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**STUDY ON PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT FOR PRE-
IMPLANTATION GENETIC DIAGNOSIS IN IVF-ICSI**

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INTRODUCTION INHERITED DISEASES

MORE THAN 4.000 INHERITED DISEASES



INTRODUCTION PREVENTIVE STEPS



Carrier,
chromosome
aberrations
Rh incompatibility

•Family history: CF,
FragileX, DMD,
hemophilia, mental
retardation, CAH,
•Race
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Avoid hazard
agents
Preventive
medicaments
Prenatal screening
and diagnosis

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Developed Pre-Implantation Genetic Diagnosis procedures.**
- 2. Application of the PGD procedures on some monogenics disorders in Vietnam.**

OVERVIEW

PGD VS PGS

PGD (pre-implantation genetic diagnosis):

Detection of known mutation in embryos

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PGS (pre-implantation genetic screening):

Usually for chromosome aberrations (maybe)

THALASSEMIA

Thalassemia is the most common monogenic disorder in over the world. In VN, about 5 millions carriers or patients. About 2.000 thalassemia babies annually.



Dependent on alpha or beta globin deficiency , there are 2 main kinds: alpha thalassemia and beta-thalassemia.

α -THALASSEMIA

Thalassemia types	<i>α-thalassemia</i>	Manifest
α thalassemia silent	1 of 4 copy gene del.	No clinical manifest.
α thalassemia minor	2 of 4 copy gene del.	Clinical and hematological manifest
HbH	3 of 4 copy gene del.	Moderate thalassemia.
Hb Bart's	All 4 copy gene del.	Serious leading to died.

CLASSIFICATION OF β THALASSEMIA (genetic)

CLASSIFICATION	GENOTYPE	CLINICAL SEVERITY
β thal minor/trait	β/β^+ , β/β^0	Silent
β thal intermedia	β^+/β^+ , β^+/β^0	Moderate
β thal major	β^0/β^0	Severe

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY (SMA)

- Incidence: 1 / 6.000 to 1/10.000 babies
- An autosomal recessive, second to CF.
- SMN1 (SMNt) mutation carrier incidence in west EU from 2% to 3% of population.

CLINICAL SMA



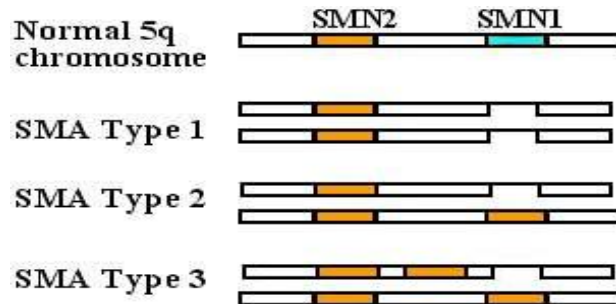
Clinical feature in type I
(2 gene copy deletion)



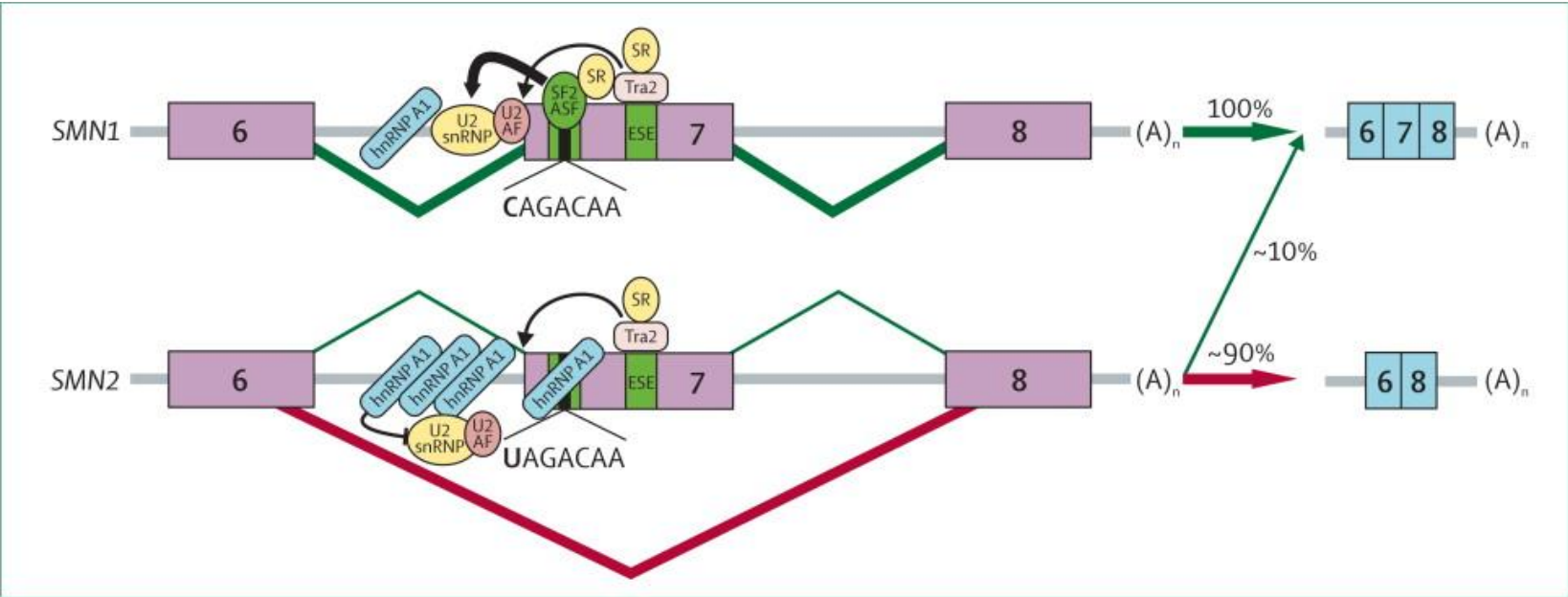
Clinical feature in type II
(1 gene copy deletion)



Clinical feature in type III (1 gene copy deletion+ repeated sequence).



SMA GENETICS

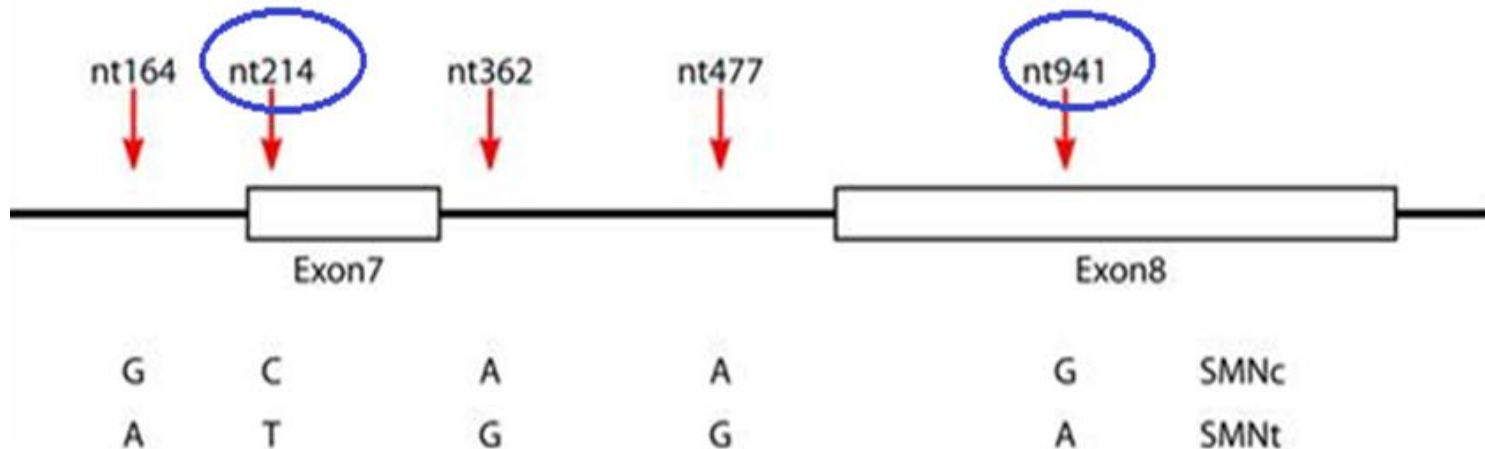


SMA GENETICS

In 1995, Judith Melki described SMN gene: SMN gene have 9 exons coding for SMA protein with 294 amino acids. There are 2 similar gene copies : SMNt (SMN1) and SMNc (SMN2).



SMN gene structure.



The difference between SMNt and SMNc

PGD SITUATION FOR THALASSEMIA

- **Zexu Jiao et al.** (China), 2003: Nested PCR (single cell) + hybridization. Of 28 embryos, 24 embryos had been diagnosed, gene amplification successful rate was 86,8%, 3 embryos had been transferred, 1 case with pregnancy.
- **Wen Wang et al.** (Singapore) 2009: first successful in PGD for SMA in Singapore. Nested PCR (single cell)+ minisequencing.
- **Yan-Wen Xu, 2009** (China): Nested PCR + gap PCR for SEA. Results: of 472 embryos, amplification successful rate was 82,6. ADO rate was 16,4%. 25 cases with clinical pregnancy (successessful rate was 24,0%).

PGD SITUATION FOR SMA

- **Dreesen et al.** (The Netherlands), 1998: nested PCR (single cell)+ RE. *Dral* to differentiate exon 7/SMNt from SMNc. Of 25 embryos, successful rate up to 100% .
- **Daniels et al.** (US, UK and Canada co-operation), 2001; **Céline Moutou et al.**, (France), 2003 : nested PCR (single cell) + RE. *Hinfl*. Of 34 embryos, successful rate 91%.
- **Fiorentino F. et al.**, 2003: nested PCR (single cell)+ minisequencing. Kết quả 14 phôi, successful rate was 92,90%.

SUBJECTS AND METHODS

1. FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PGD PROCEDURES

- 43 blood samples from 16 families with thalassemia, 30 surplus embryos (normal) using TripAssay and minisequencing methods.
- 17 SMA families and surplus 30 embryos using PCR-RFLP and Minisequencing methods.

SUBJECTS AND METHODS

2. APPLICATION PGD ON COUPLES

- **Subjects:**

- 62 couple having thalassemia babies (30 from NHOP and 32 from VMMU), 13 subjected to PGD.
- 17 couple having SMA babies (from NHOP), 3 subjected to PGD.
- Samples: 5ml peripheral blood /EDTA, embryo biosy samples.

- ***Methods:**

- Whole genome amplification (WGA): Omniplex (Sigma) kits.
- Thal screening: TripAssay kit, Vienna Lab, Austria, Minisequencing (SnaPshot, AB, USA).
- SMA screening: RFLP-PCR (Dral and Del, Thermo), Minisequencing.
- Embryo vitrification (Kuwayama method, Japan, 2005).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

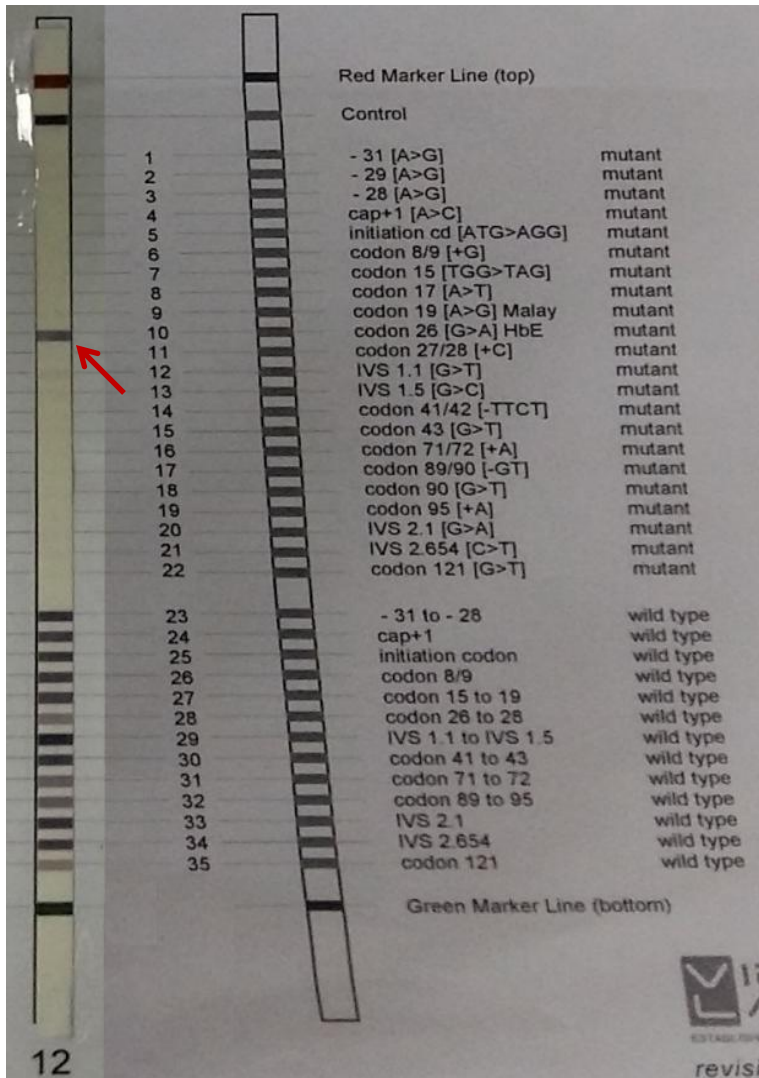
1. Development of PGD procedures

1.1. PDG for Thalassemia on surplus embryos

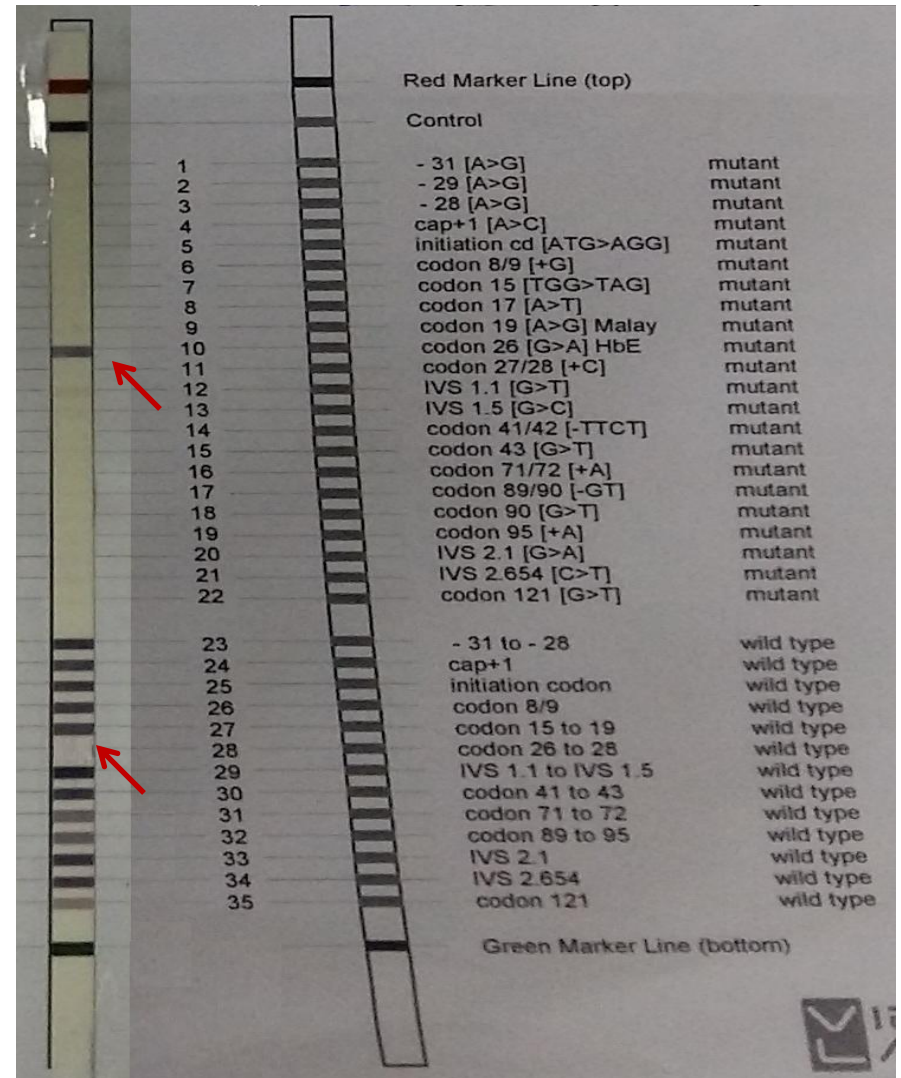
- Screening using TripAssay Kit
- Beta thalassemia screening using Minisequencing.
- Alpha Thalassemia screening using Gap-PCR.

Screening on thalassemia families

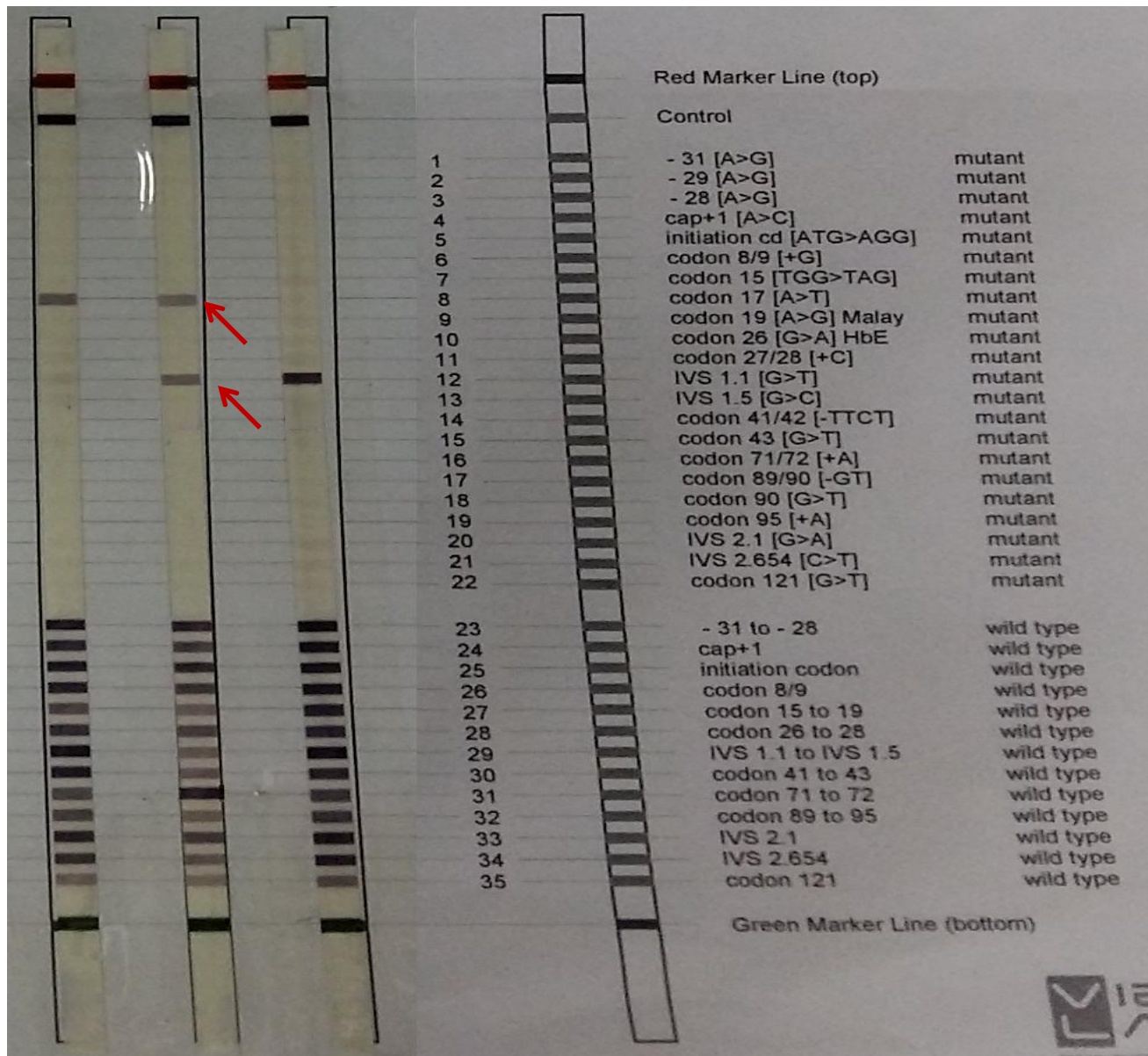
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2	THM07	Cd26	24	THC35	Cd26/ Cd71/72
3	THC07	Cd26/Cd26	25	THB48	Cd41/42
4	THB09	IVS1-1	26	THM48	IVS1-1
5	THM09	Cd17	27	THC48	Cd41/42/IVS1-1
6	THC09	Cd17/ IVS1-1	28	THB49	Cd17
7	THB16	Cd17	29	THM49	Cd17
8	THM16	Cd26	30	THC49	Cd17/Cd17
9	THC16	Cd17/Cd26	31	THB38	3.7
10	THB20	IVS1-1	32	THM38	SEA
11	THM20	Cd17	33	THC38	3.7/SEA
12	THC20	IVS1-1/ Cd17	34	THB56	SEA
13	THB24	Cd17	35	THM56	SEA
14	THM24	Cd17	36	THB59	SEA
15	THC24	Cd17/Cd17	37	THM59	SEA
16	THC26	Cd17	38	THB60	SEA
17	THB26	IVS2-654	39	THM60	SEA
18	THM26	Cd17/ IVS2-654	40	THB61	SEA
19	THB29	Cd41/42	41	THM61	SEA
20	THM29	Cd26	42	THB62	SEA
21	THC29	Cd26/ Cd41/42	43	THM62	SEA
22	THB35	Cd71/72			



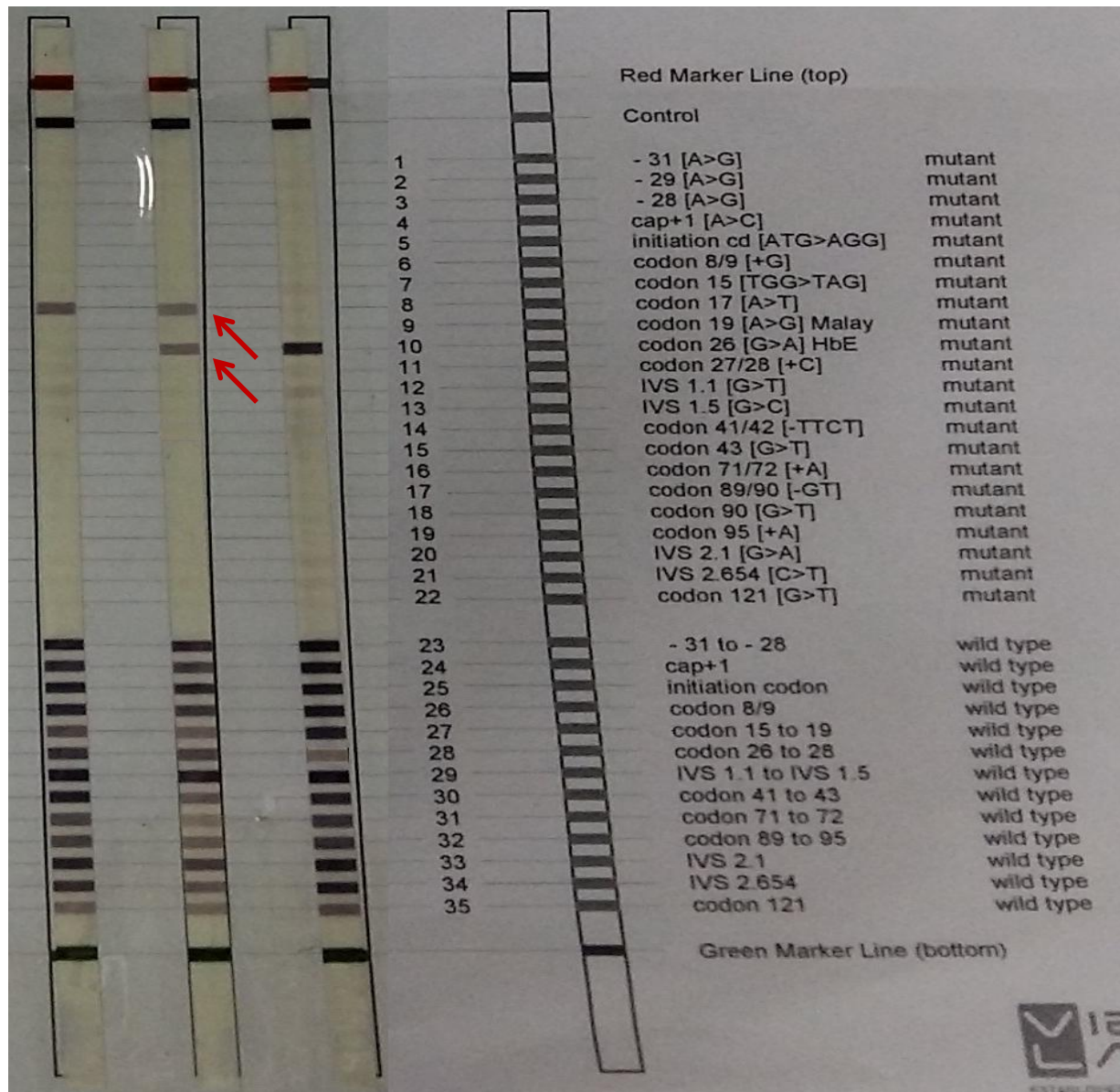
Cd26 herterozygous



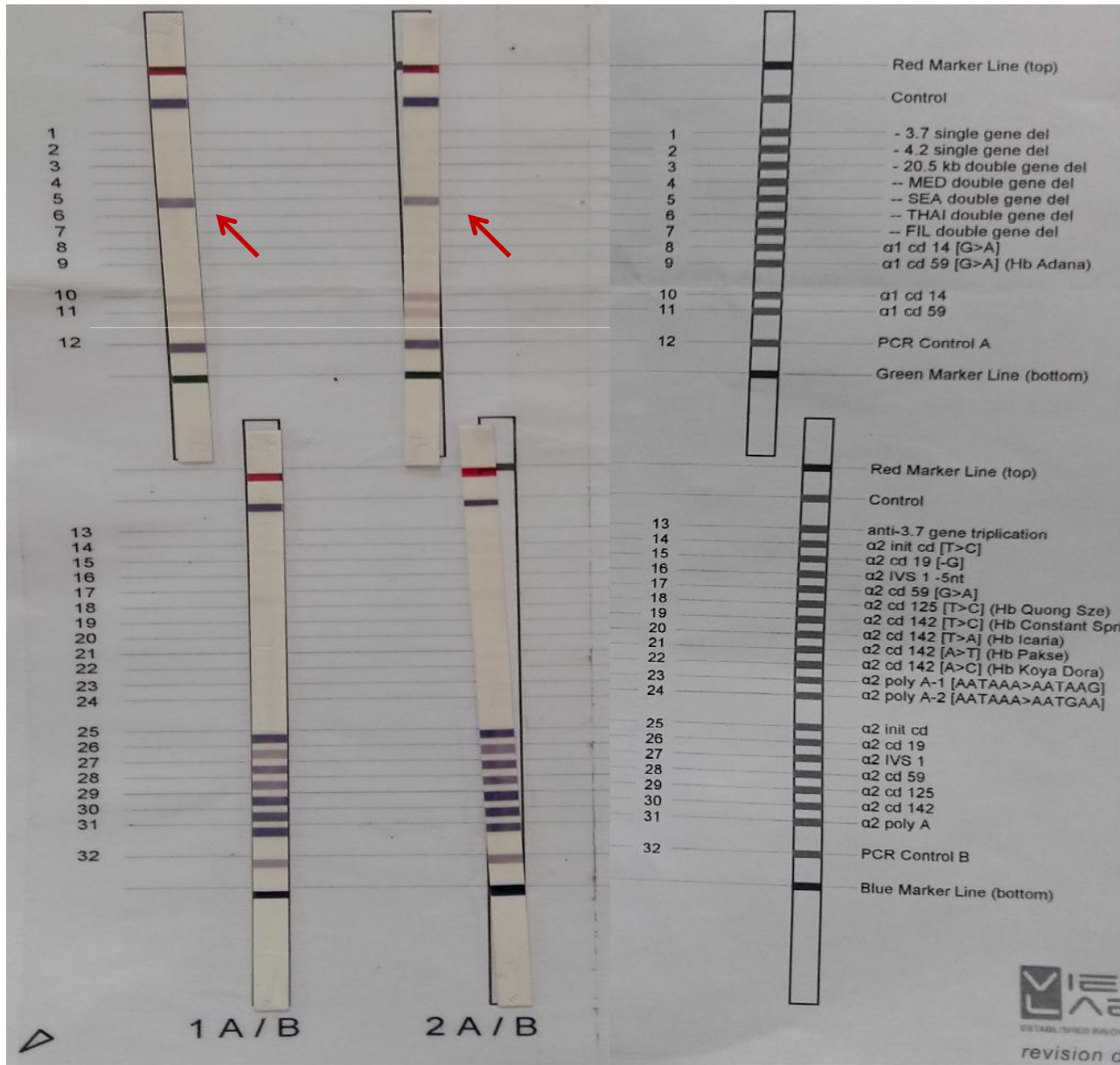
Cd26 homozygous



Cd17 and IVS1.1
From left to right side: THM20, THC20, THB20.

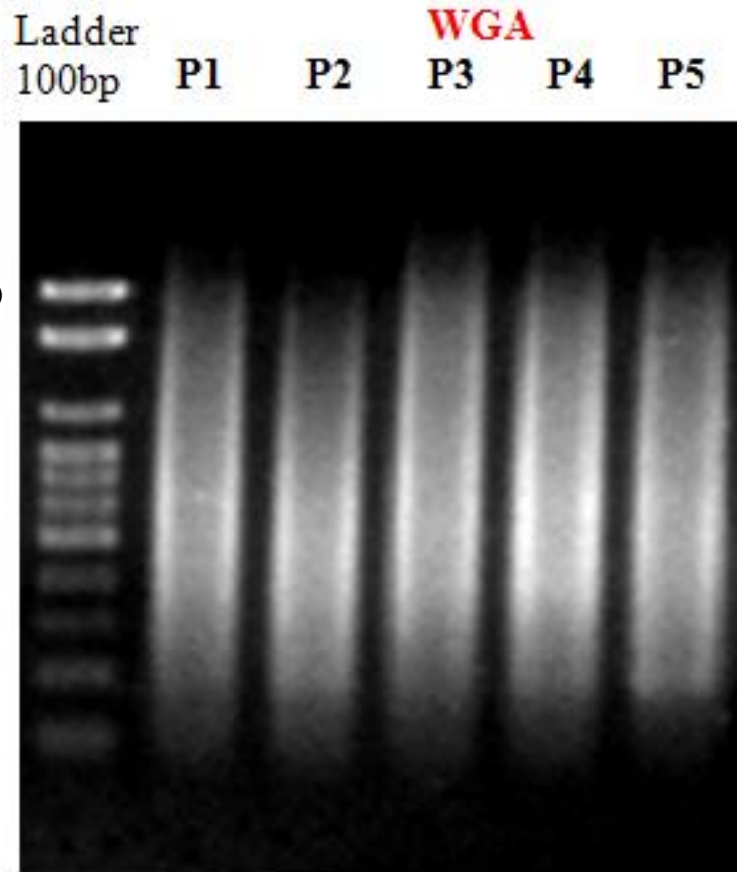


Cd17 and Cd26 From left to right side :THB16, THC16, THM16

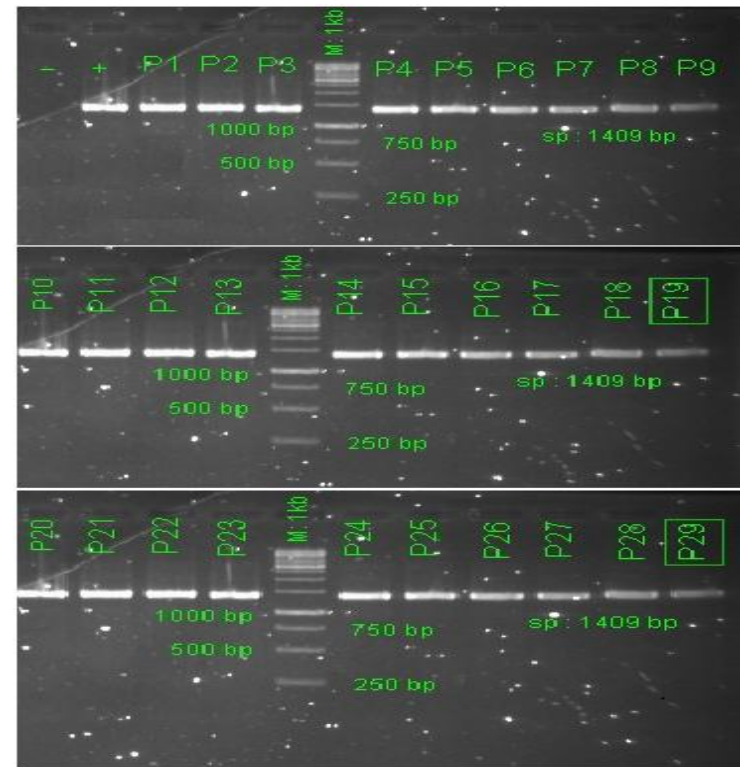


Alpha thalassemia from left to right: THB60, THM60 (SEA)

Beta Thalassemia screening using Minisequencing



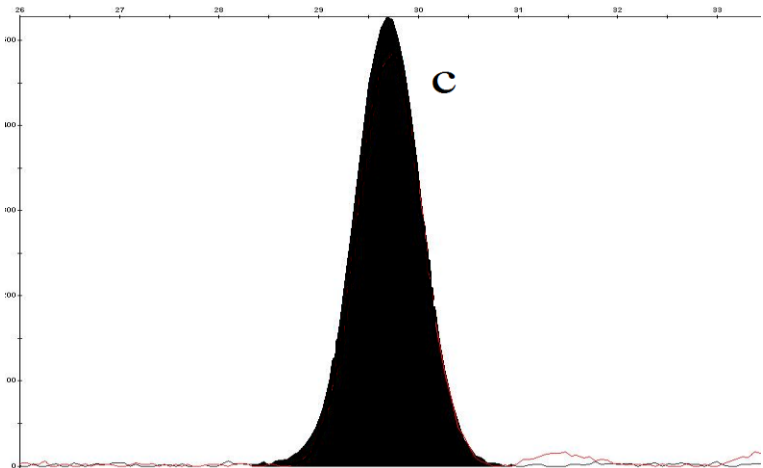
Electrophoresis image on 2% gel agarose of WGA products (WGA4, GenomePlex, Sigma) from single cell: P1: E 1; P2: E 2; P3: E 3; P4: E 4; P5: E 5



Electrophoresis image on 2% gel agarose of β -globin amplification product

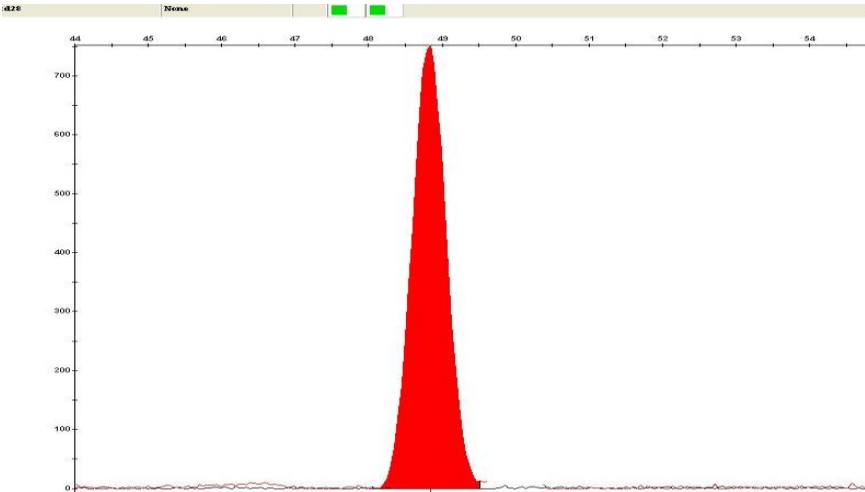
3.1.3. Development of PDG procedure for thalassemia

3.1.3.2. Development of PDG procedure for thalassemia using Minisequencing



Minisequencing on IVS 2-645 sample P1-P30. only one black peak denoted

to nucleotide **C** (normal)

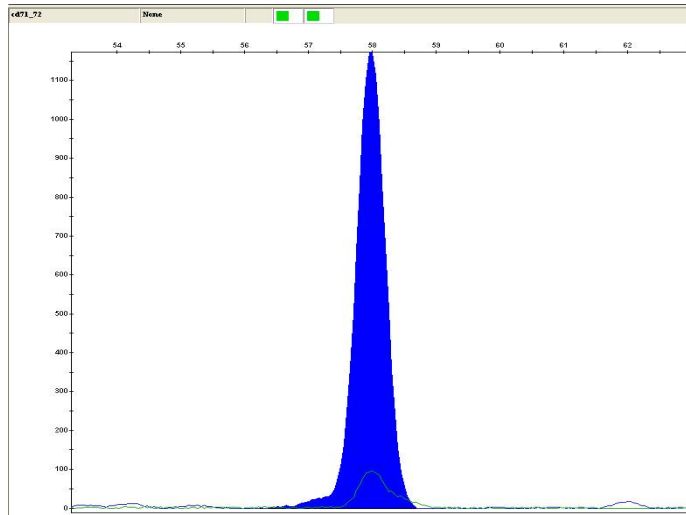


Minisequencing on Cd28 sample P1-P30. only one red peak denoted

to Nucleotide **T** in red (normal)

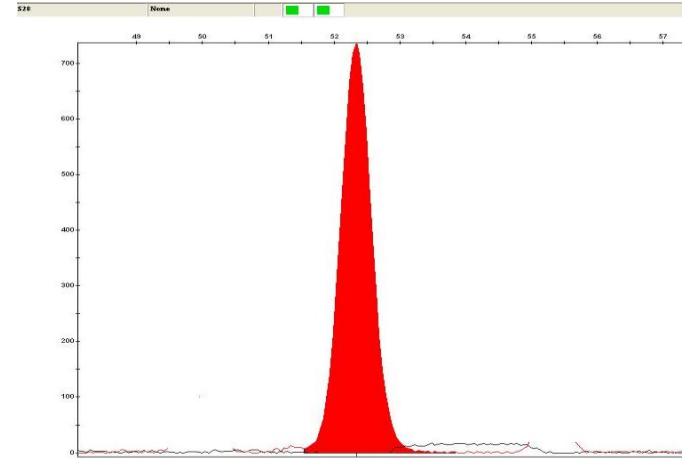
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Minisequencing on Cd71/72 P1-P30 sample P1-P30. only one blue peak

denoted to nucleotide **G** (normal)



Minisequencing on Cd71/72 P1-P30 sample SNP28 P1-P30. only one red

peak denoted to nucleotide **T**

(normal)

Beta thalassemia mutation detection on surplus using Minisequencing

Number	Code	Type mutation on single cell	Number	Code	Type mutation on single cell
1	P1	Normal	16	P16	Normal
2	P2	Normal	17	P17	Normal
3	P3	Normal	18	P18	Normal
4	P4	Normal	19	P19	Normal
5	P5	Normal	20	P20	Normal
6	P6	Normal	21	P21	Normal
7	P7	Normal	22	P22	Normal
8	P8	Normal	23	P23	Normal
9	P9	Normal	24	P24	Normal
10	P10	Normal	25	P25	Normal
11	P11	Normal	26	P26	Normal
12	P12	Normal	27	P27	Normal
13	P13	Normal	28	P28	Normal
14	P14	Normal	29	P29	Normal
15	P15	Normal	30	P30	Normal

1.2. Development of PDG procedure for thalassemia

PDG work up for thalassemia

Step 1: ADN isolation from whole peripheral blood.

Step 2: exon 7- SMN amplification.

Step 3: *PCR –RFLP* and Minisequencing for mutation detection.

SMA PGD on surplus embryos

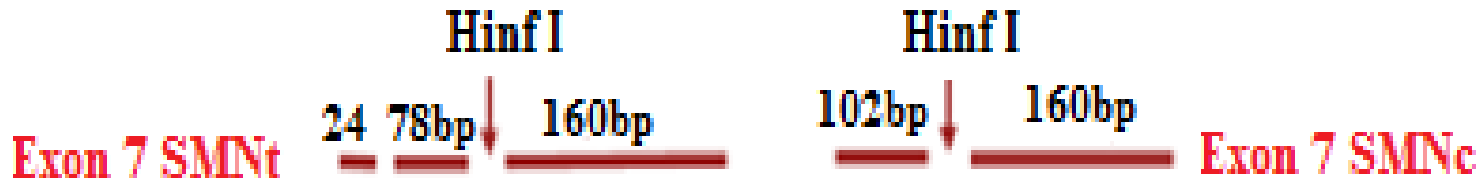
Step 1: WGA

Step 2: Nhân exon 7- SMN

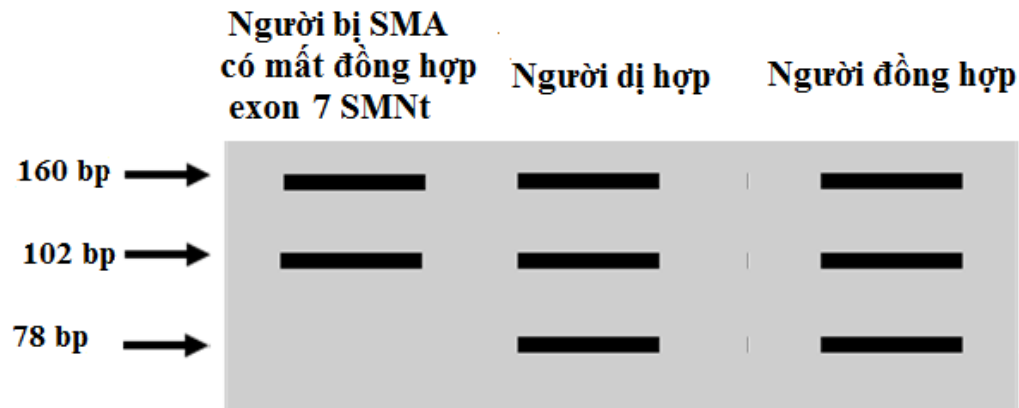
Step 3: PCR-RFLP and Minisequencing for mutation detection

RFLP-PCR on embryos

- **RE treatment**
- To differentiate exon 7- SMNt from exon 7- SMNc, using ***Hinf I***, Thermo scientific.
- Treatment PCR product with ***Hinf I*** for 2-3hs. ***Hinf I*** cut both exon 7 SMNt and SMNc

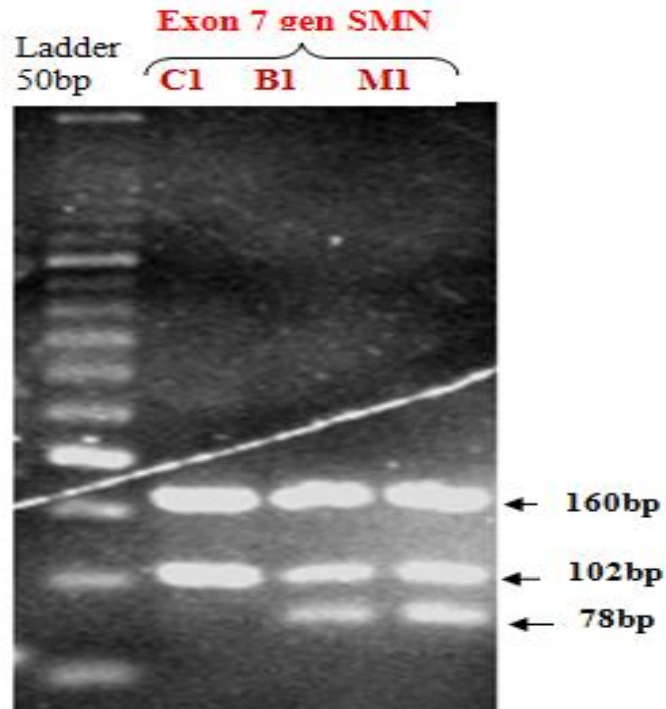


Site of cut on exon 7 SMNt and SMNc of enzyme *Hinf I*.



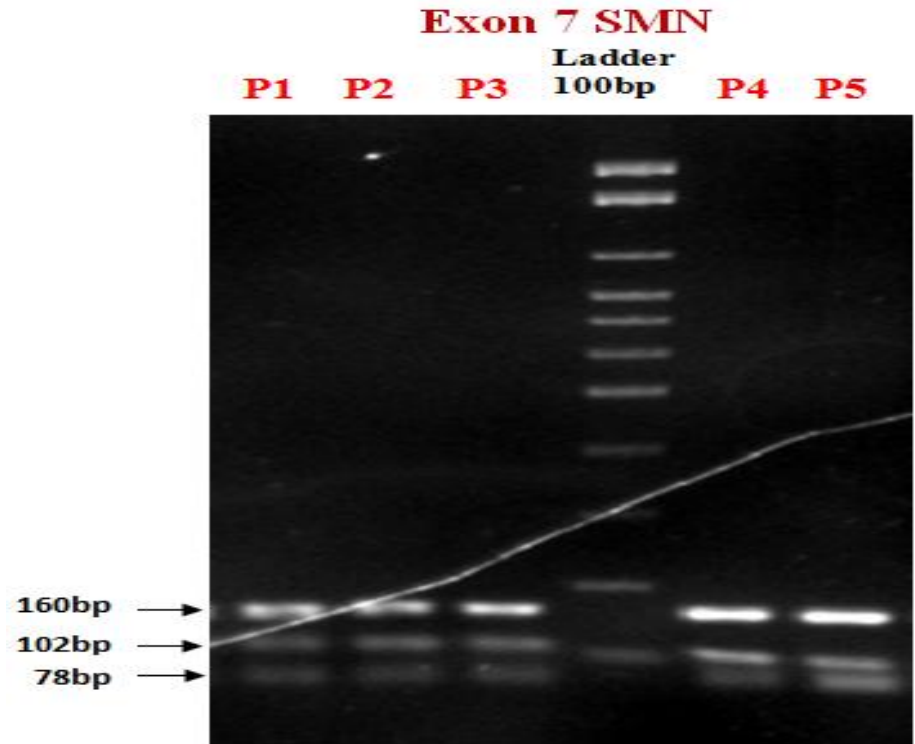
3.1.3. Developed PGD procedure for SMA

3.1.3.1. Screening SMN mutation using RFLP-PCR on embryos



Electrophoresis image on on gel 1% agarose gel of SMN gene exon 7 amplification PCR product in Family C1.

B1: father1; M1: mother1; C1: patient1



Electrophoresis image on gel 3% agarose gel of WGA PCR product from normal one.

P1: E1; P2E2; P3: E3; P4: E4; P5: E5 5

PGD procedure for SMA using Minisequencing

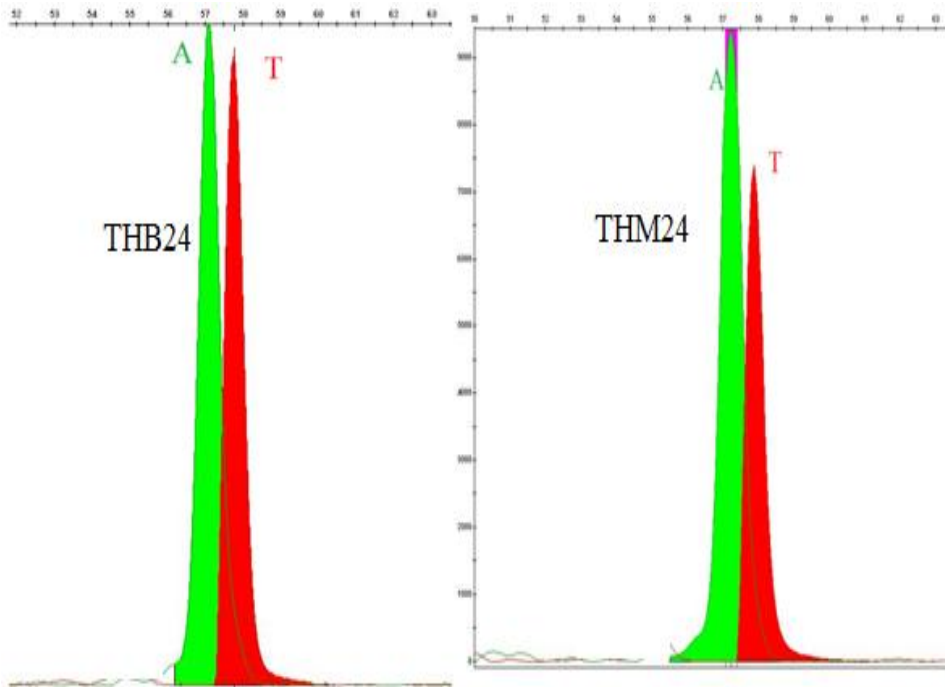
**Families enroled in SMN screening (-) exon 7
*homozygous deletion; (+) with exon 7.***

No.	Code	exon 7 gene SMNt amp			No.	Code	exon 7 gene SMNt amp		
		Father	Mother	Baby			Father	Mother	Baby
1	SMA1	+	+	-	10	SMA11	+	+	-
2	SMA2	+	+	-	11	SMA12	+	+	-
3	SMA3	+	+	-	12	SMA13	+	+	-
4	SMA4	+	+	-	13	SMA14	+	+	-
5	SMA5	+	+	-	14	SMA15	+	+	-
6	SMA6	+	+	-	15	SMA16	+	+	-
7	SMA7	+	+	-	16	SMA17	+	+	-
8	SMA8	+	+	-	17	SMA18	+	+	-
9	SMA10	+	+	-					

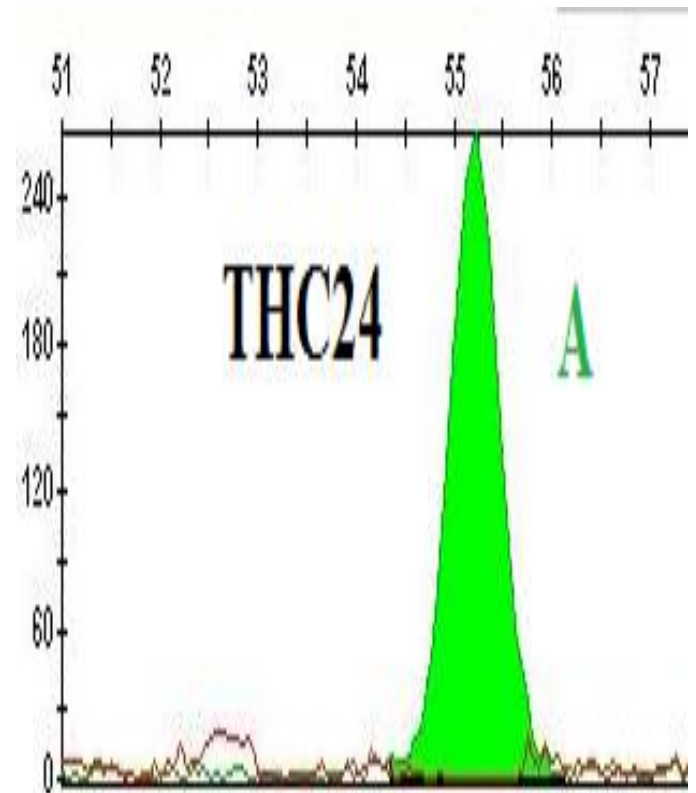
2. Application of PGD procedure for thalassemia on embryos

Results of Beta thalassemia mutation detection on embryos.

Number	Code	Mutation type		Code	Mutation type		Code	Mutation type	
1	THC24	Cd17	Cd17	THB24	Cd17	+	THM24	Cd17	+
	P1_24	+	+	P2_24	Cd17	Cd17	P3_24	Cd17	Cd17
	P4_24	Cd17	+	P5_24	Cd17	+	P6_24	Cd17	+
	P1_24_L2	Cd17	+	P2_24_L2	Cd17	Cd17			
2	THC48	Cd41/42	IVS1.1	THB48	Cd41/42	+	THM48	IVS1.1	+
	P1_48	IVS1.1	+	P2_48	IVS1.1	+			
	P1.L2_48	IVS1.1	+	P2.L2_48	+	+			
3	THC51	Cd41/42	IVS1.1	THB51	Cd41/42	+	THM51	IVS1.1	+
	P1_51	+	+						
4	THC57	Cd17	Cd26	THB57	Cd17	+	THM57	Cd26	+
	P1_57	Cd26	+	P2_57	Cd17	+			
5	THC58	Cd26	Cd17	THB58	Cd26	+	THM58	Cd17	+
	P1_58	+	+						

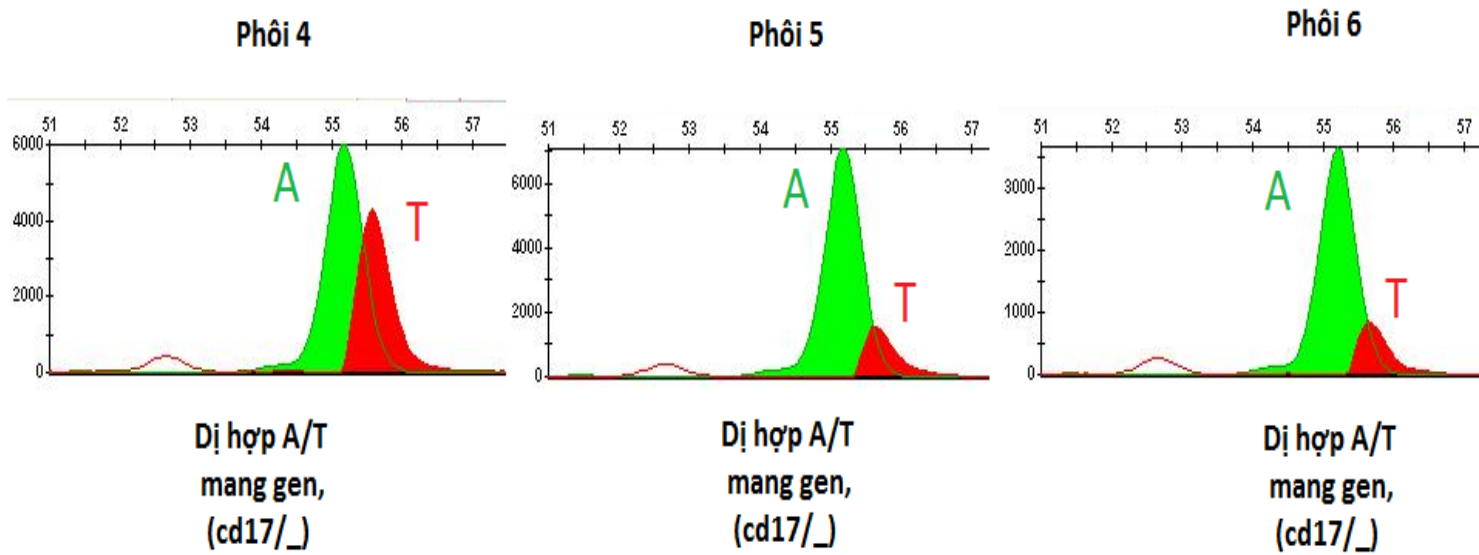
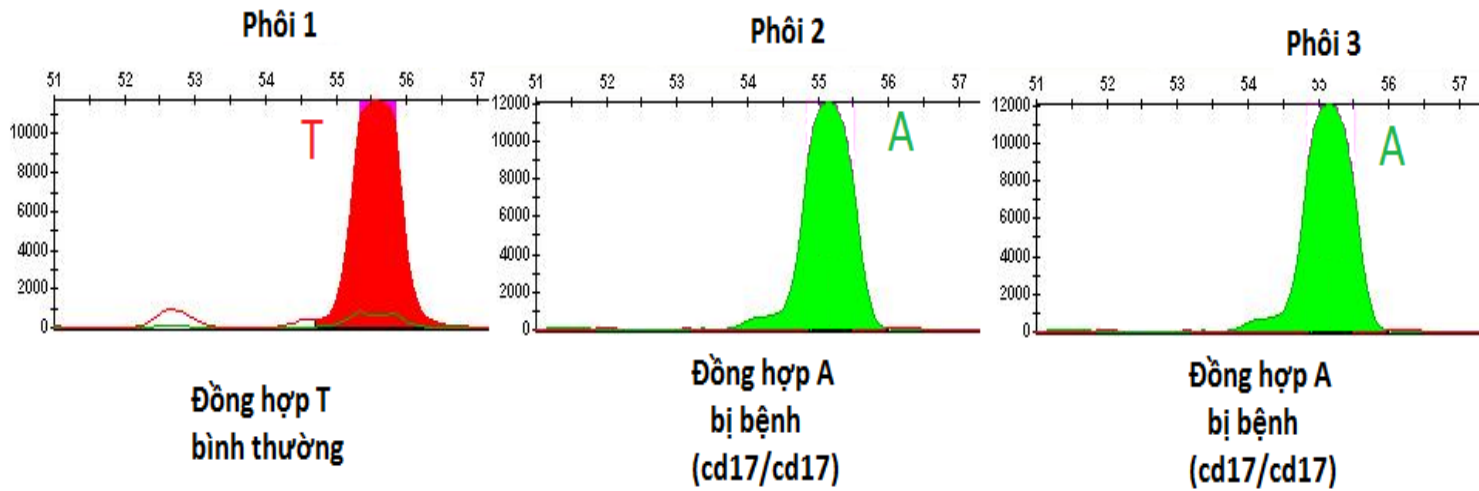


Minisequencing in THB24, THM24.

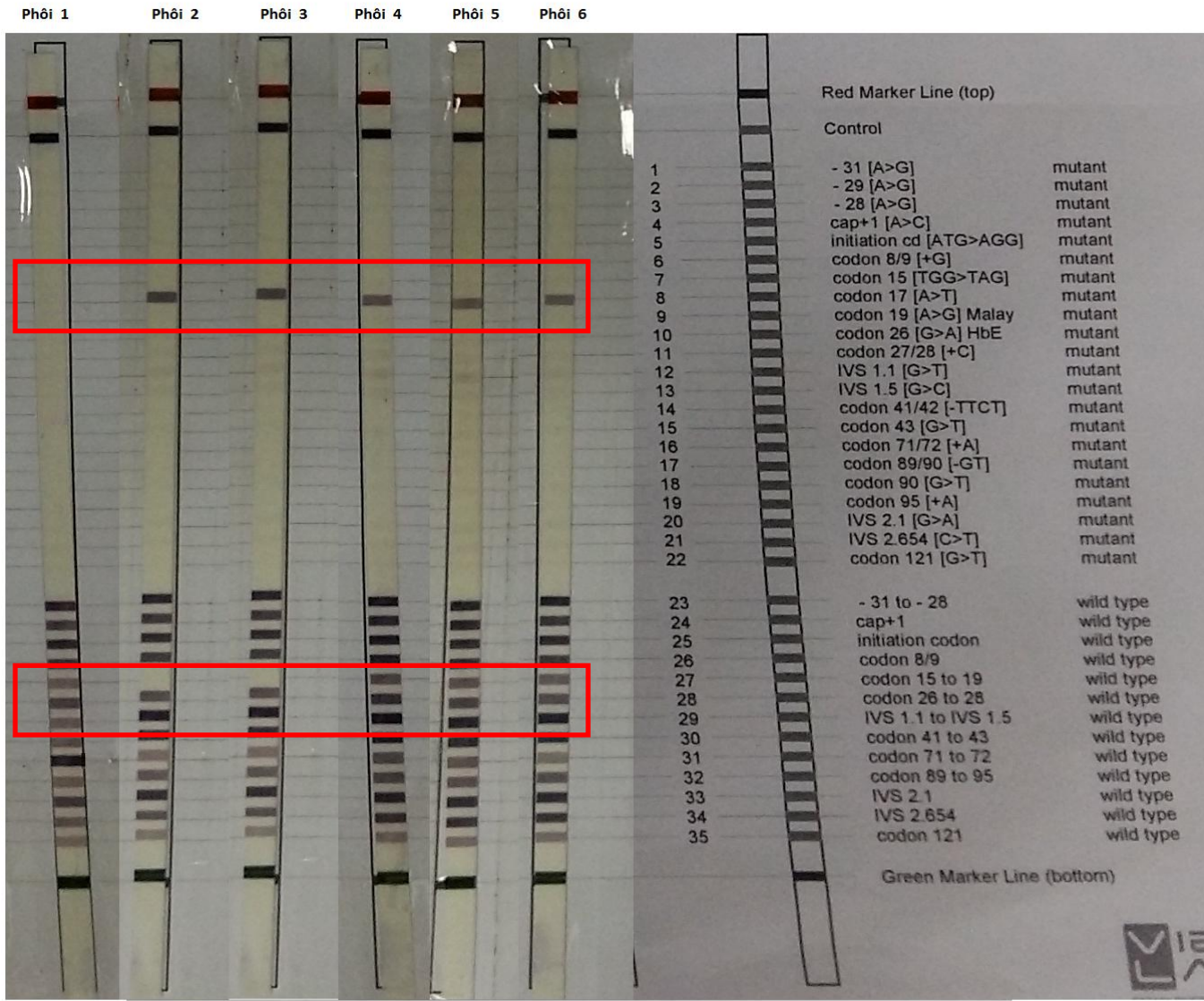


Minisequencing in THC24.

Cd17/Cd17



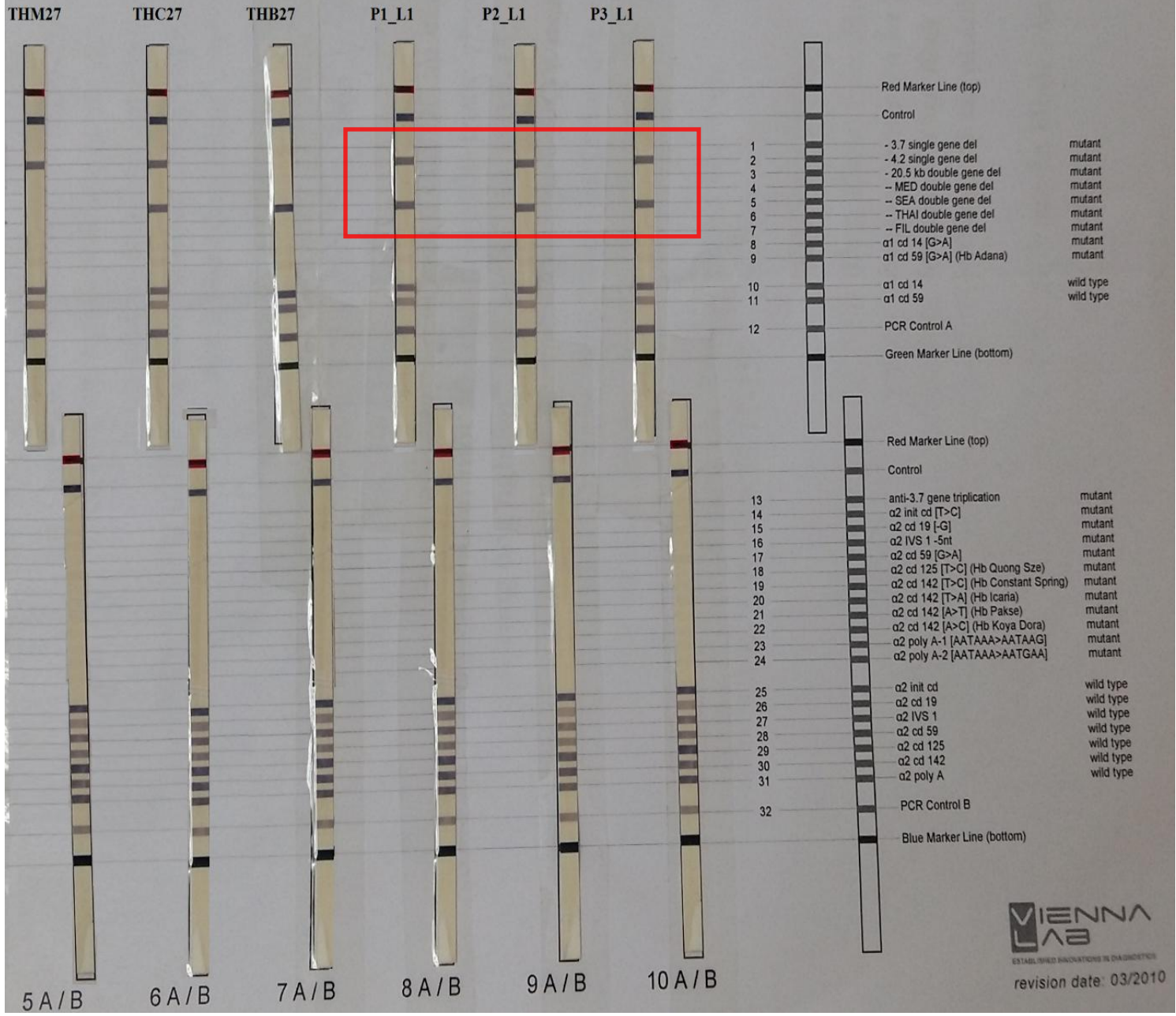
Minisequencing on 6 embryos from family 24.



**TripAssay on 6 embryos in Family 24 (Cd17)
E1 normal, E2,3 affected, E4,5,6 heterozygous**

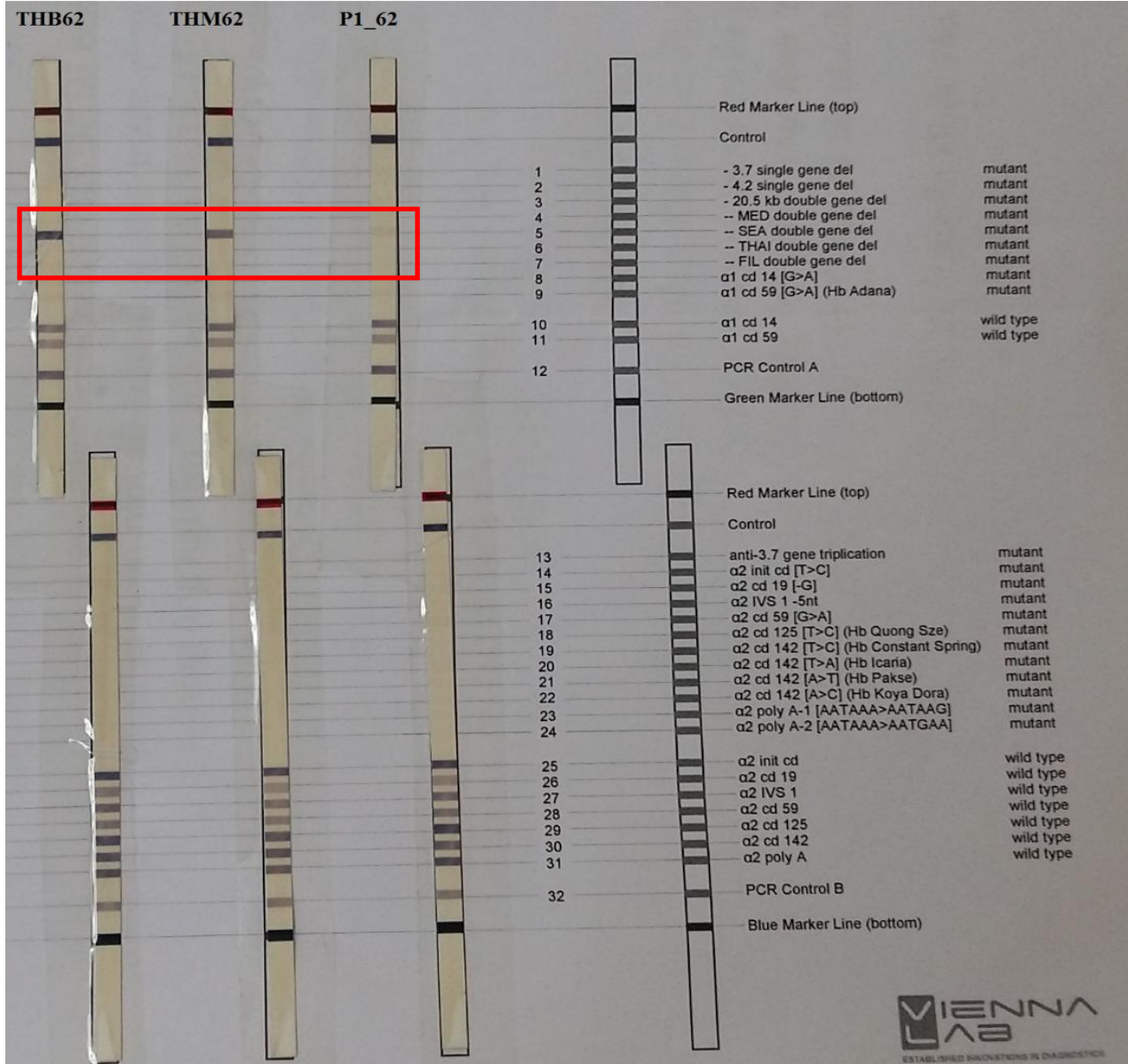
Alpha thalassemia mutation Detection on embryos

Number	Code		Mutation type		Code		Mutation type		Code		Mutation type	
1	THC23	SEA	HBC	THB23	SEA	+	THM23	+	HBC			
	P1_23	+	+	P2_23	+	SEA	P3_23	SEA	SEA			
	P4_23	SEA	+	P5_23	+	+						
2	THC27	SEA	4.2	THB27	SEA	+	THM27	4.2	+			
	P1_27	SEA	4.2	P2_27	SEA	4.2	P3_27	SEA	4.2			
	P1_L2_24	-	-	P2_L2_27	-	-						
3	THC38	3.7	SEA	THB38	3.7	+	THM38	SEA	+			
	F 38 no emb biosied											
4	THC	-	-	THB56	SEA	+	THM56	SEA	+			
	P1_56	+	+	P2_56	SEA	SEA	P3_56	SEA	+			
	P4_56	SEA	SEA									
5	THC	-	-	THB59	SEA	Cd26	THM59	SEA	+			
	P1_59	+	+	P2_59	SEA	+	P3_59	SEA	+			
6	THC	-	-	THB60	SEA	+	THM60	SEA	+			
	P1_60	+	+	P2_60	SEA	SEA	P3_60	SEA	+			
7	THC	-	-	THB62	SEA	+	THM62	SEA	+			
	P1_62	+	+	P2_62	SEA	+						



3 embryos affected

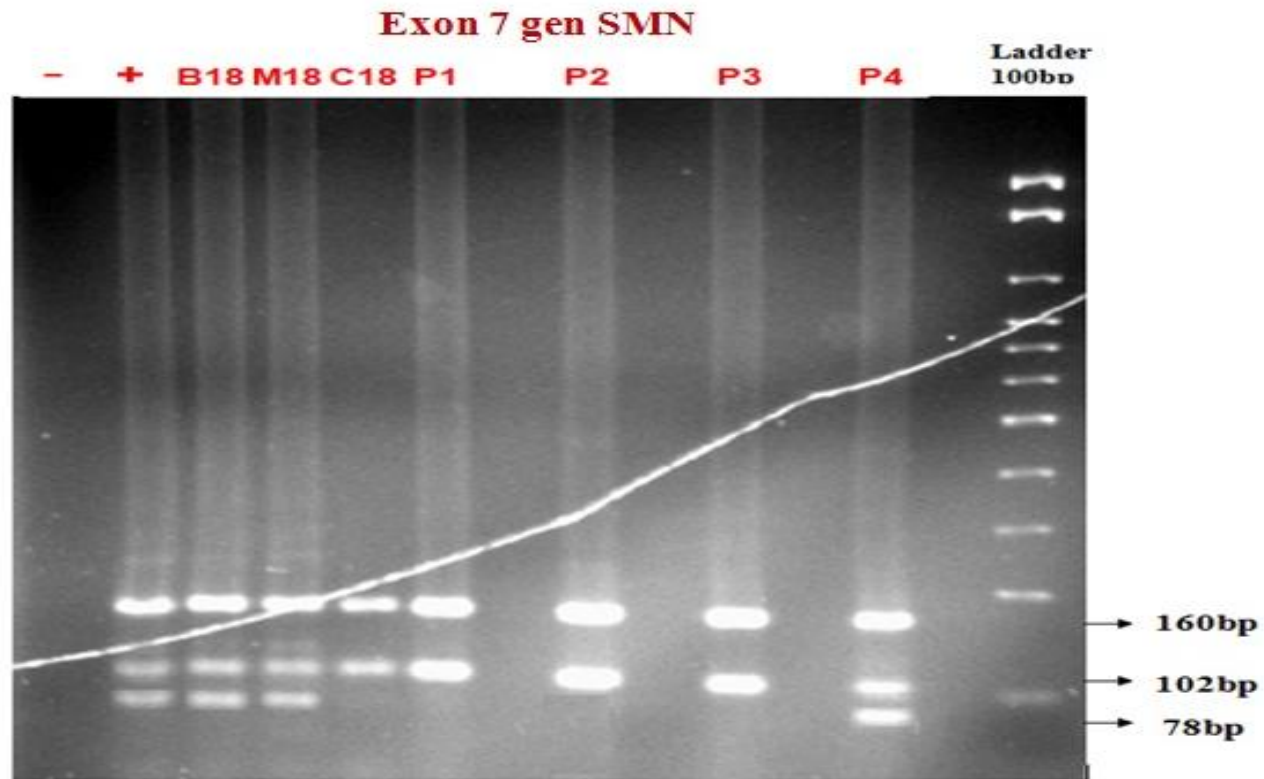
TripAssay in family 27 (4.2 and SEA)



TripAssay in family 62 (SEA)

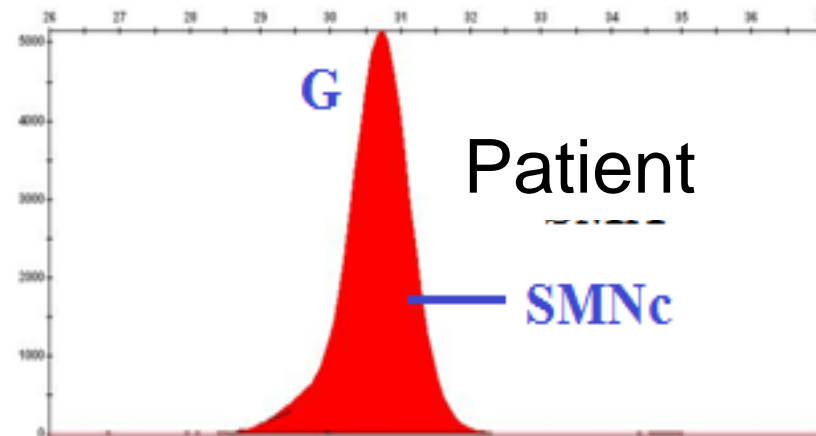
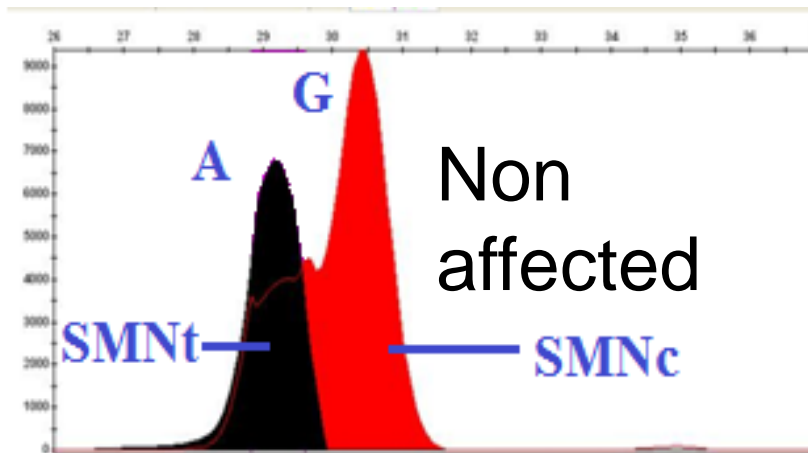
2.2. Application of PGD procedure for SMA

For 3 families with SMA.



Electrophoresis image on 3% agarose gel of exon 7 gen SMN PCR product from SMA18 Family.

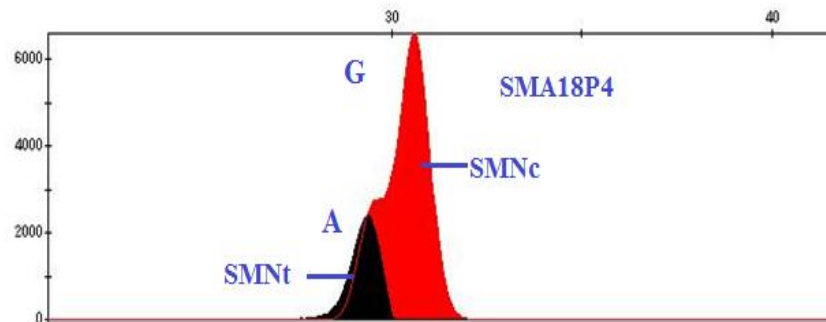
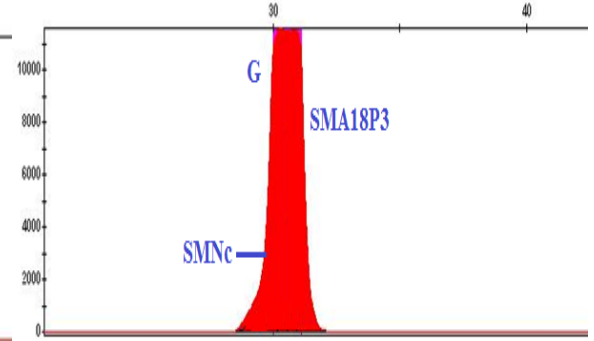
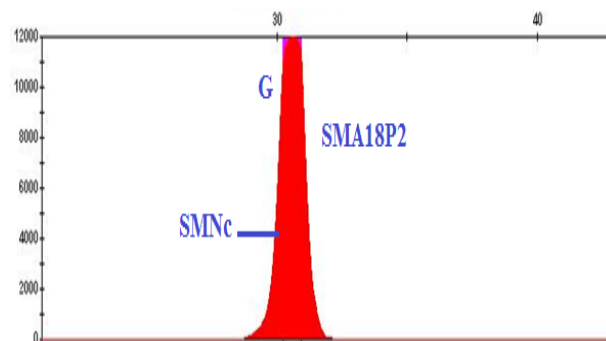
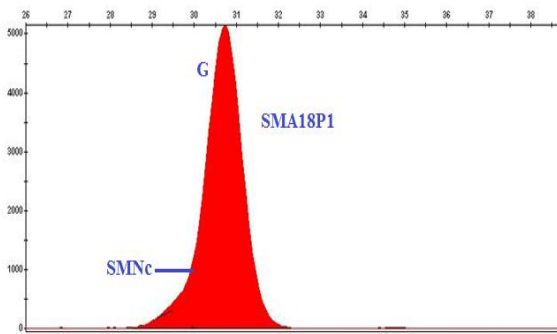
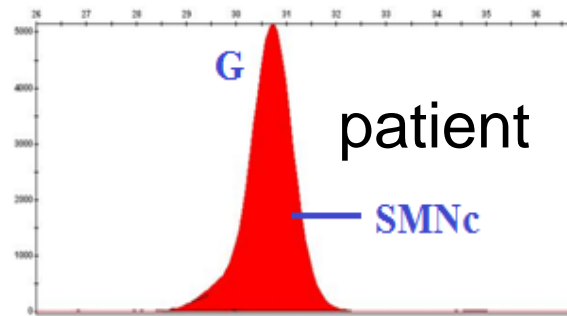
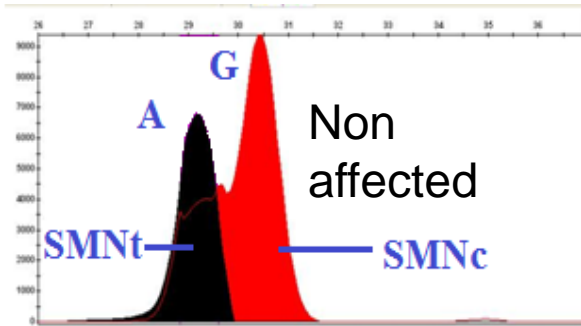
Besides PCR-RFLP, Minisequencing was carried out for SMA mut detection based on the difference in nucleotid 214 on exon 7/ SMNt gene (T), but in exon 7/gen SMNc gene (C).



A: Who have both exon 7/gen SMNt gene and exon 7/gen SMNc gene - normal;

B: Who have only exon 7/SMNc gene - SMA.

Minisequencing results:



Minisequencing result totally in accordance with PCR-RFLP result.

PGD results on three SMA families

Code	No. of ovul	No. of EMB	Biopsied EMB	Normal EMB	EMB Trans	Results
SMA1	10	8	5	4	1	Baby taking home
SMA2	5	3	0			
SMA18	9	7	5	1	1	Baby taking home

•Dreesen et al. (The Netherland), 1998: 2 embryos x 2 times: 1 baby.

•Daniels et al. , US,UK, Canada , 2001, 3/5 successful, 6 babies.

•Ce'line Moutou et al. ., Pháp, 2003. 4 cases, no baby.

•FiorentinoF. et al. , 2003: 3 cases, no pregnancy.

•Girardet A. et al. . , 2008: 1 case, 1 baby.

CONCLUSION

1. A Pre-Implantation Genetic Diagnosis has been developed on in vitro fertilization embryos.
 - PGD procedures for muscular dystrophy.
 - PGD procedures for Thalassemia.

CONCLUSION

2. Applied PGD for some of the most common genetic diseases in Vietnam on IVF-ICSI embryos.
- Applying PGD for 17 families participating in the study, including 3 families who had eggs, 8 embryos, 2 embryos transferred giving 2 healthy babies.
 - Applied PGD for the Thalassemia on 80 families, 25 of whom participated in IVF and 60 embryos. Transferring embryos in six cases gave healthy baby and many were pregnant, some preparing to transfer embryos.

PROPOSALS

- Application PGD for thalassemia and SMA.
- Combination of PGD with PGS to improve IVF-ICSI successful rate.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH