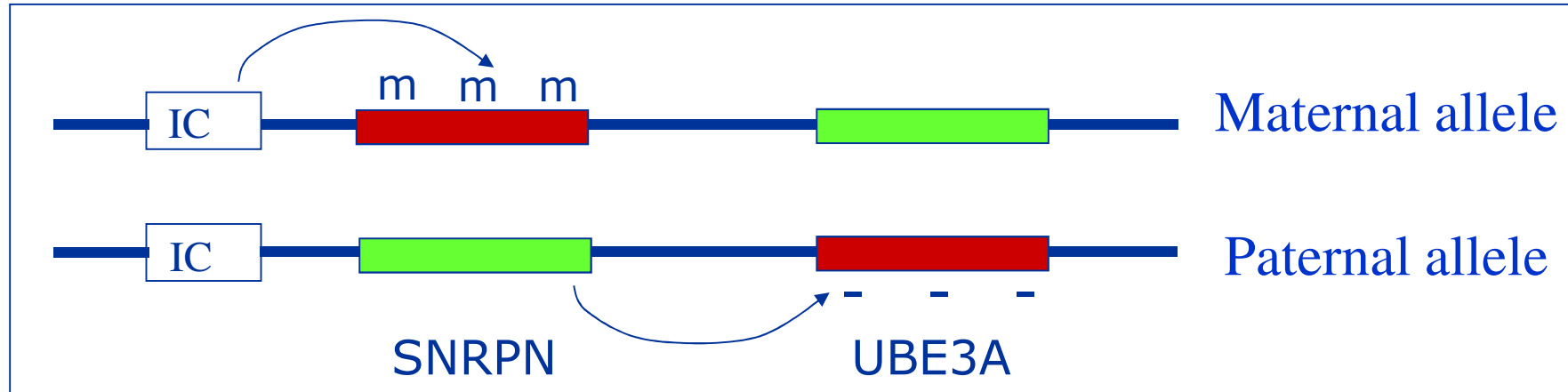
Maternal Deletion Ch 15 **Angelman syndrome**



- Severe mental retardation
- Ataxia
- Epilepsy
- Happy behavior

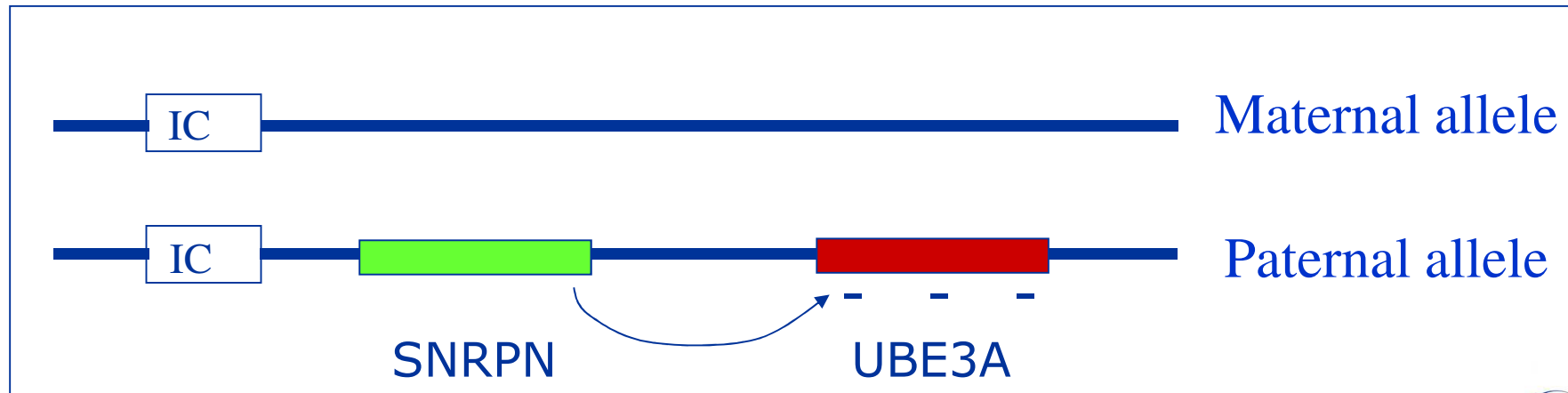


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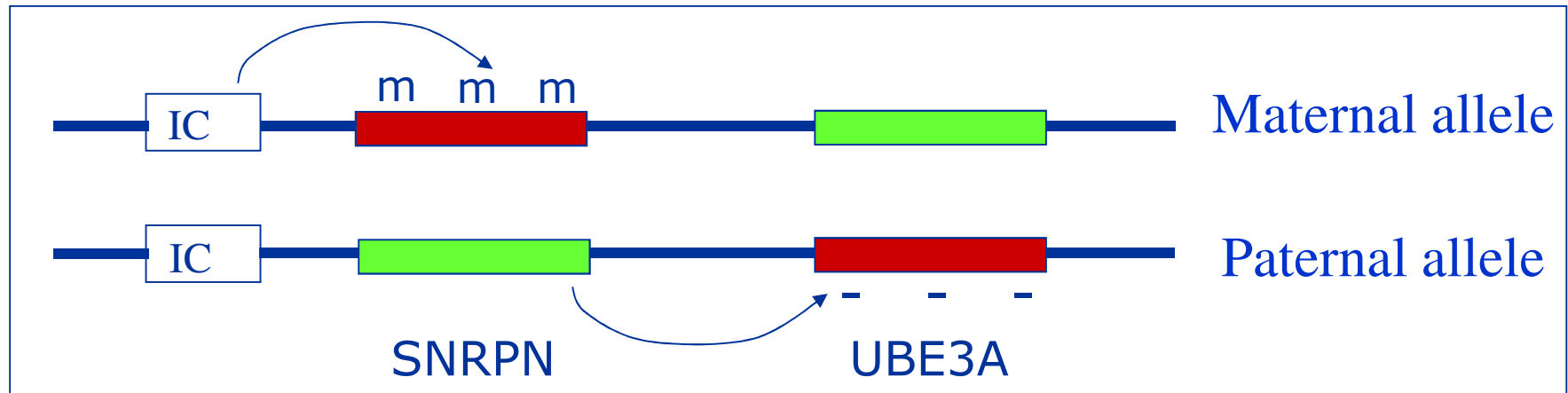


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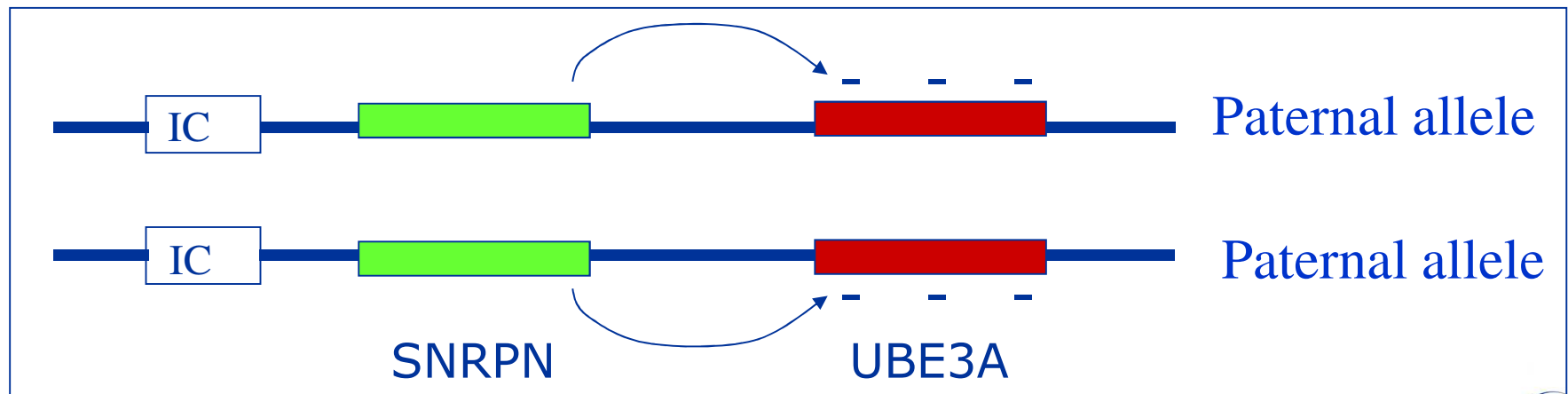
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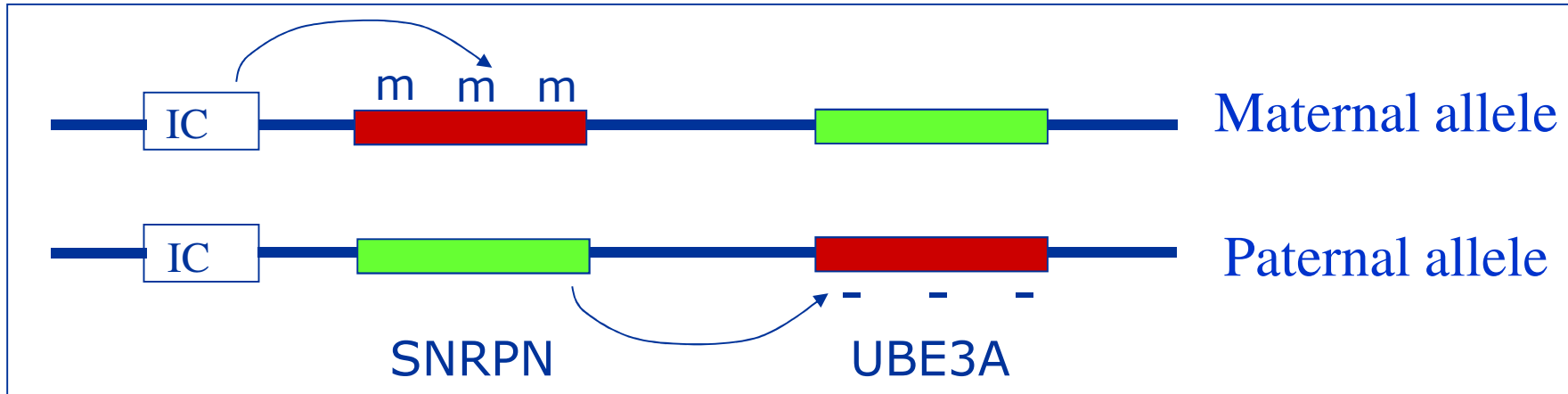
Region 15q11-q13



5% *paternal uniparental disomy*

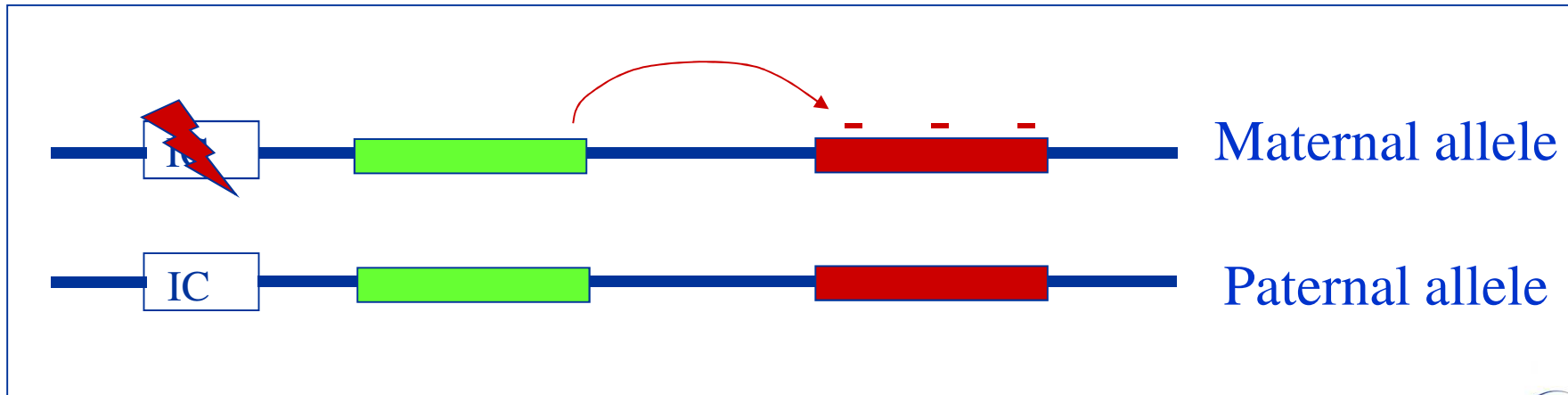


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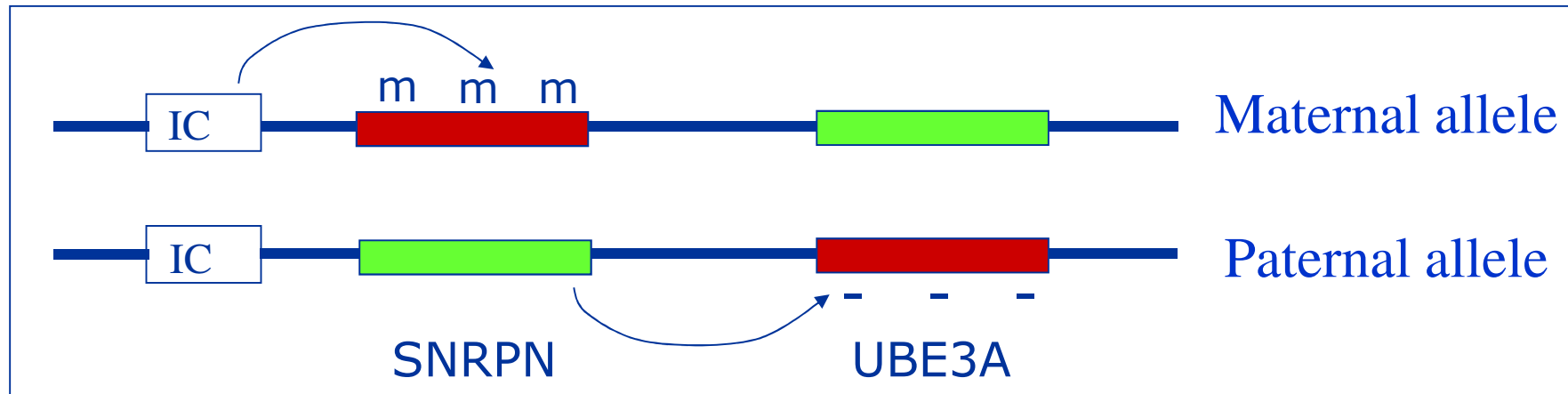


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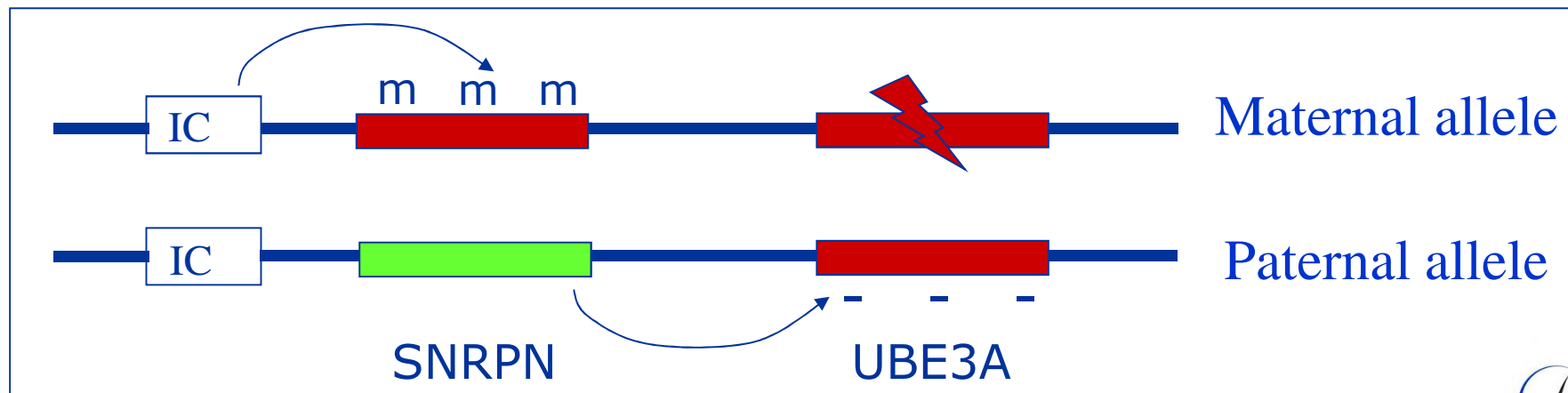
defect in the imprinting center



Region 15q11-q13



10% *mutation in UBE3A gene*



	PW	Angelman
Deletion	70% (pat)	70% (mat)
Uniparental Disomy (UPD)	25-30% (mat)	5% (pat)
Single gene mutation	None detected	10% Familial cases
Imprinting Center Mutation	<5%	5%
Unidentified	<1%	10-15%

*Table 5-6: Molecular mechanisms
causing Prader-Willi and Angelman syndromes*



Region 15q11-q13

Paternal Deletion Ch 15

Prader-Willi syndrome



Maternal Deletion

Angelman syndrome



Duplication
Dup (15)(q11-q13)

- Mental retardation
- Autism

Region 7q11

Deletion **Williams syndrome**

Ch 7



- Cardiovascular anomalies
- Distinctive facies
- Mental retardation
- Friendly personality

Region 7q11

Deletion **Williams syndrome**



- Cardiovascular anomalies
- Mental retardation
- Friendly personality

Ch 7



Duplication **Dup (7)(q11)**

- Mental retardation
- Speech delay
- Behavioral problems

New microdeletions/microduplications syndromes:
*susceptibility factors for
mental retardation/autism/epilepsy/psychiatric disorders*

- 1q21.1 del/dup
- 3q29 del
- 15q11.2 del/dup
- 15q13.3 del
- 16p11.2 del/dup
- 16p13.11 del/dup
- 17q 21.31 del
- etc.....

1q21 dup

16p11 del

15q13.3 del

> Highly variable expressivity



Exemple: 2 brothers

- Developmental delay
 - Walk > 18 months
 - Speech delay
- Learning difficulties
- Epilepsy
- Behavioral problems

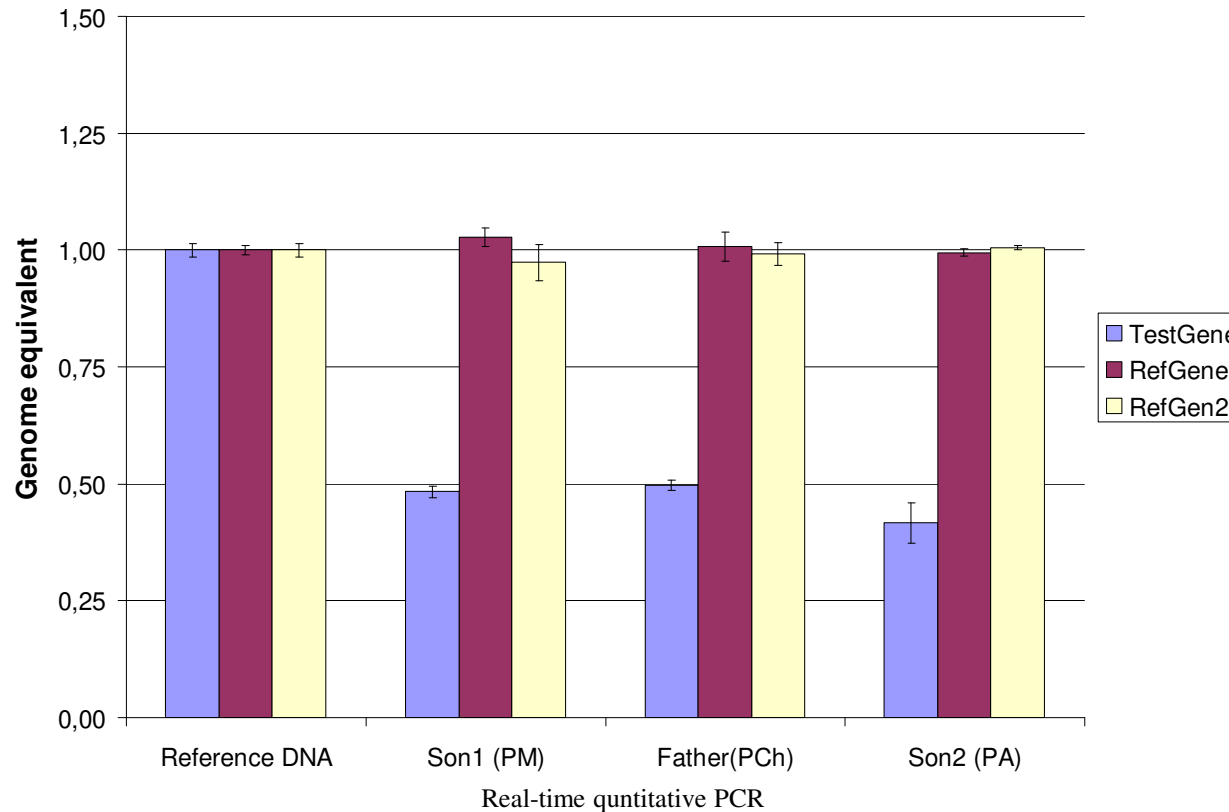
Sharp et Al (Nat Genet 2008)



Miller et Al (J Med Genet 2008)



Familial screening (Q-PCR)



2 brothers : 15q13.3 délétion

Father : 15q13.3 délétion

→ inherited rearrangement from an asymptomatic father

A recurrent 15q13.3 microdeletion syndrome associated with mental retardation and seizures

Andrew J Sharp^{1,15}, Heather C Mefford¹, Kelly Li², Carl Baker¹, Cindy Skinner³, Roger E Stevenson³, Richard J Schroer³, Francesca Novara⁴, Manuela De Gregori⁴, Roberto Ciccone⁴, Adam Broomer², Iris Casuga², Yu Wang², Chunlin Xiao², Catalin Barbacioru², Giorgio Gimelli⁵, Bernardo Dalla Bernardina⁶, Claudia Torniero⁶, Roberto Giorda⁷, Regina Regan⁸, Victoria Murday⁹, Sahar Mansour¹⁰, Marco Fichera¹¹, Lucia Castiglia¹¹, Pinella Failla¹¹, Mario Ventura¹², Zhaoshi Jiang¹, Gregory M Cooper¹, Samantha J L Knight⁸, Corrado Romano¹¹, Orsetta Zuffardi^{4,13}, Caifu Chen², Charles E Schwartz³ & Evan E Eichler^{1,14}

Nat Genet, 2008 : 40(3), 322-328

Incomplete penetrance
Variable Expressivity



Autosomes structural anomalies: particular examples (non recurrent)

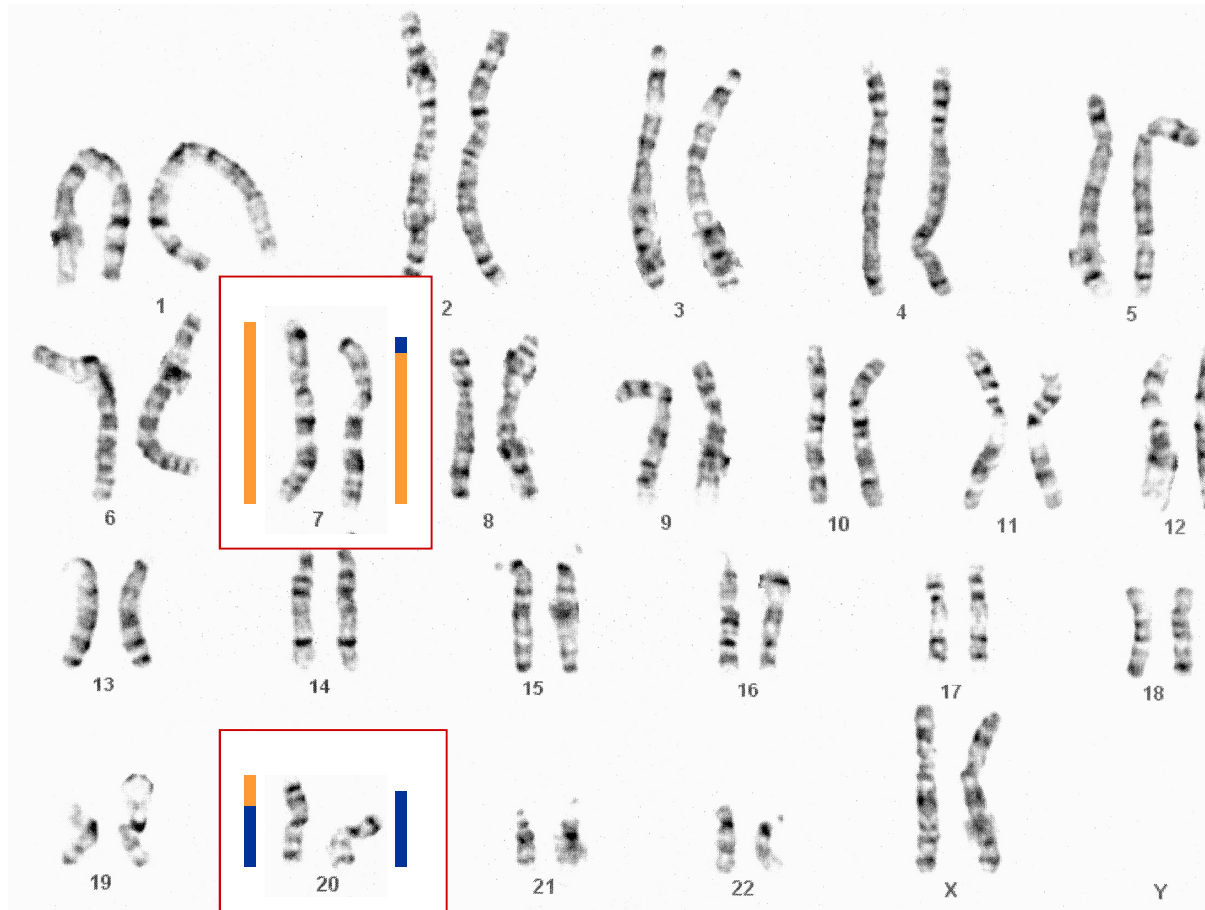


- Mental retardation
- Autistic features
- Facial dysmorphism

46,XY,der(20)

Autosomes structural anomalies: particular examples

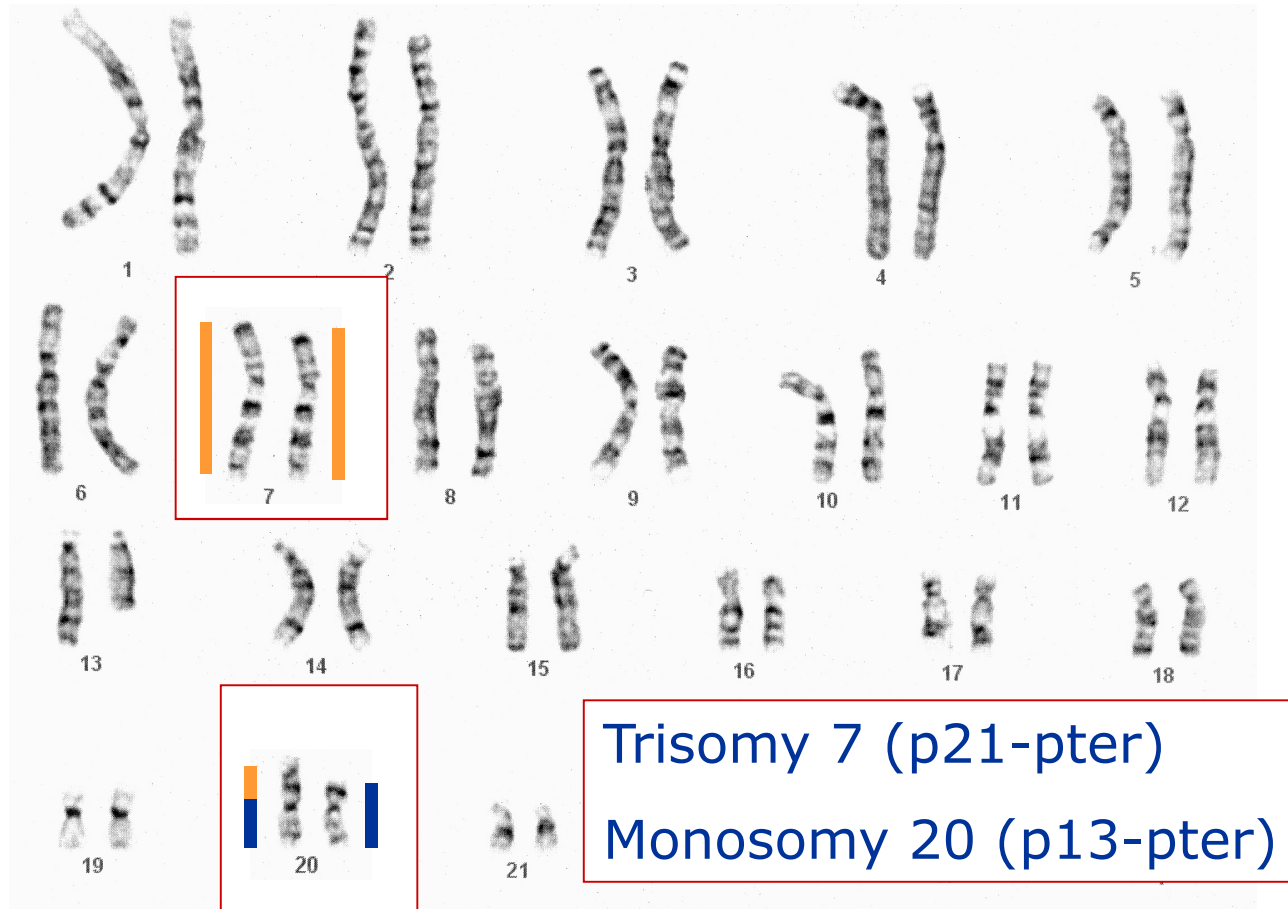
Mother's karyotype:



46,XX,t(7;20)(p21;p13)

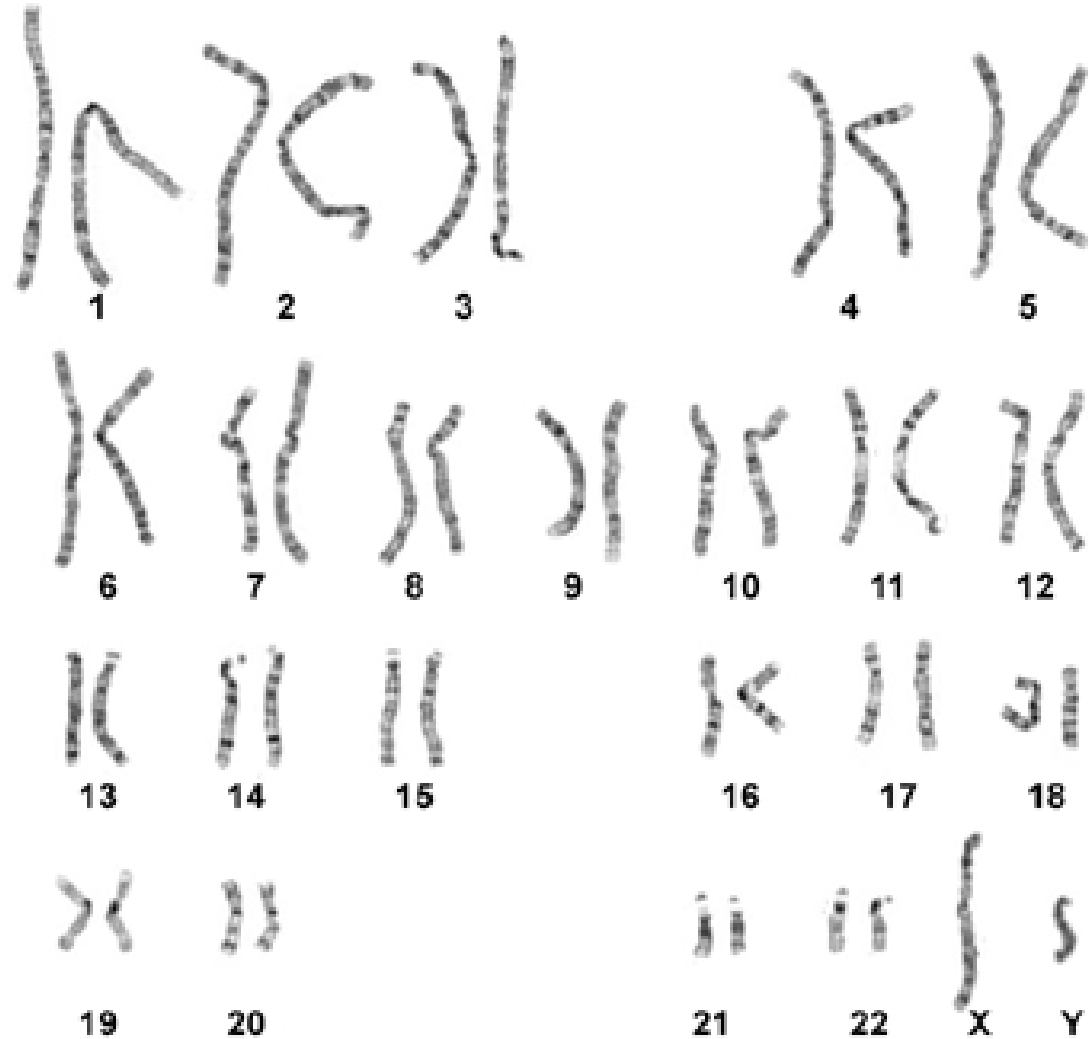
Autosomes structural anomalies: particular examples

⇒ patient's karyotype:



46,XY,der(20)t(7;20)(p21;p13)mat

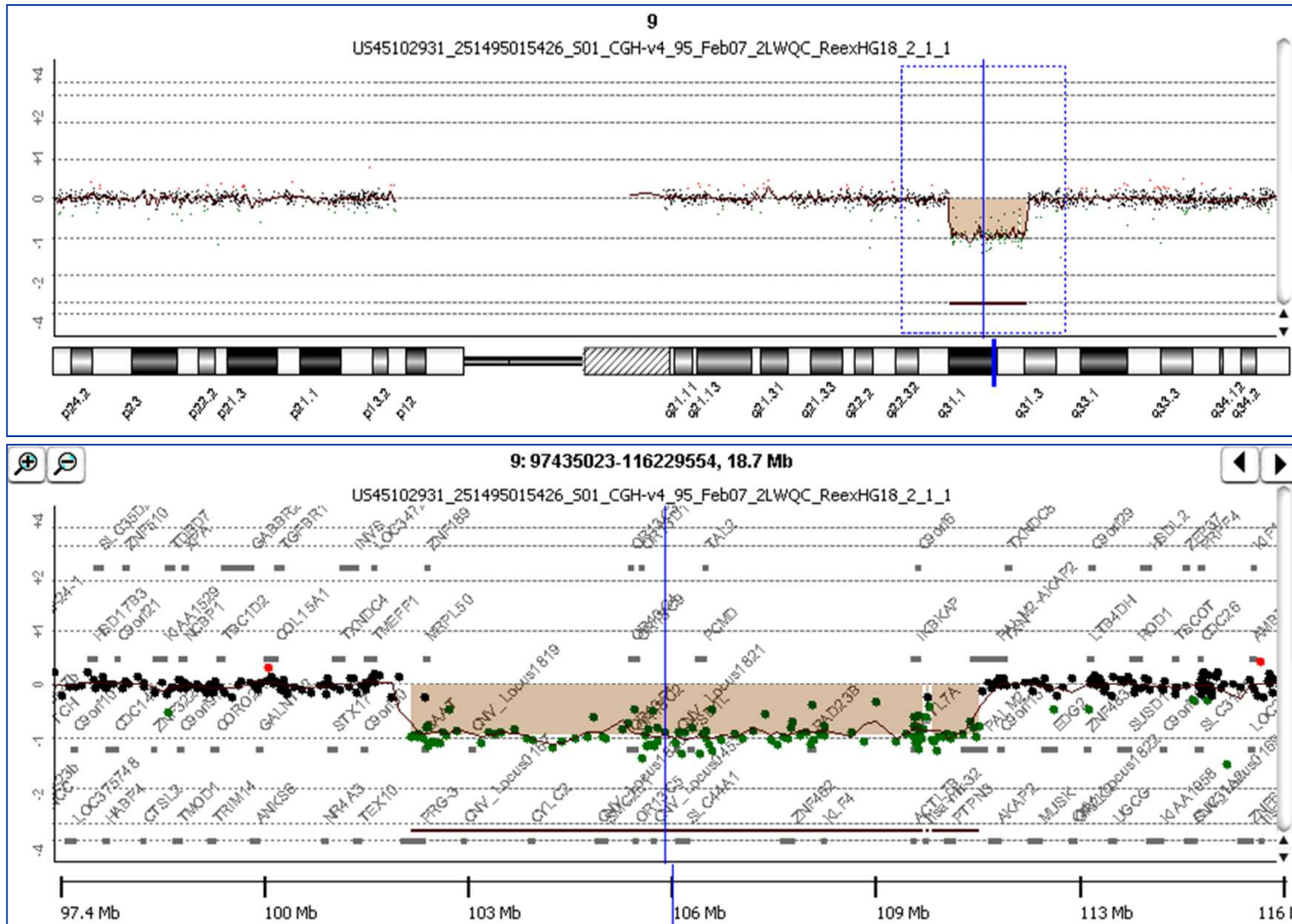
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46,XY

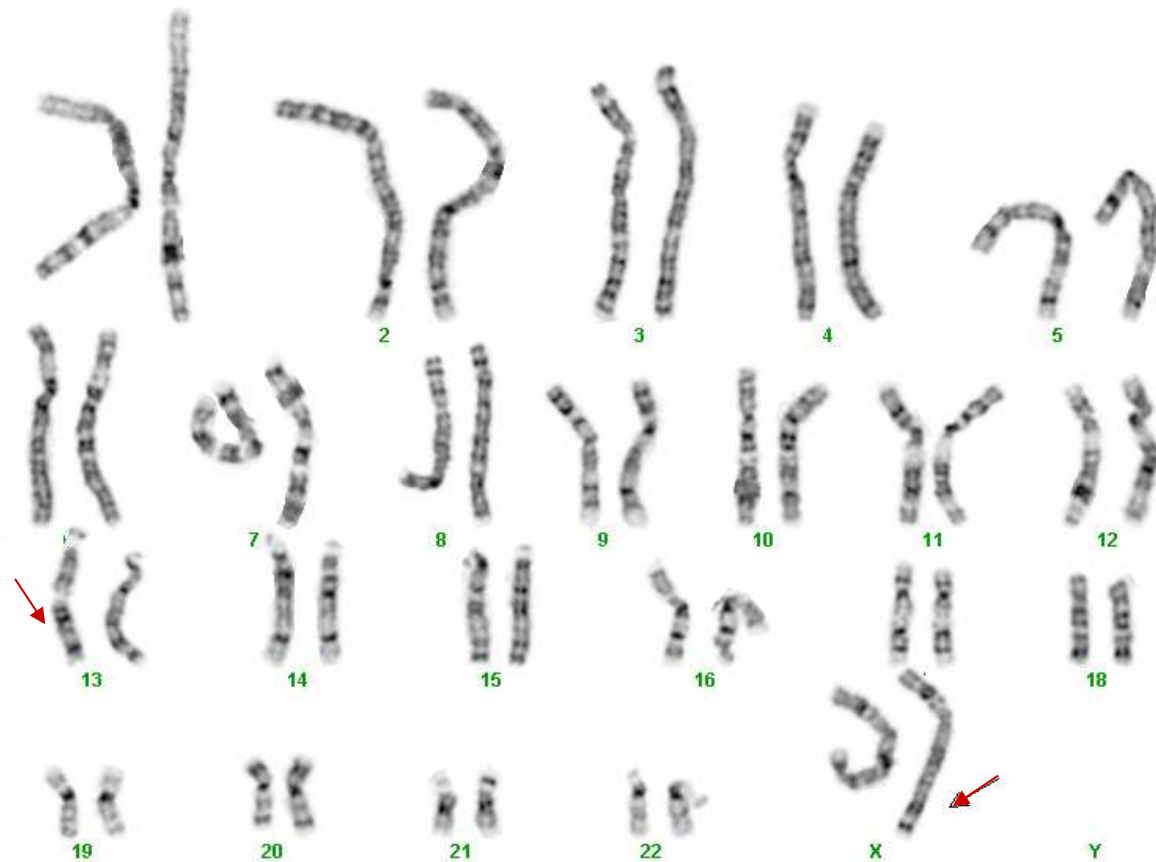
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De novo 8.7 Mb deletion on 9q31.1-q31.3



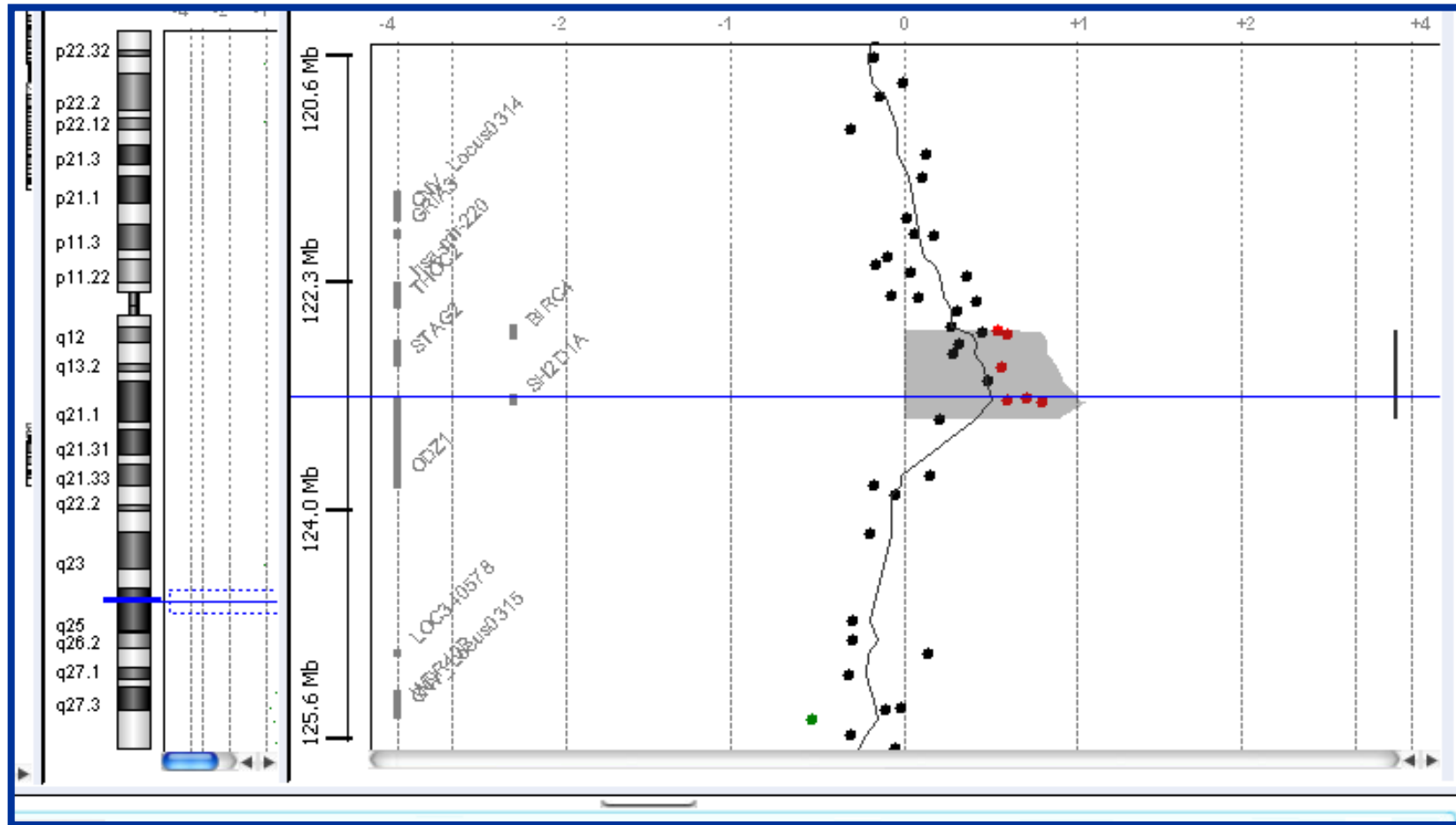
Autosomes structural anomalies: particular examples



- Mental retardation
- Facial dysmorphism
- Supernumerary nipple

46,X,t(X;13)(q24;q22),inv(9)(p12q13)

Microarrays: Microduplication Xq25



Microrearrangement at the
breakpoint on chromosome X

CONCLUSIONS

➤ *Numerical autosomes abnormalities:*

- frequent spontaneous abortions
- Trisomy 13, trisomy 18, trisomy 21
 - ↳ *low recurrence risk if no parental rearrangement*
- pigmentary changes, corporal asymmetry
 - ↳ *skin biopsy (mosaicism)*
 - ↳ *low recurrence risk*
- supernumerary marker chromosomes
 - ↳ *low recurrence risk*

CONCLUSIONS

➤ *Structural autosomes abnormalities:*

- cytogenetically detectable (karyotype)
 - ↳ *autosomal deletion syndromes*
- or genomic disorders (FISH, MLPA, arrays,...)
 - ↳ *microdeletion and microduplication syndromes*
- well-defined syndromes
 - ↳ *sporadic or inherited (! variable expressivity)*
- or particular cases
 - ↳ *low recurrence risk if no parental rearrangement*
- apparently balanced translocations
 - ↳ *microarrays if abnormal phenotype*

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