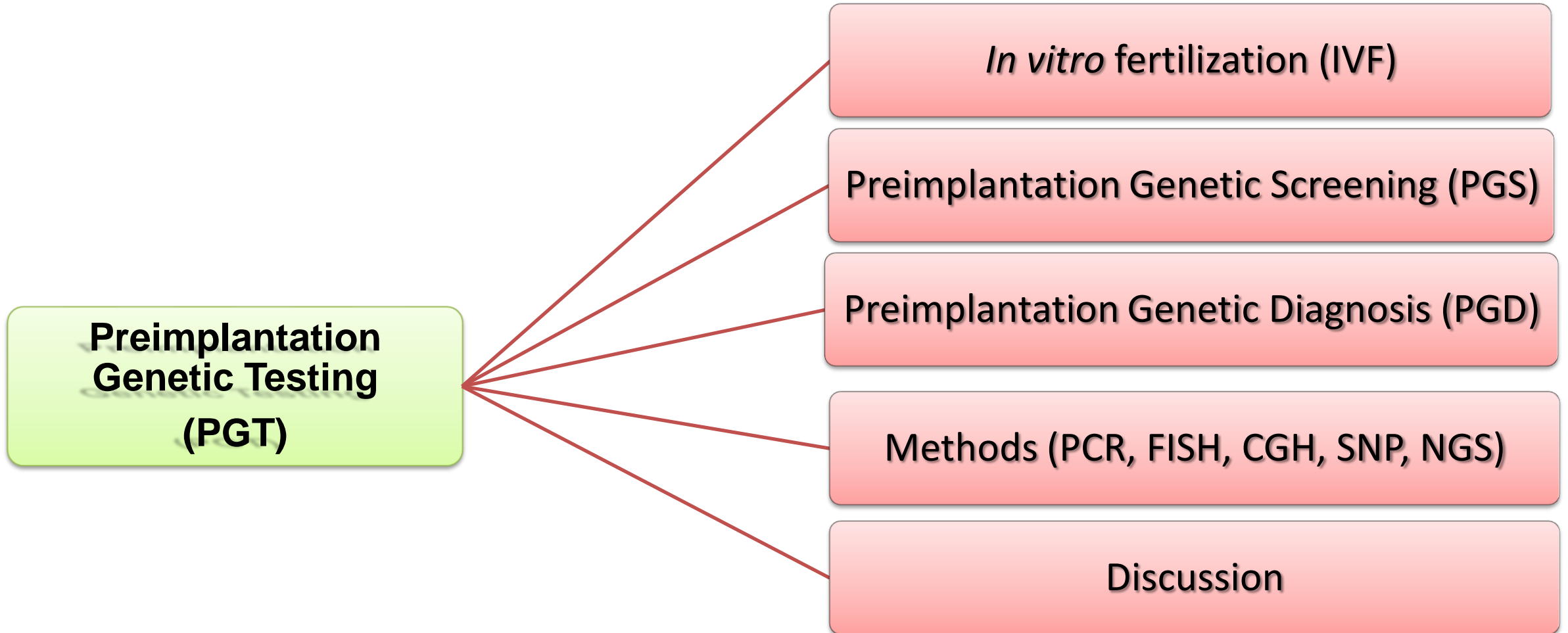


# **Preimplantation Genetic Screening (PGS) and Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD)**

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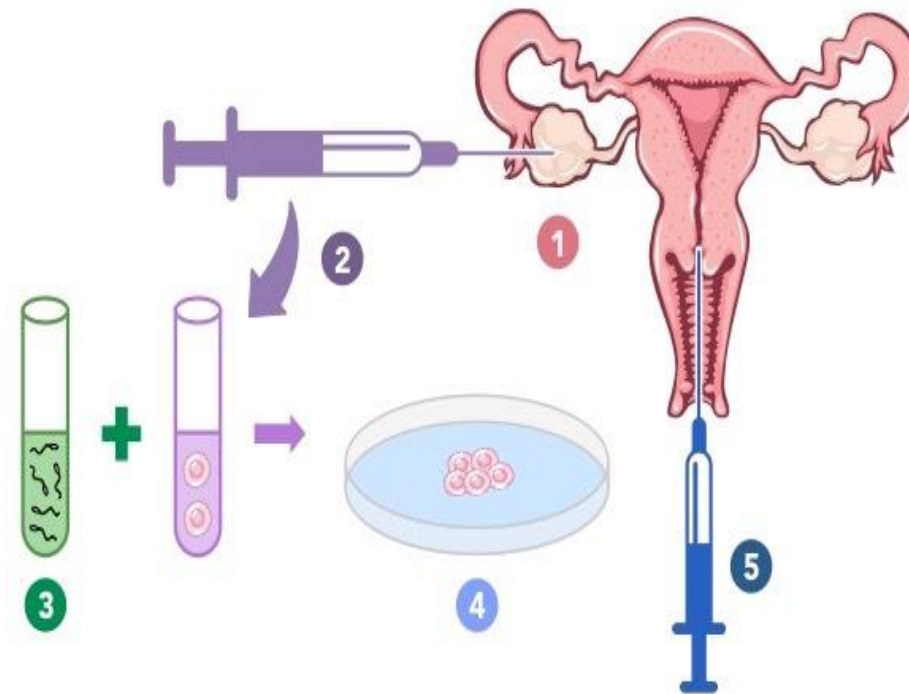
# Outline



# *In vitro* fertilization (IVF) Procedure

## Procedure

- 1 、 Stimulation phase
- 2 、 Egg retrieval
- 3 、 Collect sperm
- 4 、 *In vitro* fertilization (IVF)
- 5 、 Embryo transfer
- 6 、 Implantation

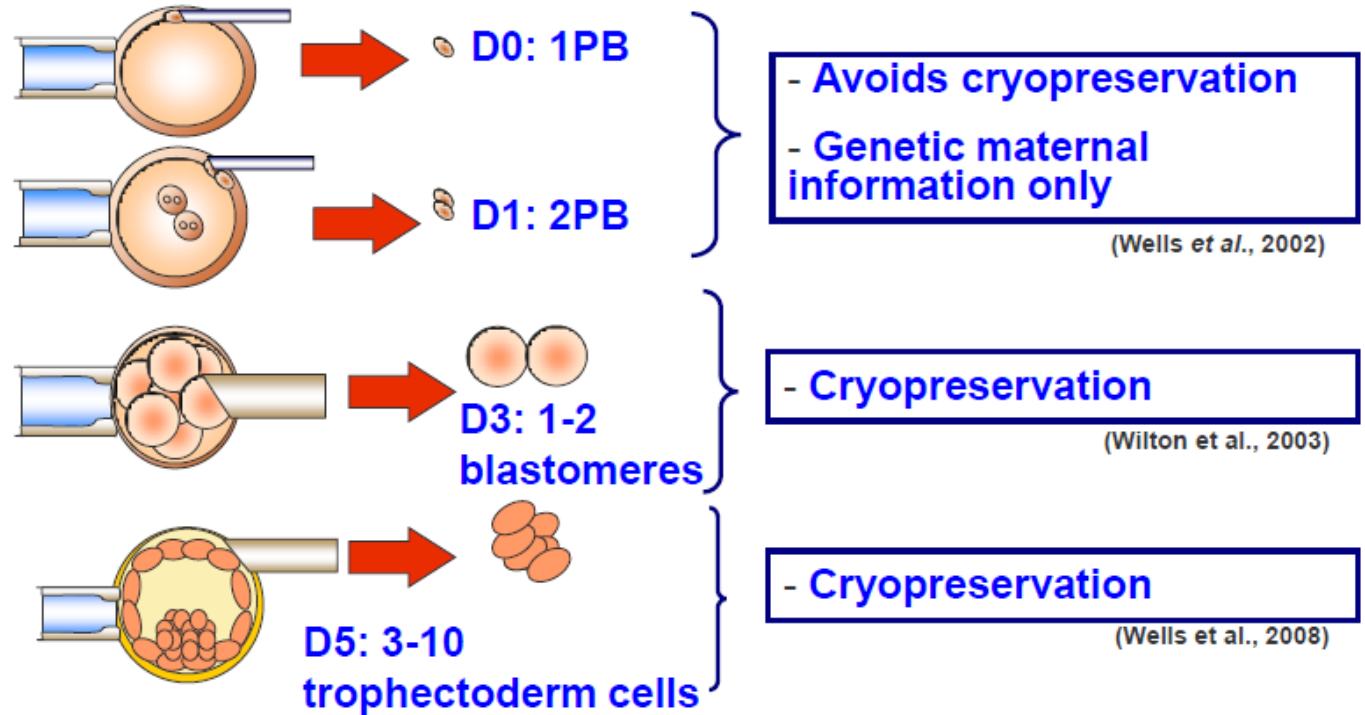


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# in vitro fertilization (IVF) + genetic testing

## Procedure

- 1、 Stimulation phase
- 2、 Egg retrieval
- 3、 Collect sperm
- 4、 *In vitro* fertilization (IVF)  
**(Genetic Testing)**
- 5、 Embryo transfer
- 6、 Implantation



**Genetic testing before implantation : preimplantation genetic testing (PGT)**

# Biopsy Procedures

Polar body

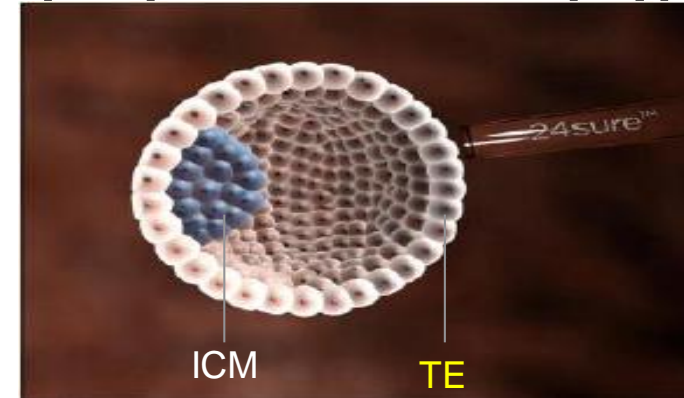


Blastomere



1 cell

Blastocyst  
(Trophectoderm biopsy)



8-10 cells

	Polar body	Blastomere	Blastocyst
<b>Advantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-invasive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detect both maternal and paternal errors</li> <li>Well-established biopsy protocols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-invasive</li> <li>Detect both maternal and paternal errors</li> <li>Mosacism might be detected</li> </ul>
<b>Limitations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large number of cells to test</li> <li>Only maternal error can be detected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invasive</li> <li>Mosacism can lead to screening errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biopsy skills</li> <li>Blastomere culture protocols</li> </ul>

# Two Types of Preimplantation Genetic Testing



## ✓ Preimplantation Genetic Screening (PGS)

- preimplantation genetic testing for **aneuploidy** and abnormal copy number of chromosomes (defined as **PGT-A**)

## ✓ Preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD)

- preimplantation genetic testing for **monogenic disorders** (defined as **PGT-M**)

# PGS vs PGD



## Preimplantation Genetic Screening PGS

## Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis PGD

Item Abnormal copy number of chromosomes

Single gene disorder

Technology

FISH  
Array-CGH  
NGS

Specific probe (primer)  
PCR  
Sanger sequencing  
STR marker

Indications

- ✓ Advanced maternal age
- ✓ History of recurrent early pregnancy loss
  - ✓ Repeated IVF failure
  - ✓ Infertility

- ✓ Known single gene disorders family history
  - ✓ HLA typing

# Preimplantation Genetic Screening, PGS PGT-A

(also known as aneuploidy screening)



PGS detects aneuploidy among IVF embryos

Aneuploidy exists across all ages and increases with maternal age

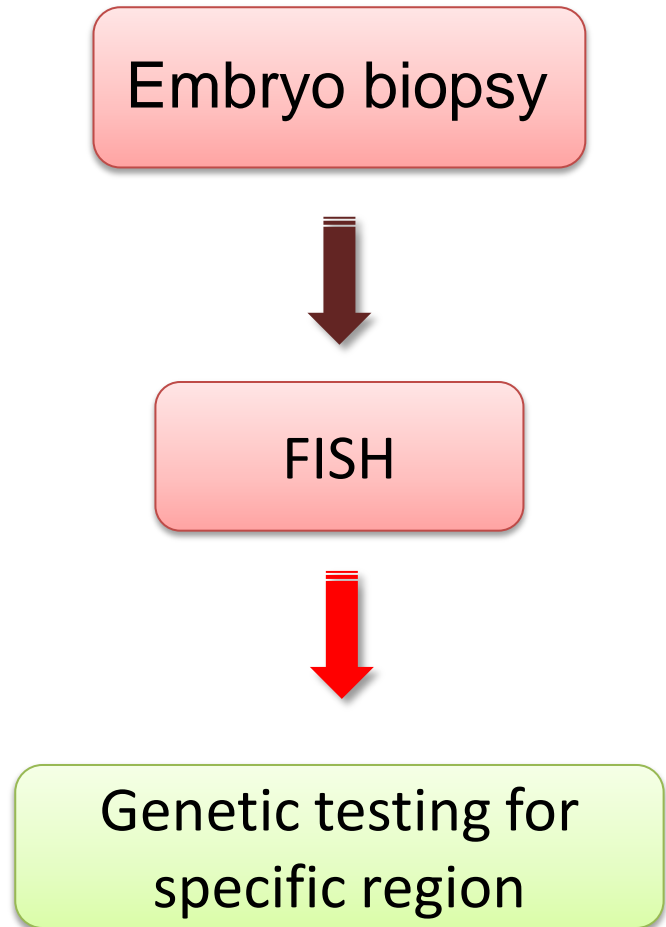
Chromosomal aneuploidy is known to be a major cause of IVF failure

## Indications for PGS

- ✓ Women of advanced maternal age (>34 yo)
- ✓ History of recurrent early pregnancy loss
- ✓ Repeated IVF failure
- ✓ Severe male infertility
- ✓ Sex selection

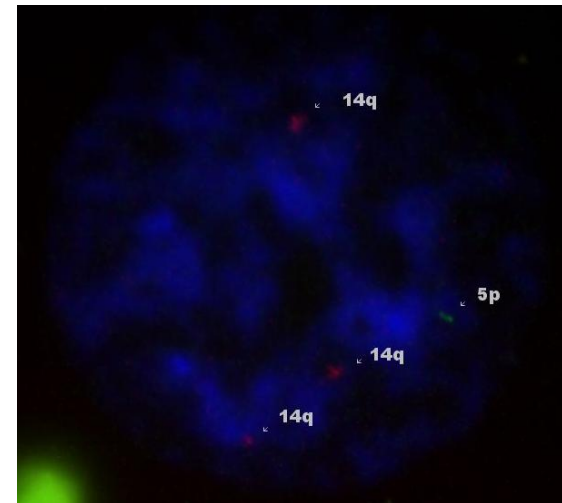


# In the past.....



## chromosomal abnormalities

- Polar body
- Single blastomere
- Blastocyst

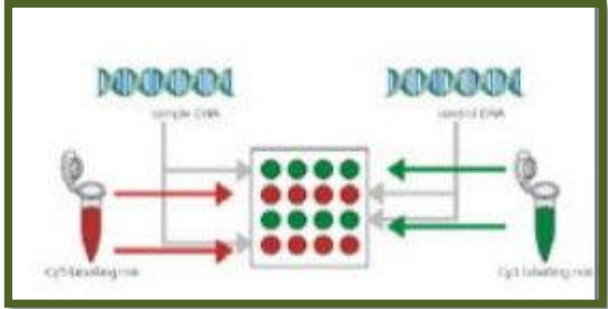


only a few chromosomes can be detected simultaneously by FISH

# Array-based PGS NGS-based PGS

Embryo Biopsy

Embryo(s) day 3 or day 5

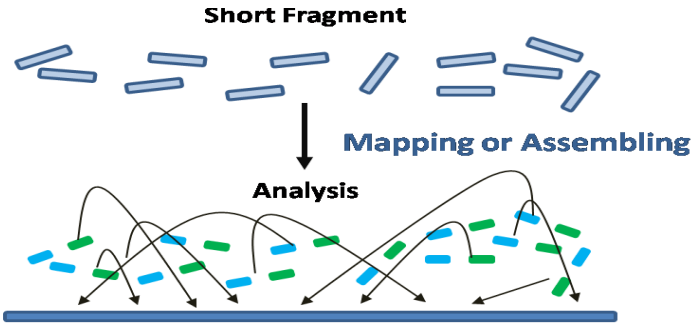
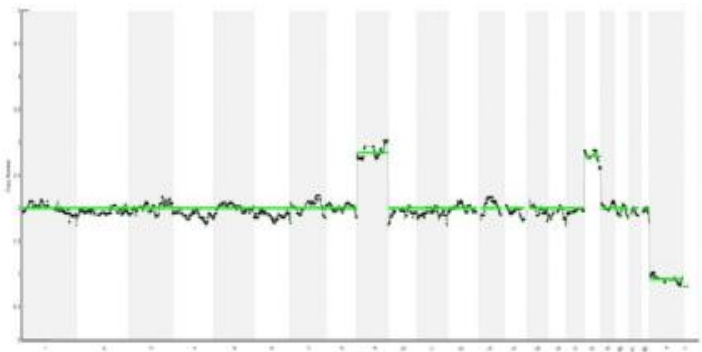
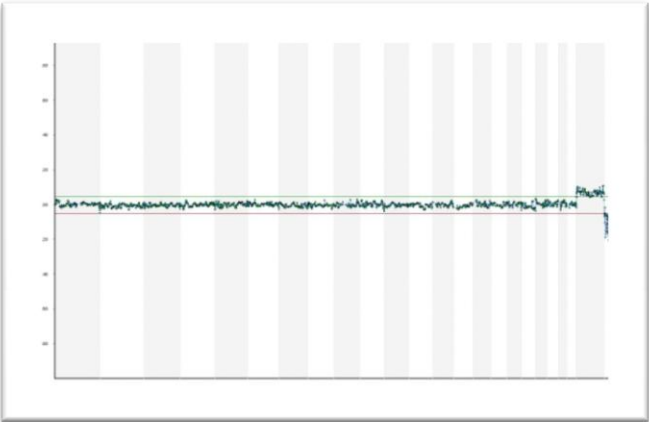
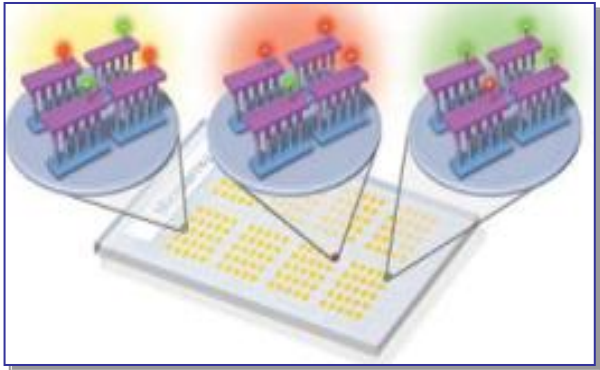
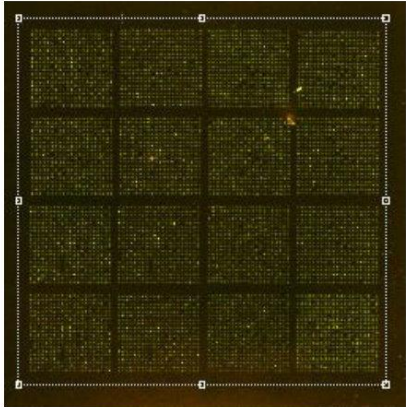


Whole Genome Amplification (WGA)

array-comparative genomic hybridization (array-CGH)

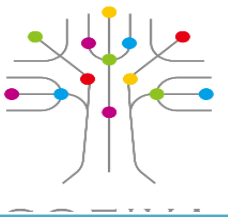
OR

Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)



permit visualization of all 23 chromosomes

# Development of preimplantation Genetic Screening, PGS



## FISH

PGS was originally performed using fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH). Because FISH does not screen all 24 chromosomes, its efficacy and accuracy for detecting euploid embryos is limited.



## Arrays

As new technologies were developed and applied to PGS, implantation rates improved. The array-based 24sure™ technology facilitated investigation of all 24 chromosomes in the early embryo, significantly improving PGS success.<sup>7,8</sup>

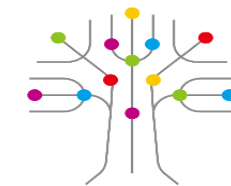


## NGS

Next-generation sequencing (NGS), the latest technological breakthrough, is setting a new standard in PGS, with reliable PGS results<sup>9</sup>, streamlined workflows, higher throughput capabilities, and customizable assays for easy portfolio expansion.

	PGS
FISH	Traditional genetic testing platform (chr 13,18,21,X,Y)
Array	Automated array technology Detect 23 pairs of chromosome
NGS	Latest technology Detect 23 pairs of chromosome High-throughput Easier experimental operation

# NGS platform for PGS



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Ion PGM System - Thermo Fisher

Miseq - Illumina

Ion Proton Sequencer - Thermo Fisher



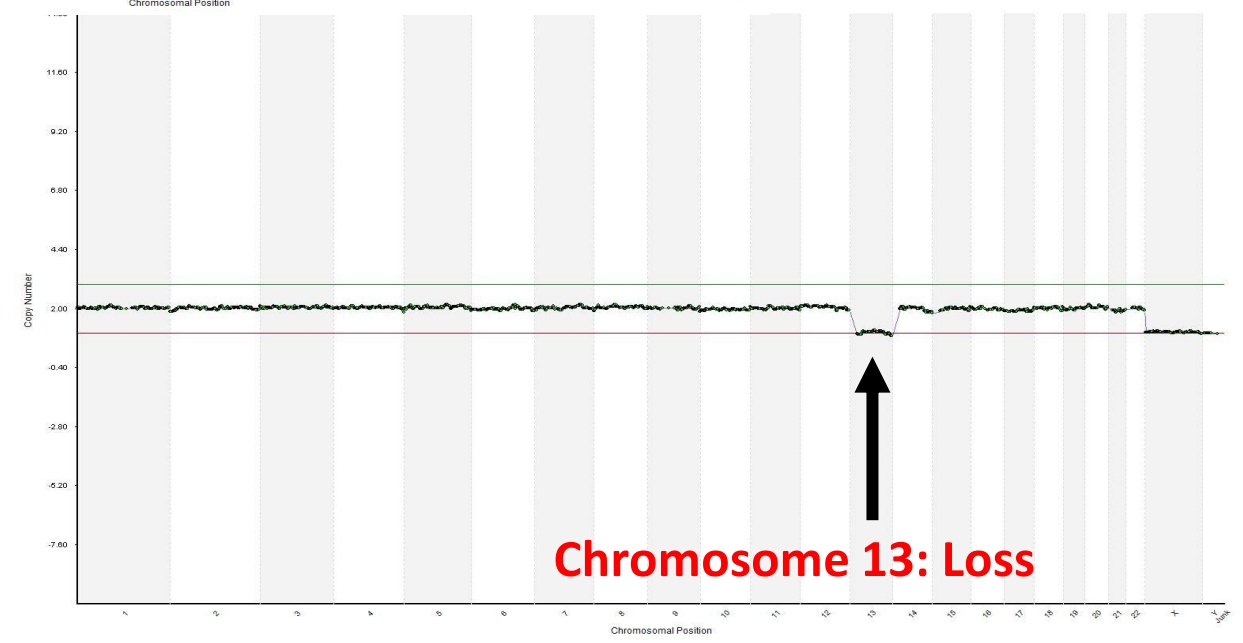
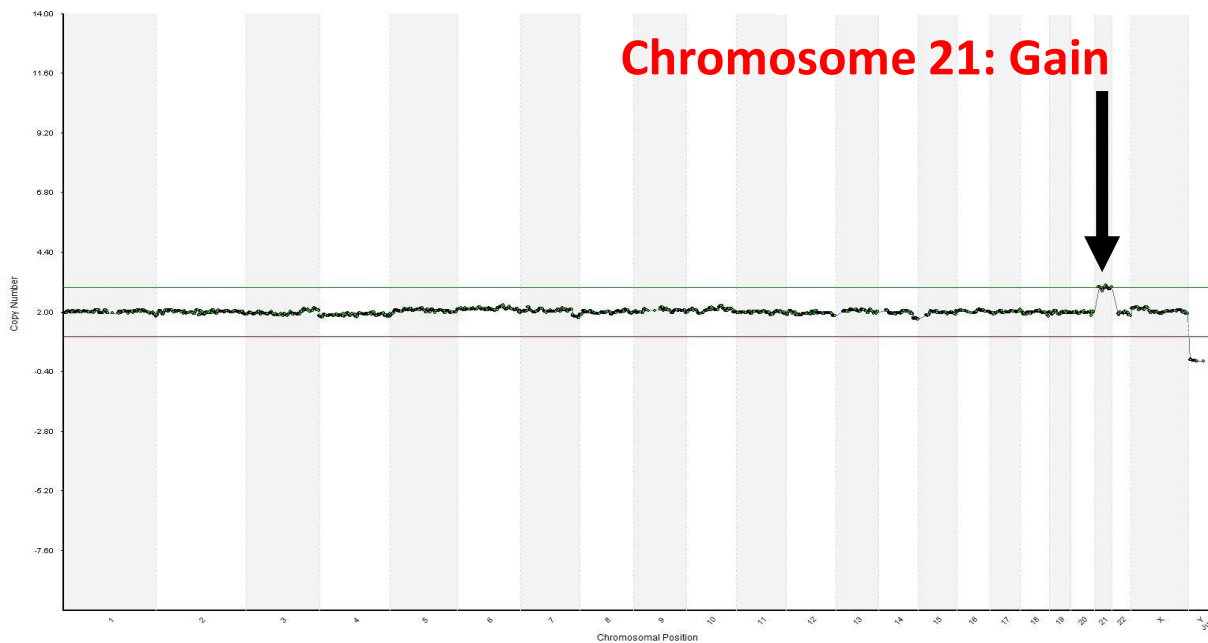
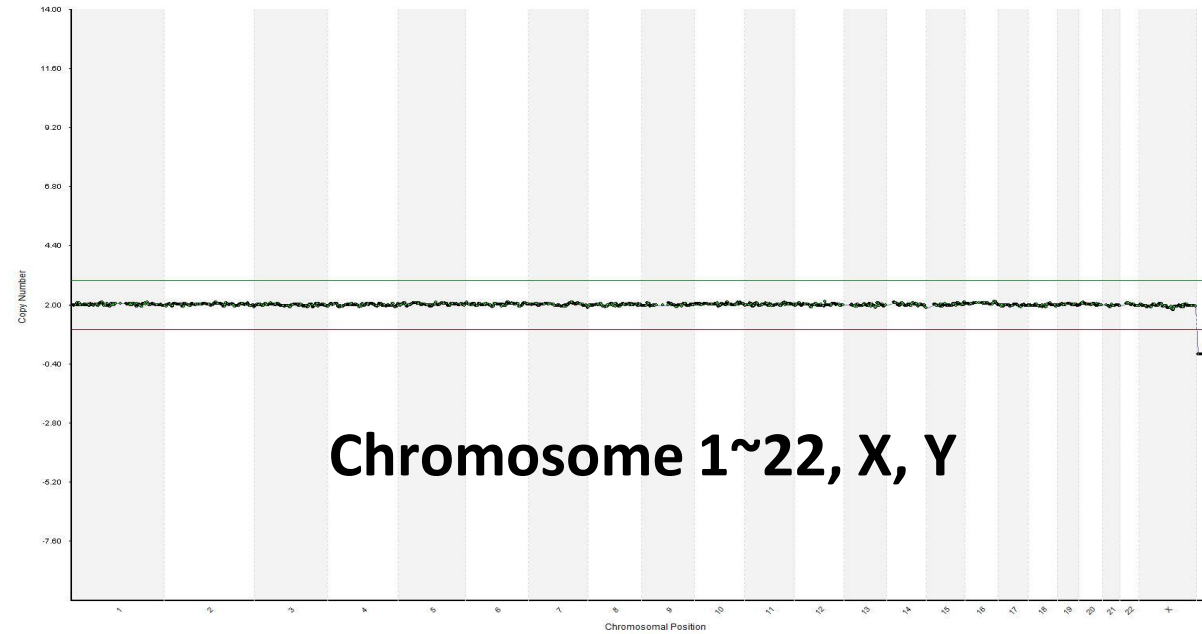


# Analyze data

## Copy number

Green line: 3 copies

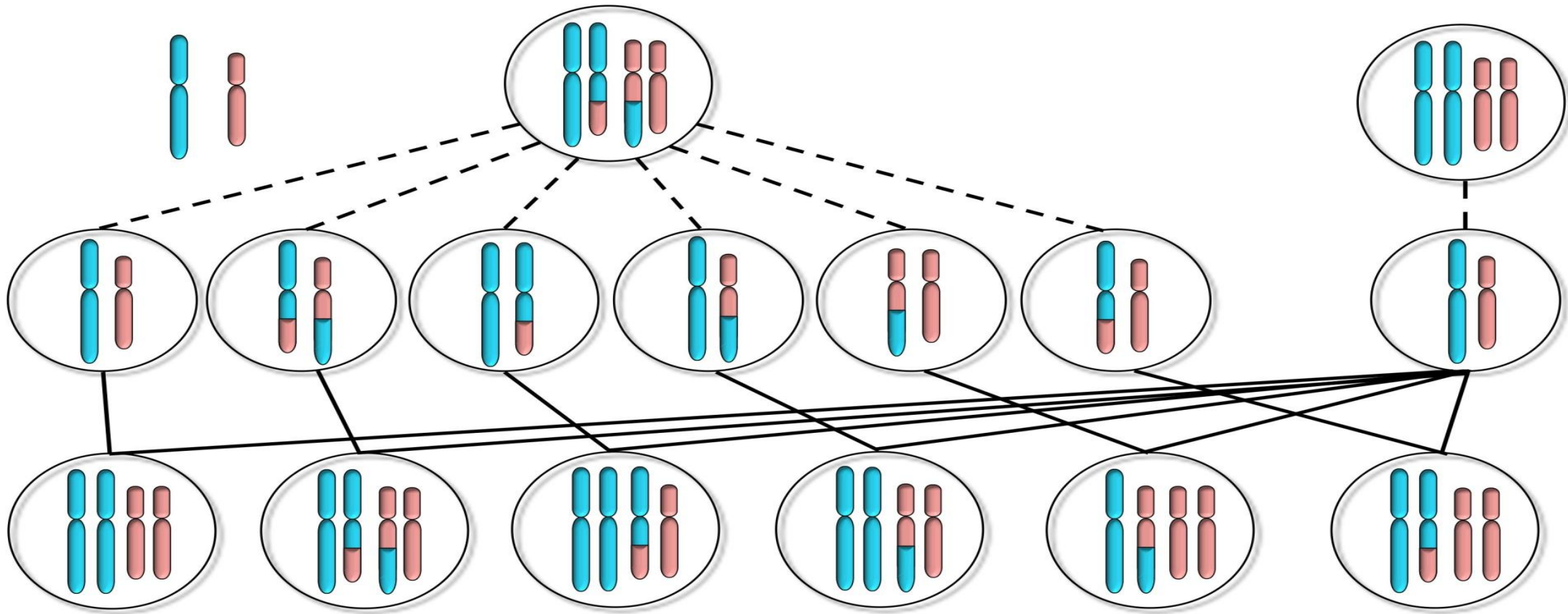
Red line: 1 copy



# Example for reciprocal translocation for PGS

balanced translocation cell

Normal cell



Euploidy  
embryo

Euploidy  
Embryo

Aneuploidy  
embryo

Aneuploidy  
embryo

Aneuploidy  
embryo

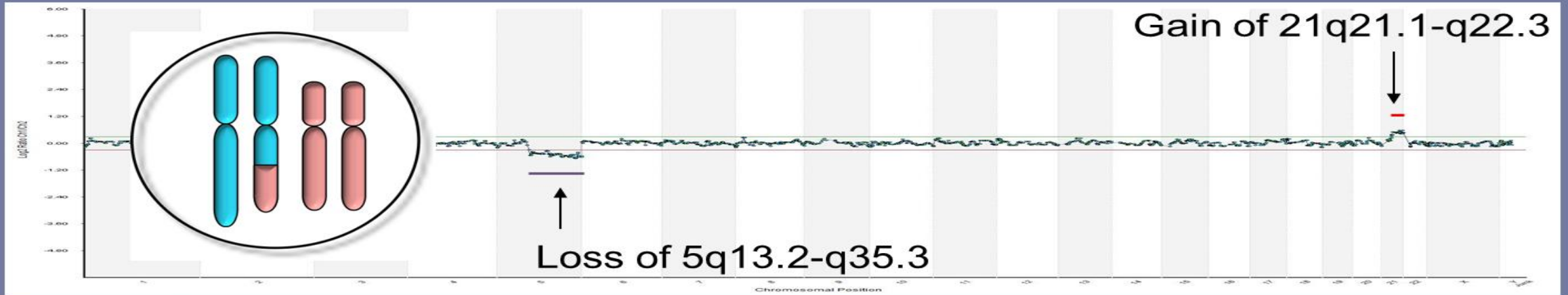
Aneuploidy  
embryo

balanced translocation

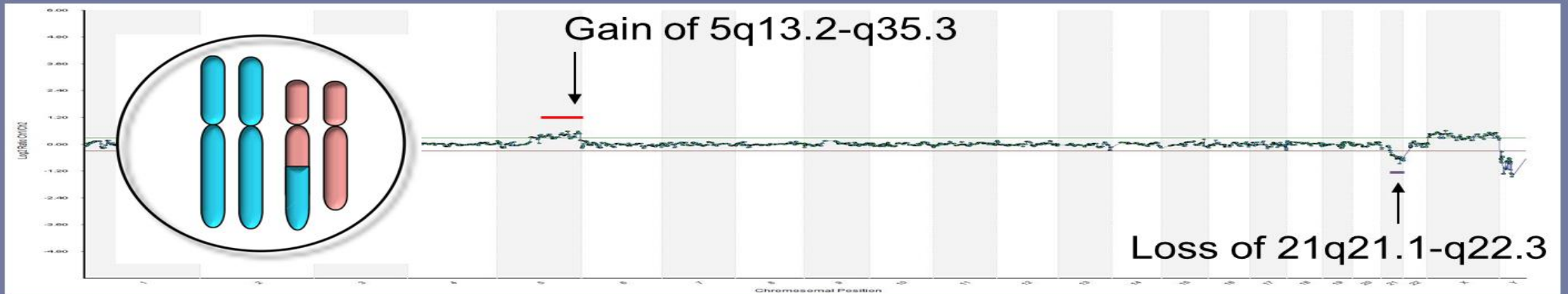
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## Embryo 1

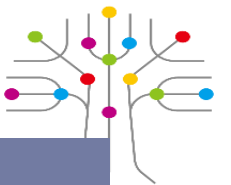


## Embryo 24



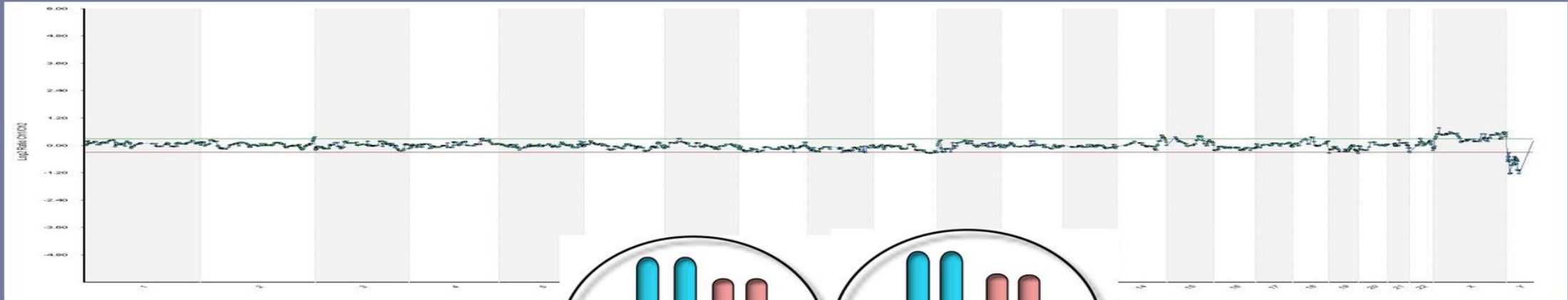
**Aneuploidy** Embryo · **Not** transfer

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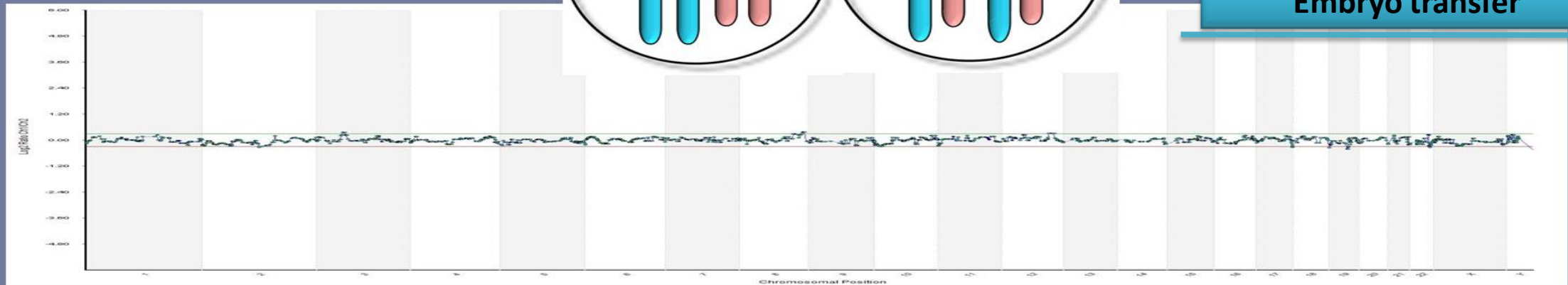


IV  
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## Embryo 6



## Embryo 16



Euploidy Embryo , can transfer



# PGS case results

Total : 12 embryos  
Abnormal: 10 embryos  
Normal: 2 embryos

Embryo transfer

(No 6、16)



pregnancy

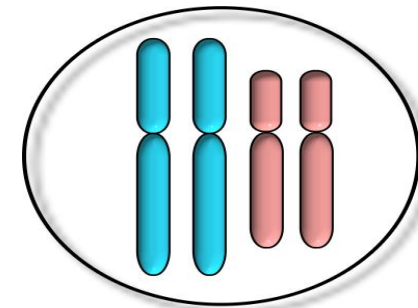
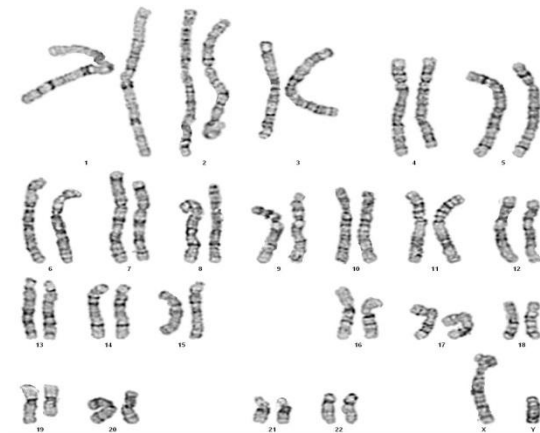
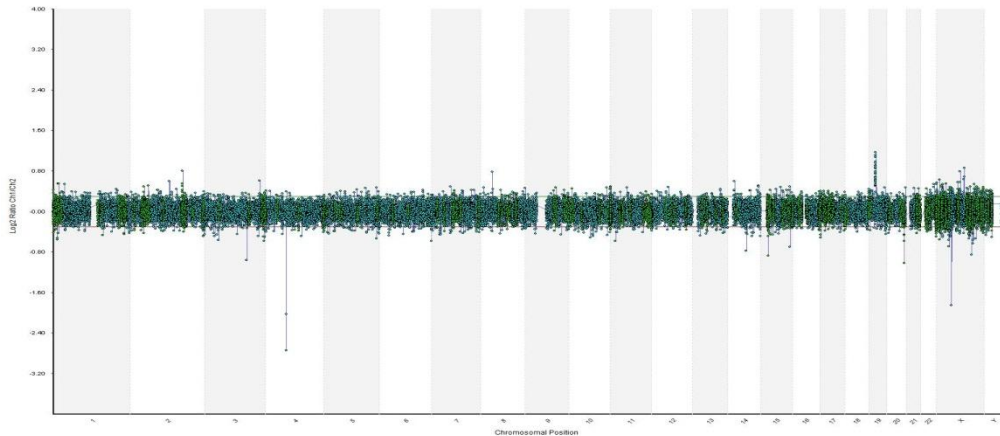


Confirmed by AF

16wks

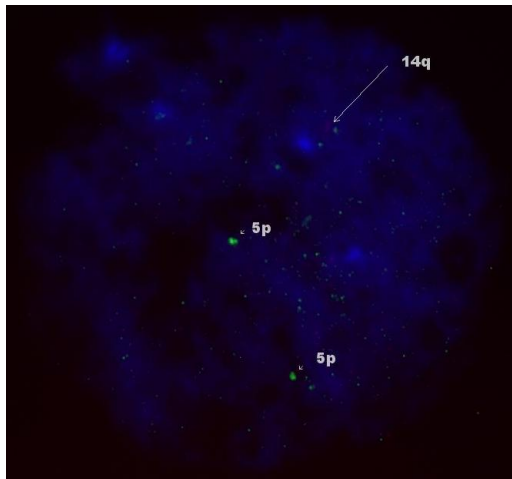
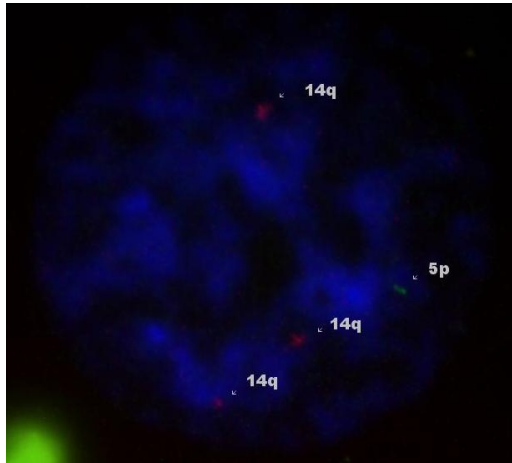
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Chromosome: 46,XY

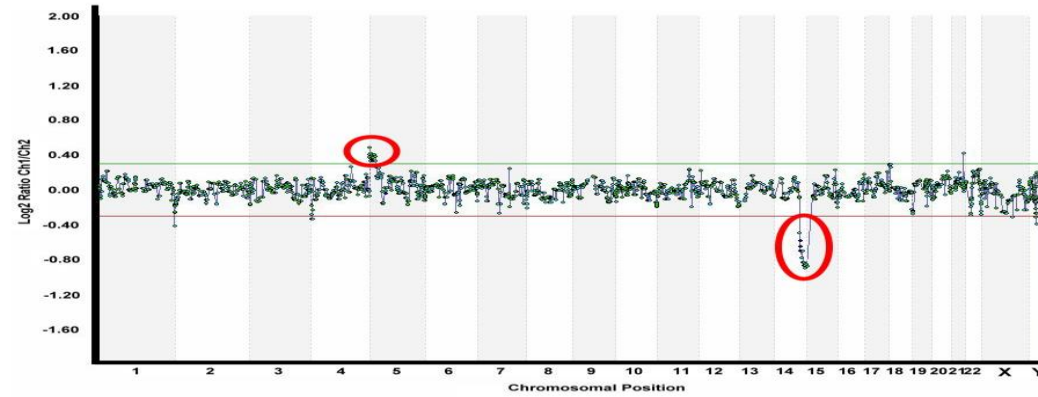
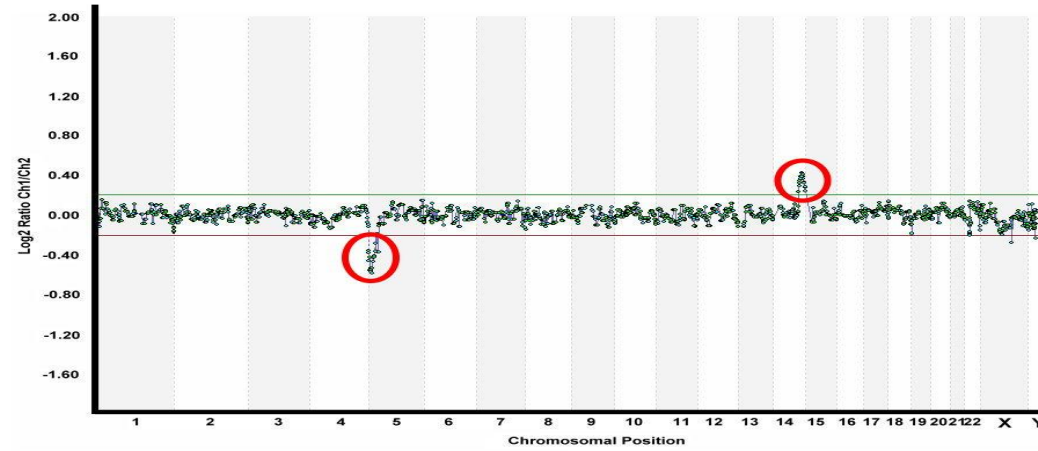


# FISH vs aCGH

## FISH



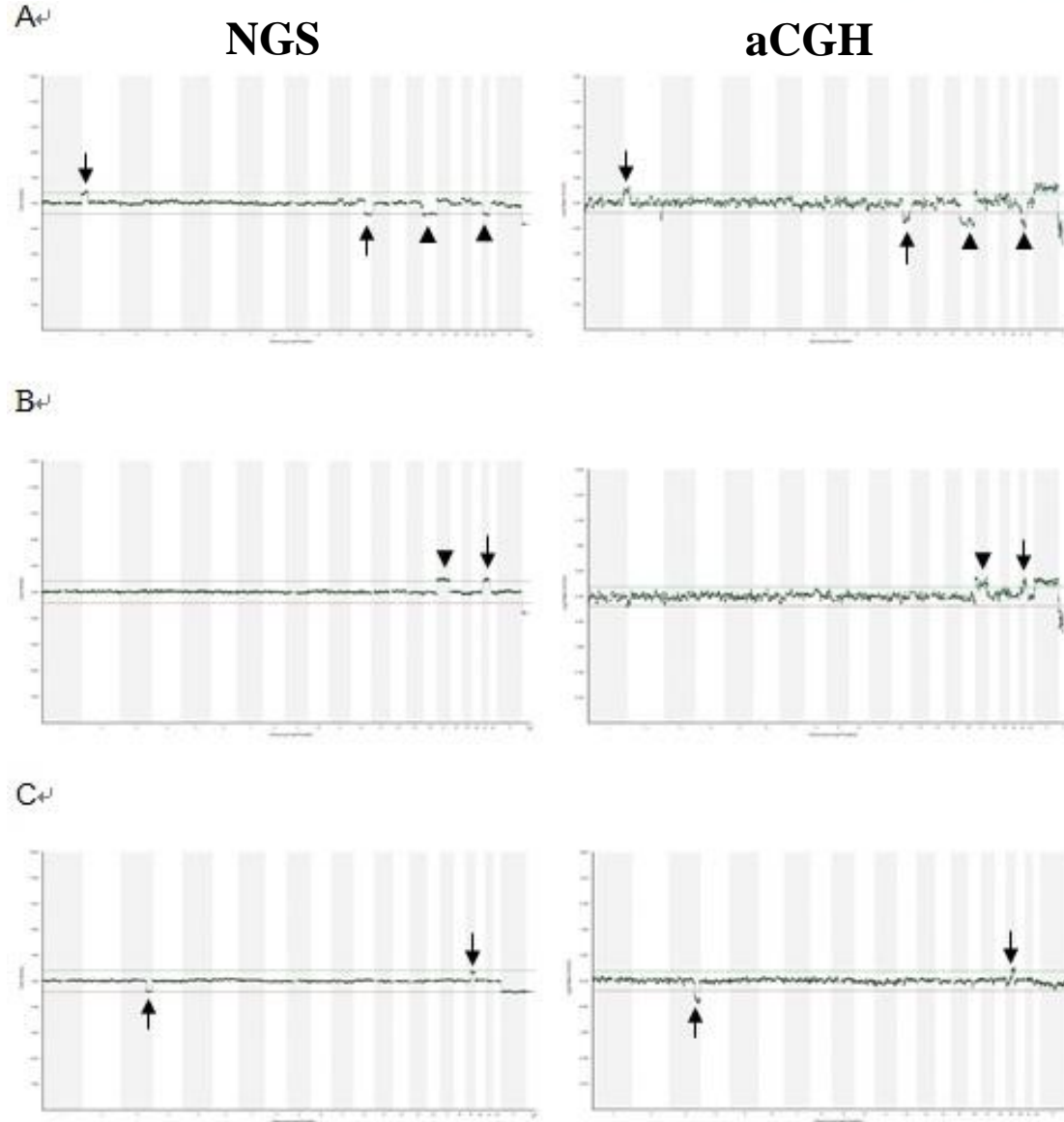
## aCGH



**G:** Cytocell 5p telomere probe  
**R:** Cytocell 14q telomere probe

**(5p,14q) balanced translocation**

# NGS vs aCGH



1. NGS vs aCGH : 100% sensitivity
2. Resolution: same
3. Handling time for technician: NGS is easier

# Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis, PGD

## PGT-M



- One or both genetic parents carry a gene mutation
- Testing is performed to determine specific mutation

- **Indication for PGD**

- ✓ With known single gene disorders

Autosomal dominant

Autosomal recessive

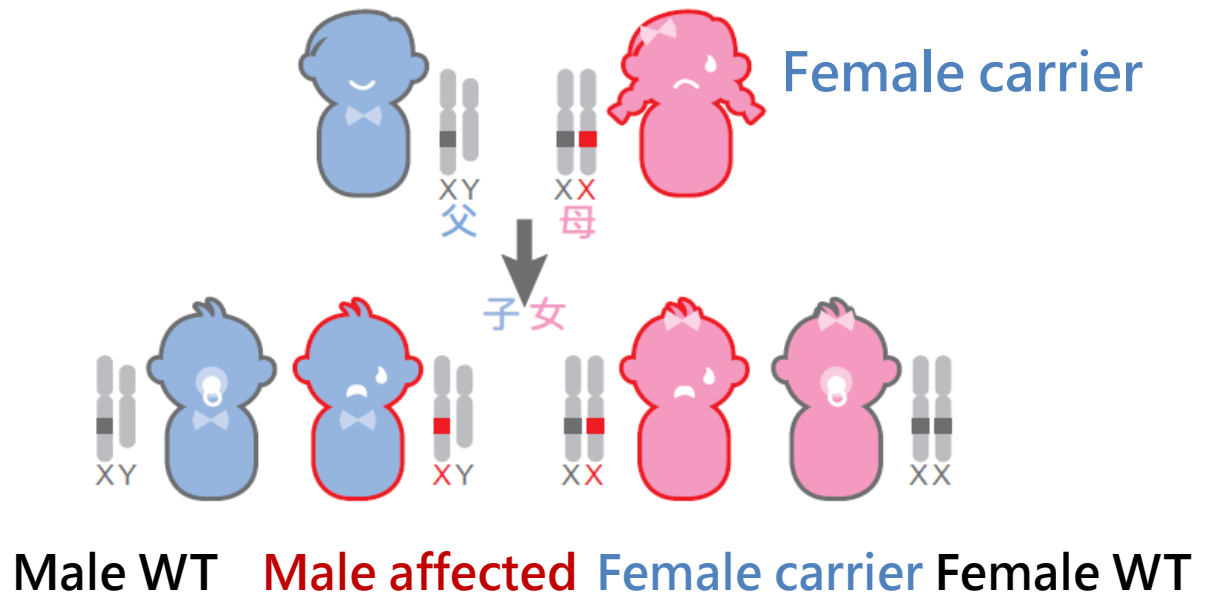
X-linked disorders

- ✓ Carriers of mutations

- ✓ Human Leukocyte antigen (HLA) matching

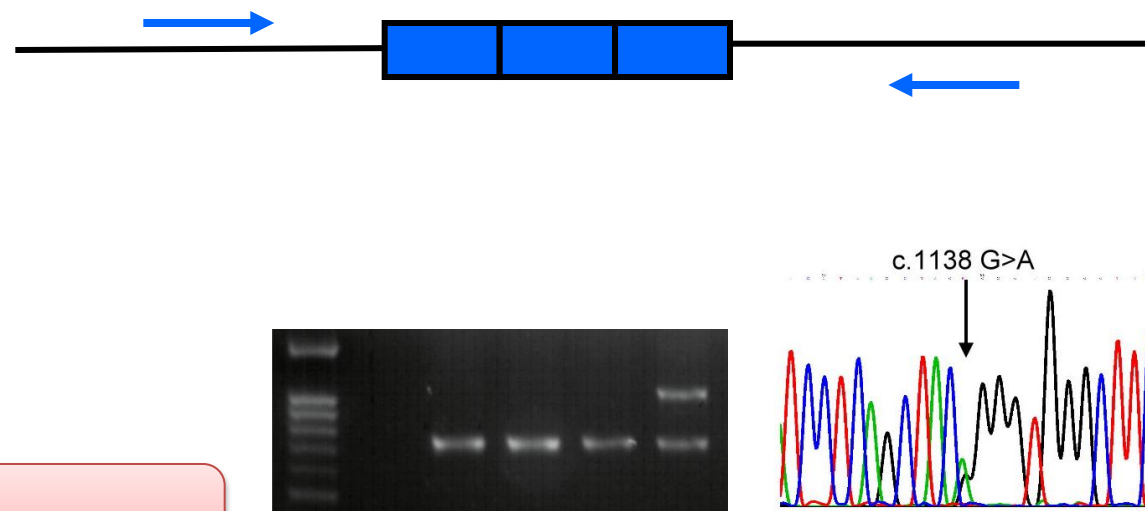
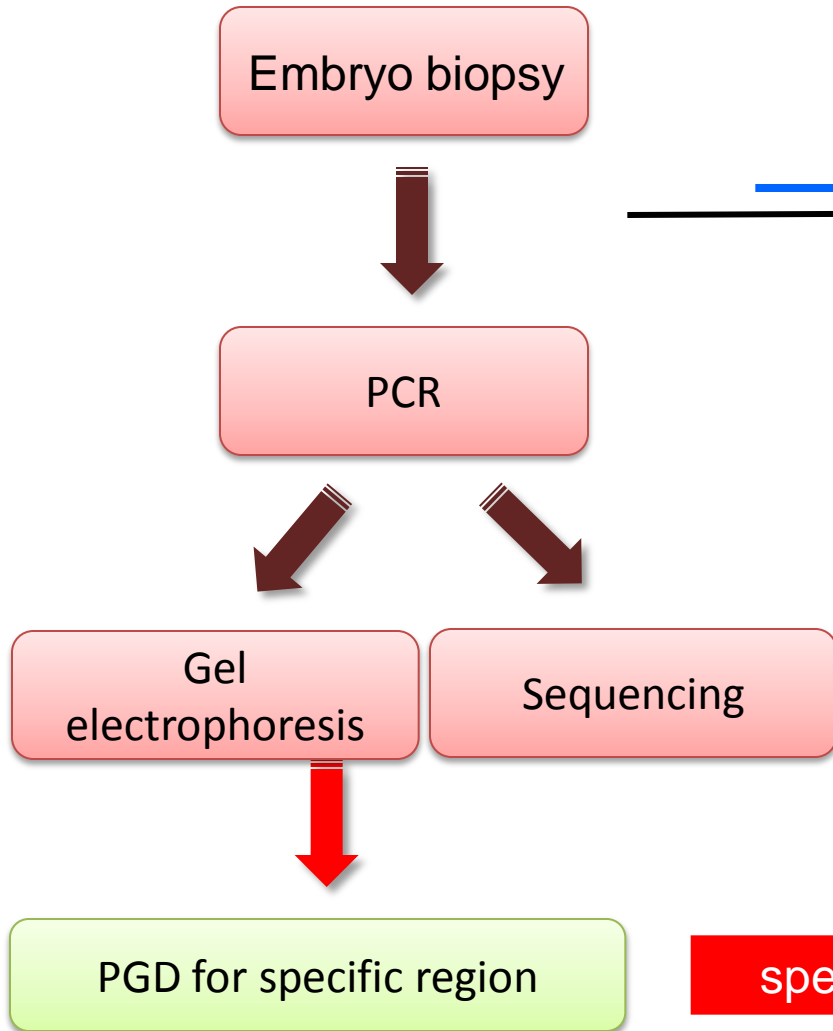
# Clinical application of Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis, PGD

- First took place in October 1989
- Haemophilia (X-linked disorder)
- Sex determination



In the past.....

## Single gene disorder



specific inherited disorders - single gene

selection of normal embryos for transfer

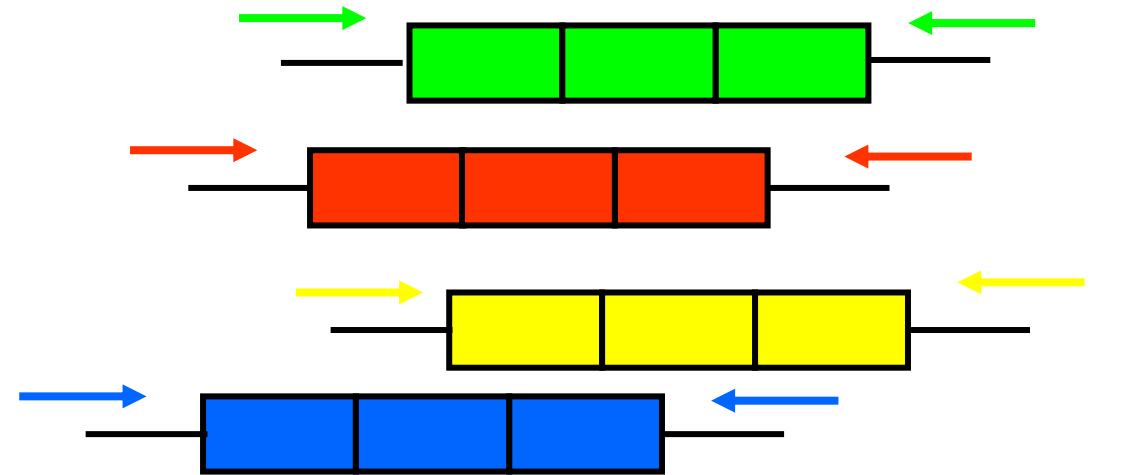
# Modified PCR-based research

## Optimized PGD-PCR protocols

Nested PCR

Multiplex PCR

Fluorescent PCR

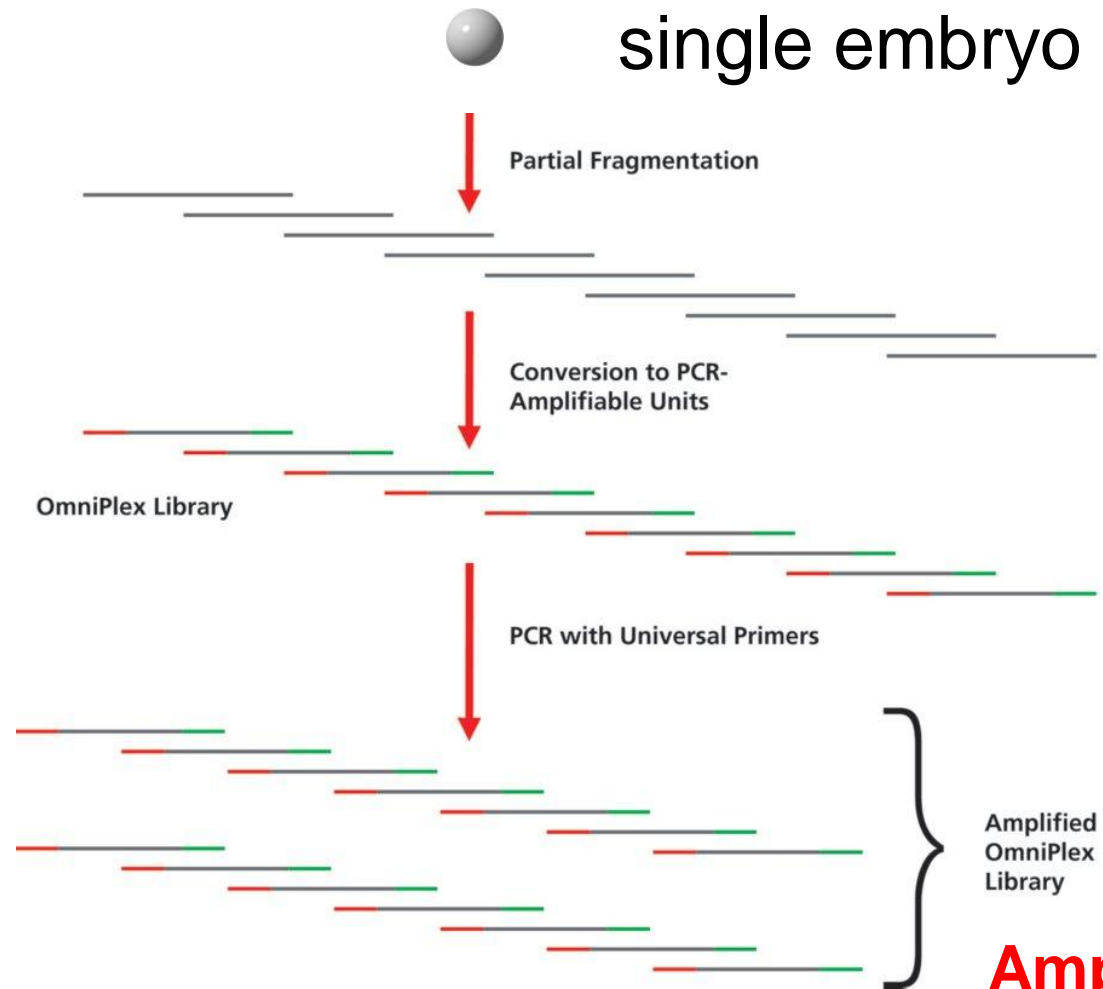


Multiple genes

Improve to target multiple regions

**Still restrict to specific regions**

# Whole genome amplification (WGA)

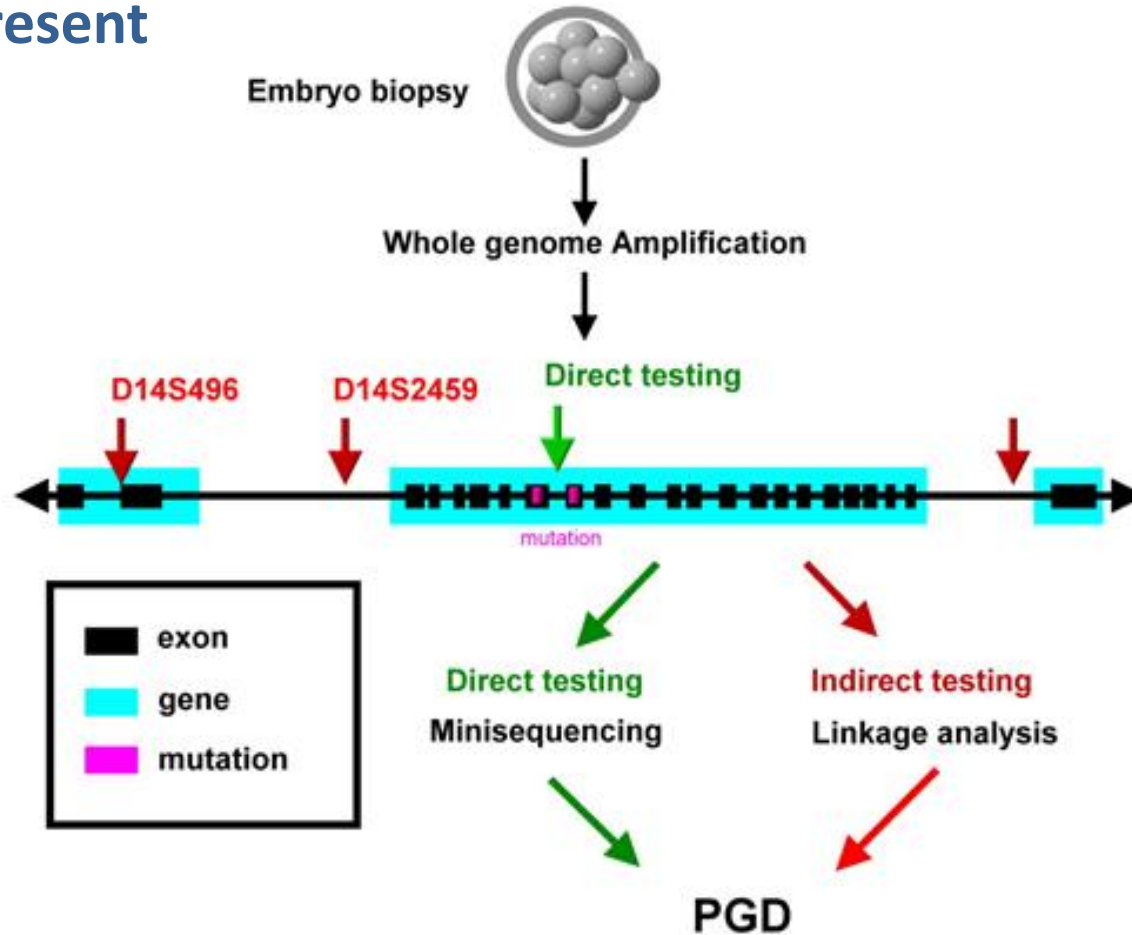


**Amplify the entire genome from single cell**  
**Further analysis for multiple loci**



# Direct and indirect diagnosis

In the present



Direct testing  
Minisequencing

Indirect testing  
Linkage analysis

Embryo implantation

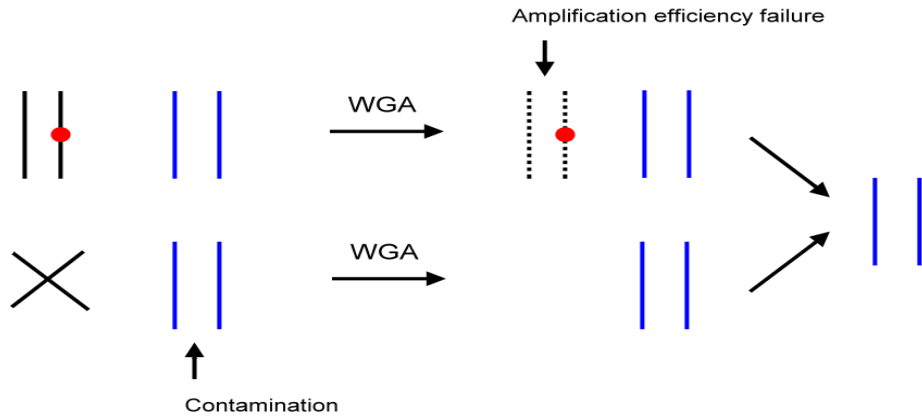
Pregnancy

Prenatal Diagnosis

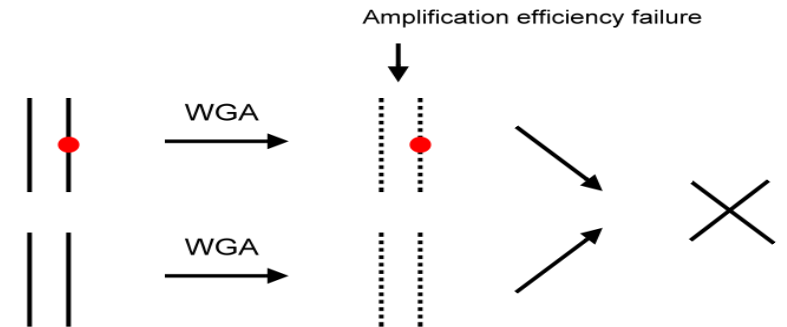
multi-loci

# The advantages of STR marker

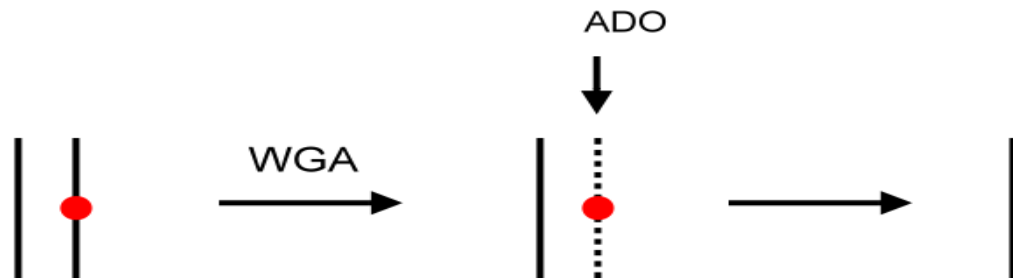
✓ to monitor contamination



✓ to monitor WGA experiment



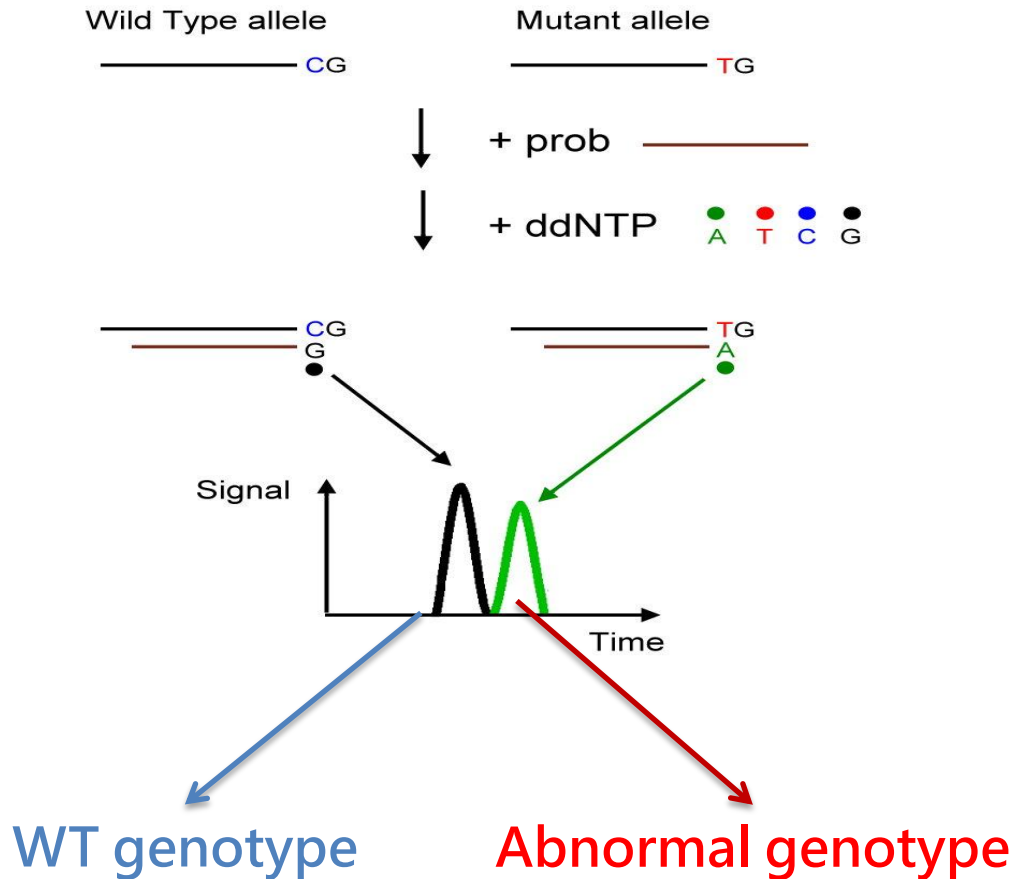
✓ to monitor Allele drop-out (ADO)



# Example for PGD results

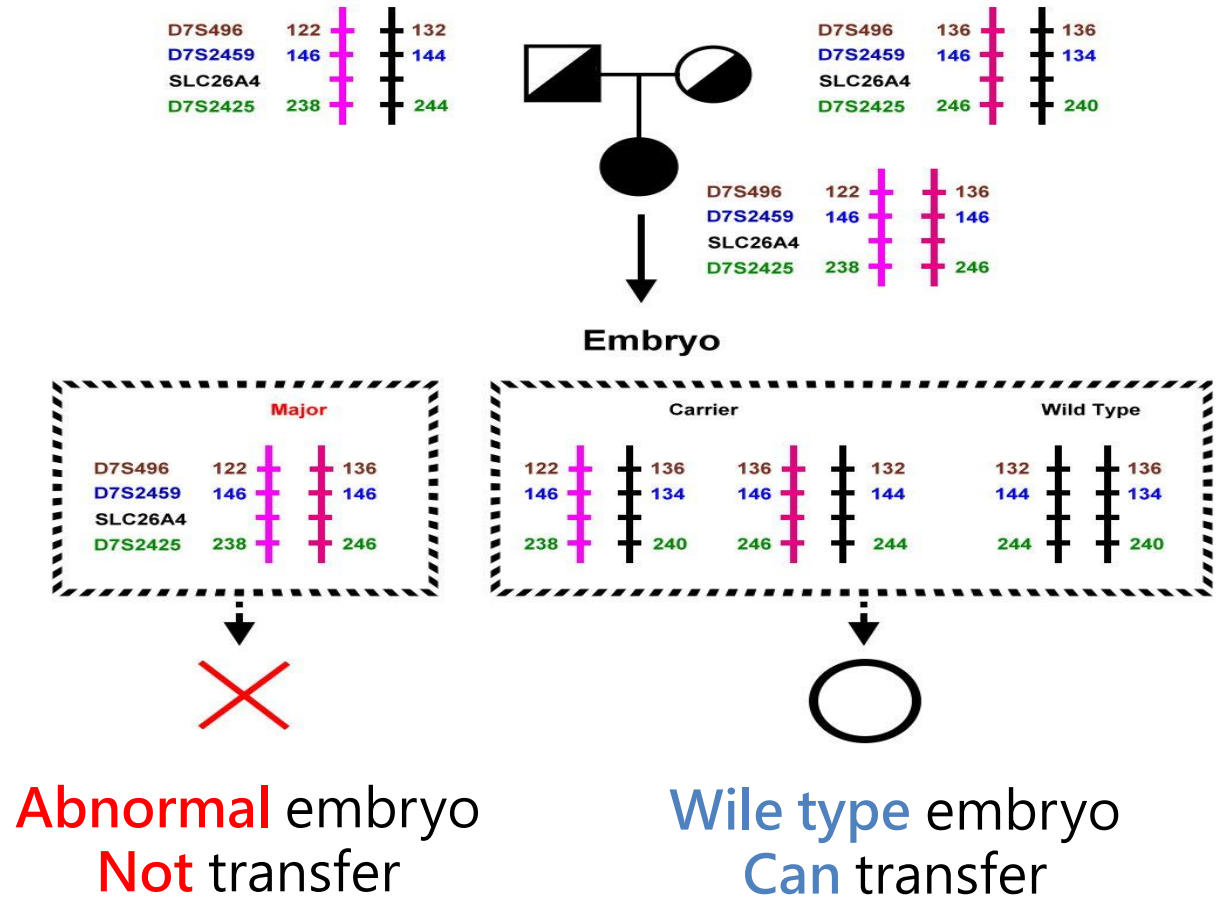
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### Minisequencing

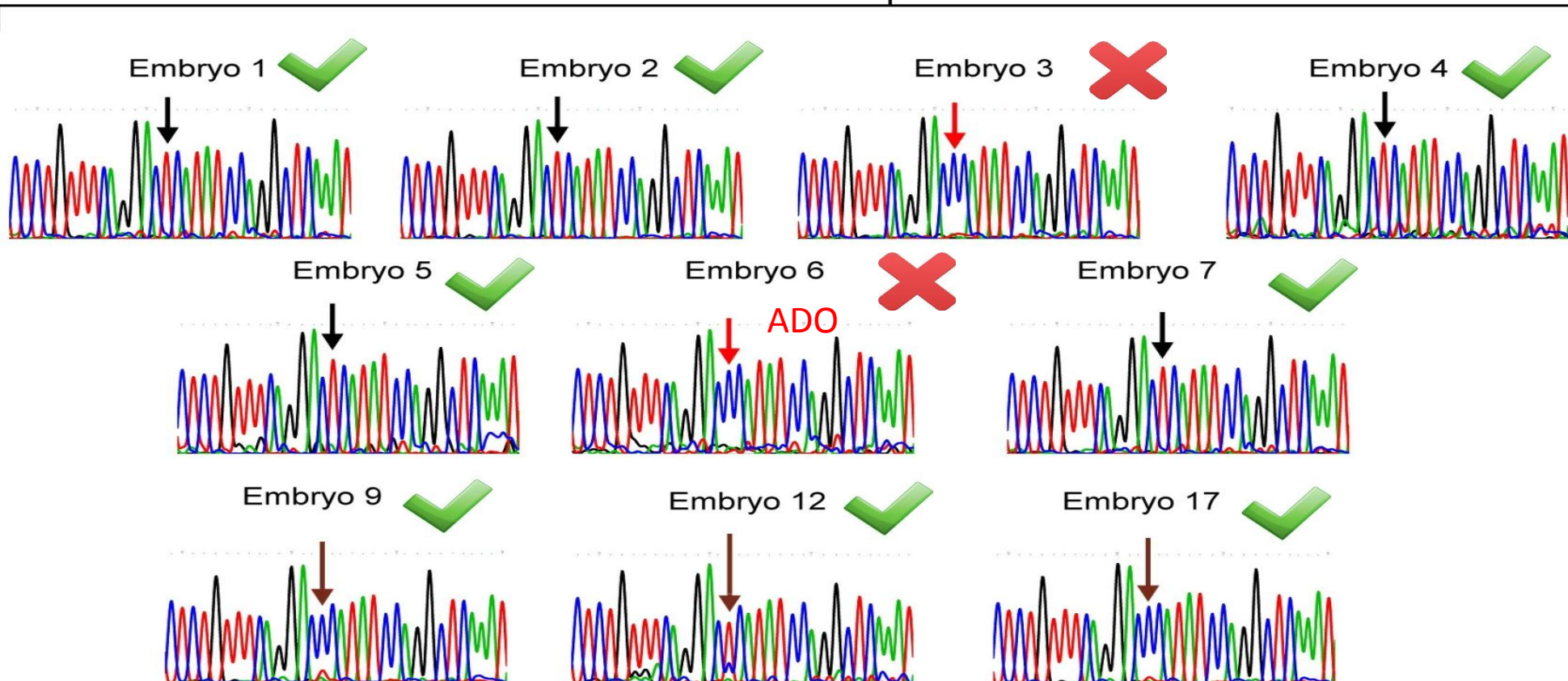
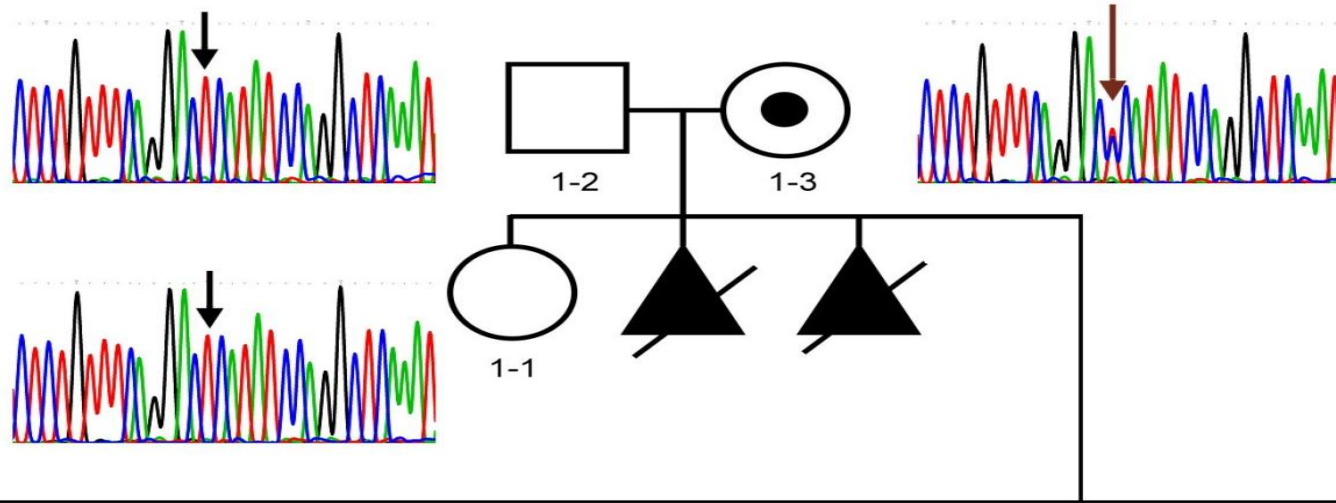


## Linkage analysis

### Linkage analysis

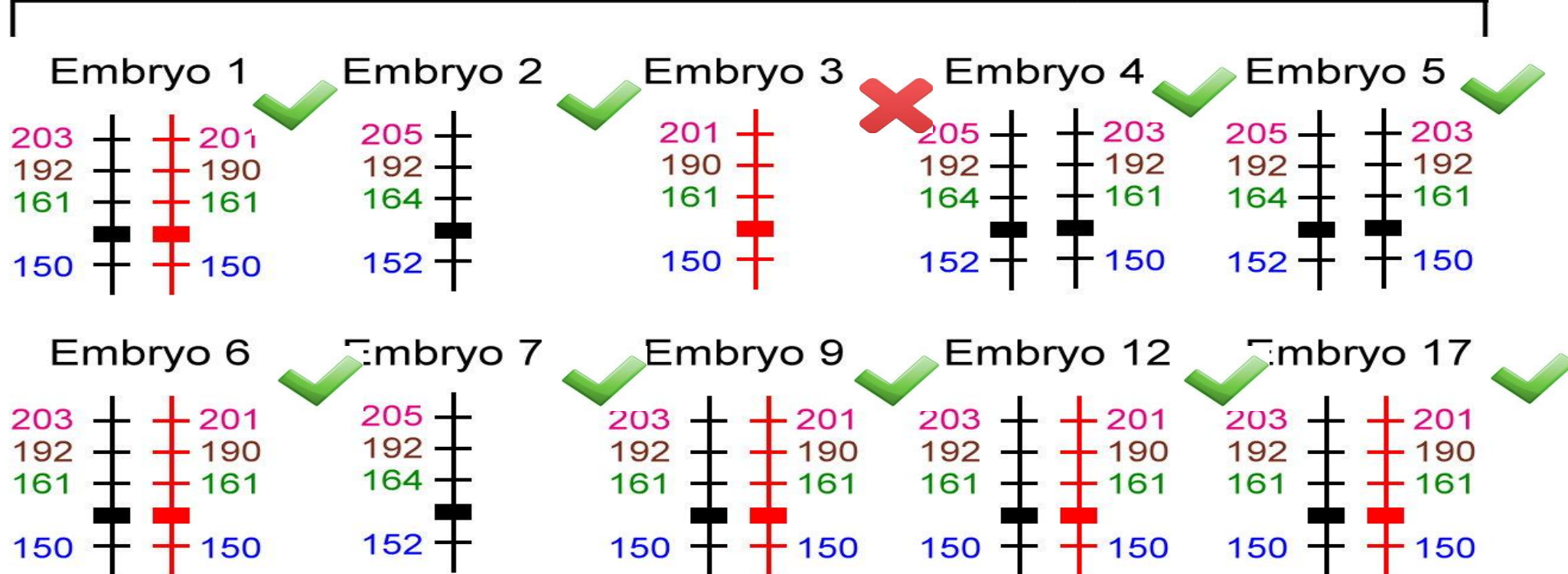
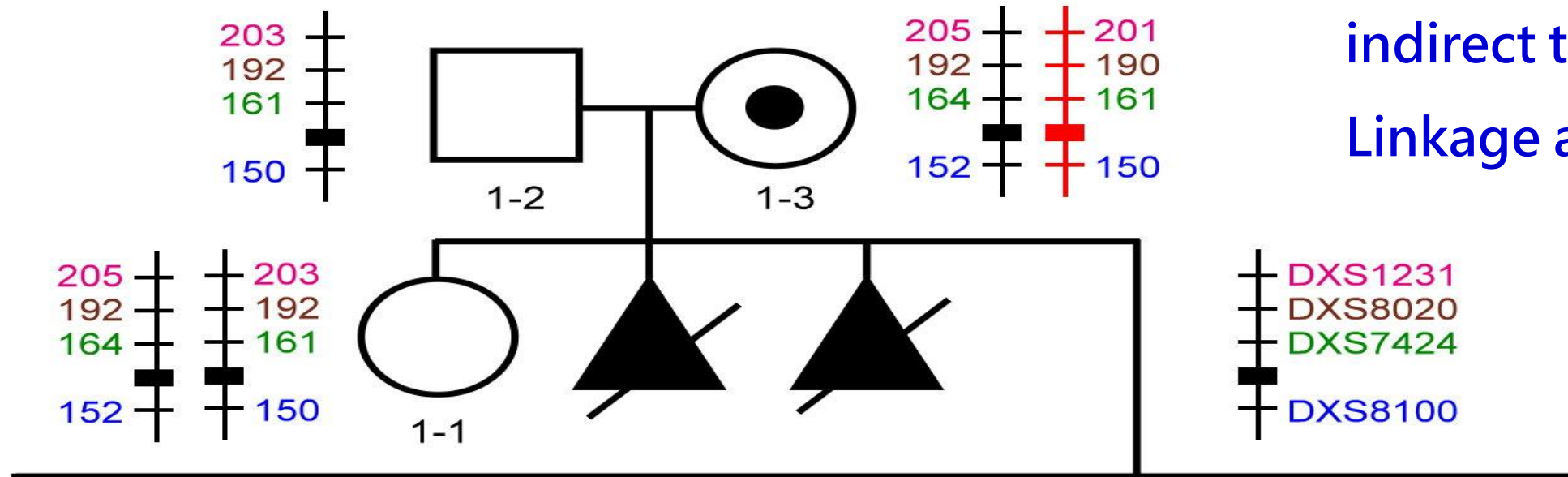


# Direct testing PCR+Sanger sequencing





# indirect testing Linkage analysis



# PGD case results

Total: 11 embryos

Major: 1 embryo

Wild Type : 4 embryos

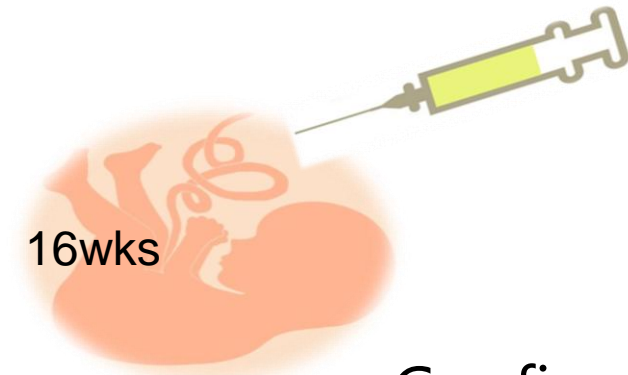
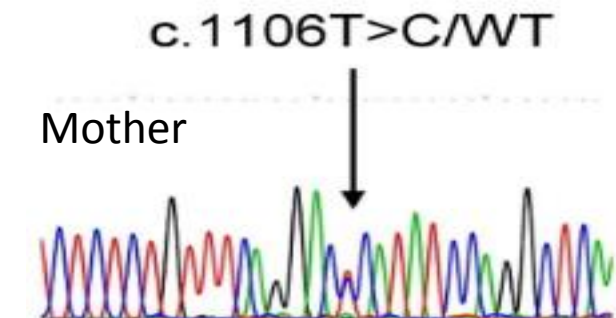
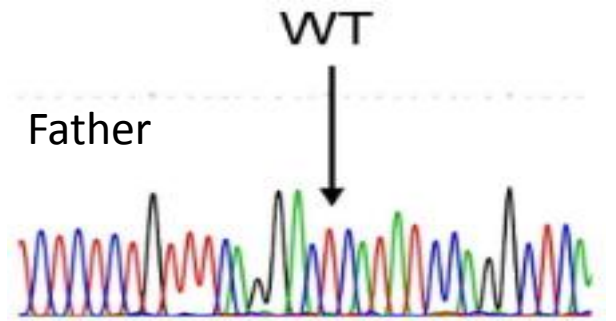
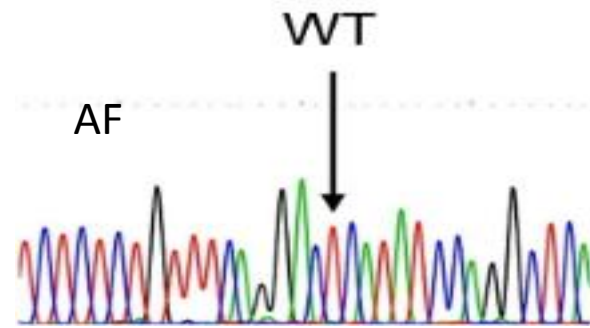
Carrier: 5 embryos

No signal : 1 embryo

Embryo transfer →



pregnancy



16wks

Confirmed by AF

# Clinical case in Taiwan – Hearing Loss

Audiology & Neurotology

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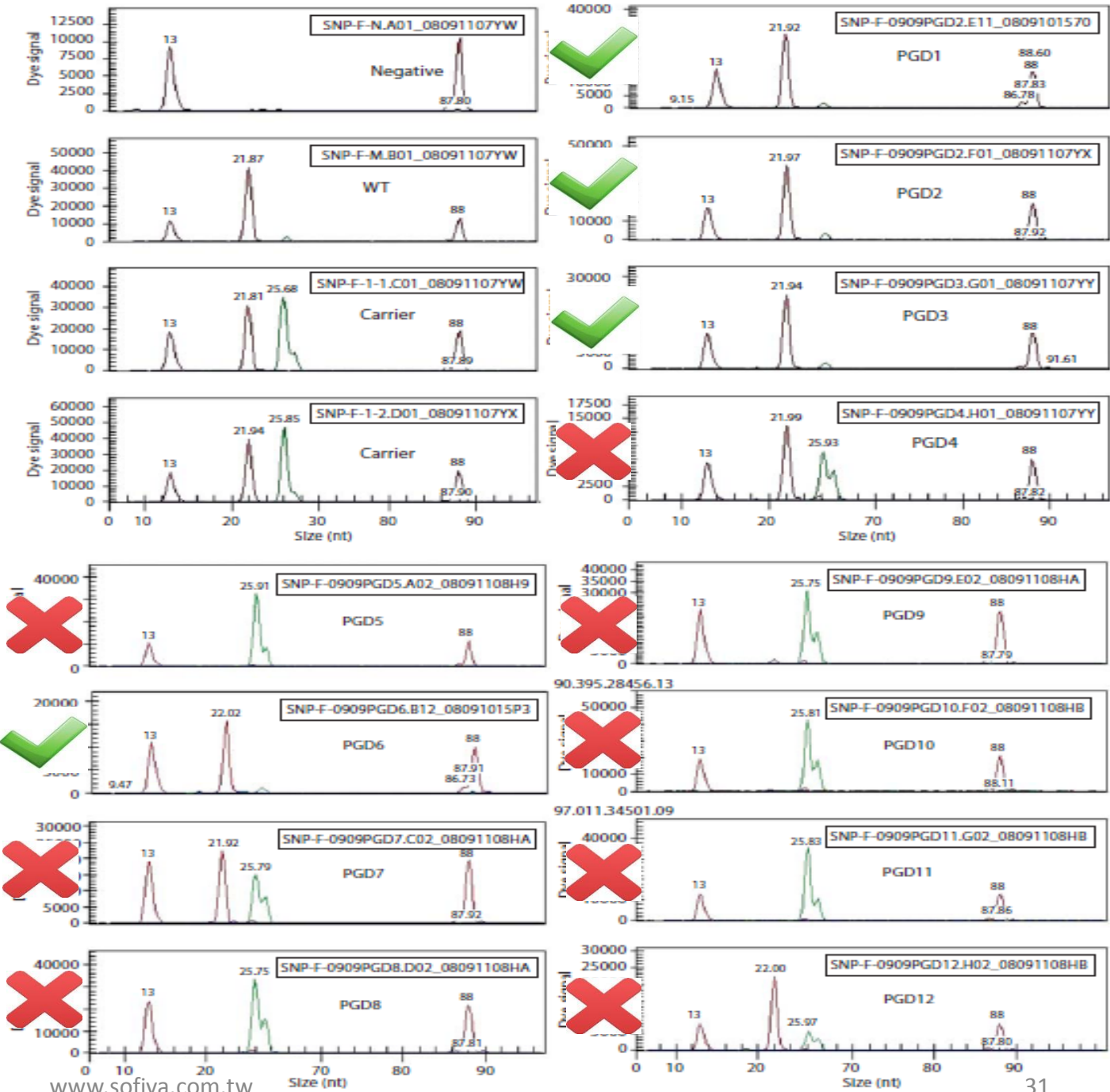
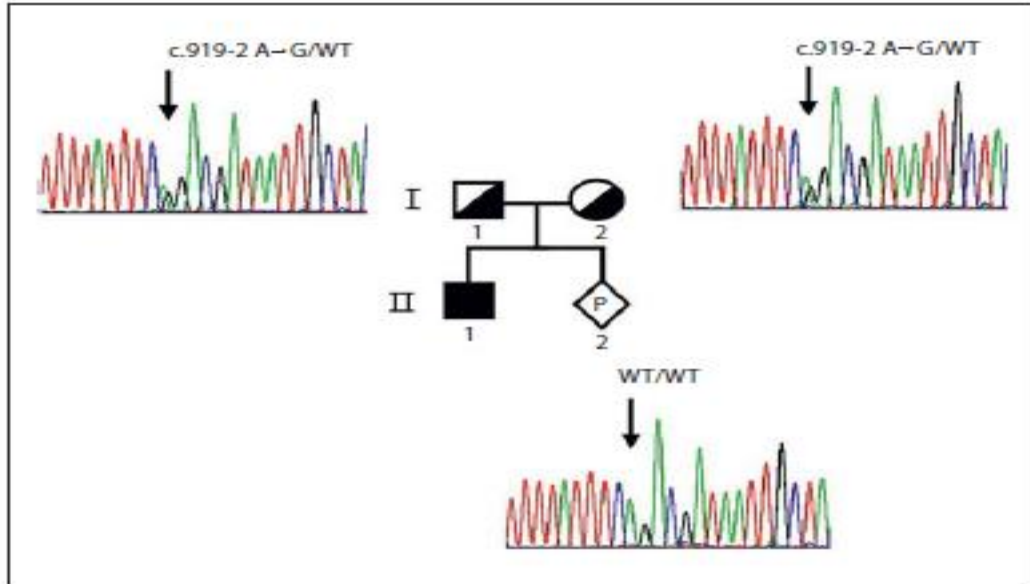
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# Clinical case - HLA typing & beta thalassemia

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## Case report

### PGD of $\beta$ -thalassaemia and HLA haplotypes using OmniPlex whole genome amplification



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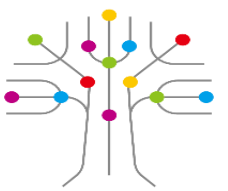
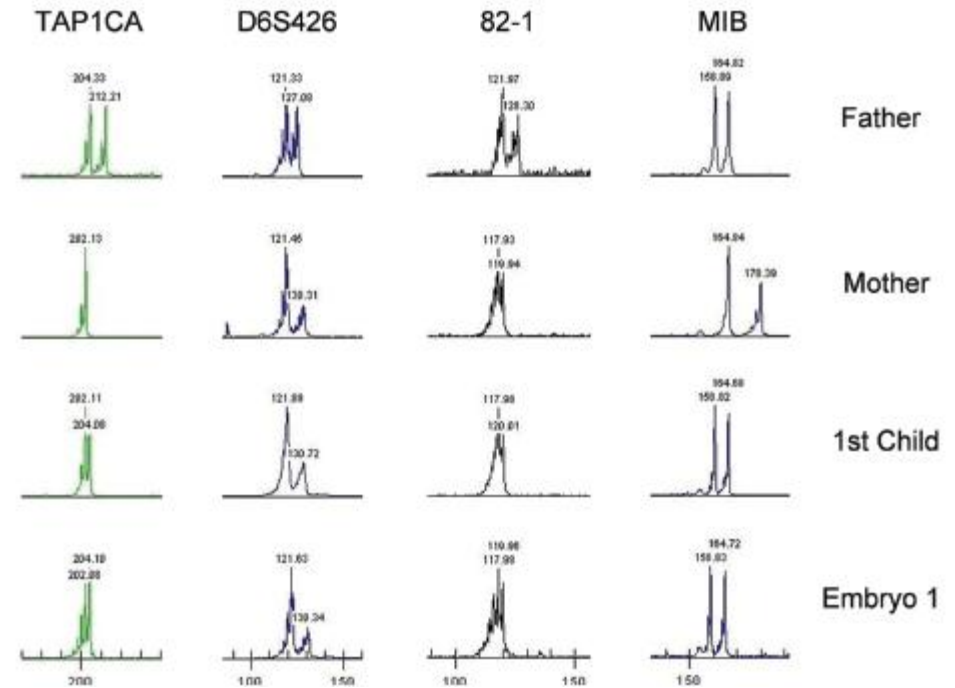
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## Abstract

A strategy was developed using the OmniPlex technology of whole genome amplification for preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) of single gene diseases and human leukocyte antigen (HLA) haplotypes. The amplified genomic DNA library was subsequently examined separately for mutation analysis with mini-sequence and for short tandem repeat (STR) markers within the HLA loci. To evaluate the reliability of the protocol prior to PGD, tests of 50 single lymphocytes revealed an amplification efficiency of 92–96% and allele drop-out (ADO) rate of 6–16%. The strategy was validated in one  $\beta$ -thalassaemia family having an affected boy. The couple underwent three cycles of ovarian stimulation and intracytoplasmic sperm injection for PGD. On 16 embryos tested, the amplification efficiency was 88–94% and ADO was 6–19%. Two cycles of embryo transfer were performed, and one pregnancy was achieved. The genotypes of the fetus were shown to be unaffected and HLA-identical, in agreement with PGD, by chorionic villus sampling. The cord blood stem cells from the newborn can be used to treat the affected sibling. This study demonstrates the first successful application of OmniPlex whole genome amplification in PGD of a single gene disorder for selecting unaffected and HLA-compatible embryos.

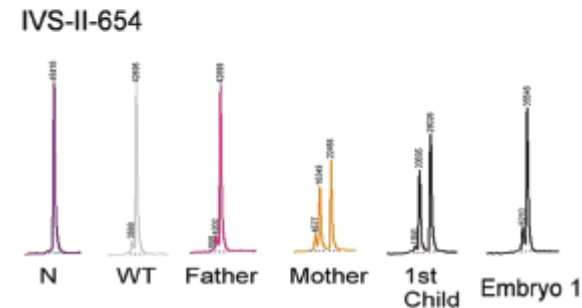
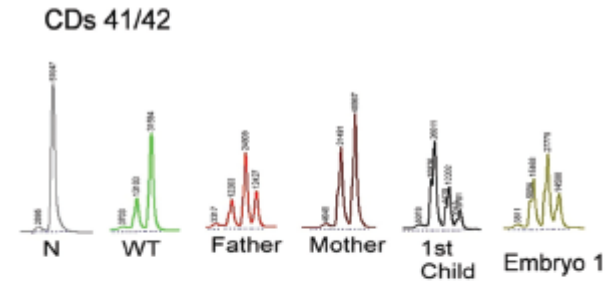
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## HLA typing



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## HBB genotyping





# PGD for single gene disorder in Sofiva lab



**Table 1** The hereditary modes, mutation sites of monogenic diseases, OPU treatment cycles, genotyping results of lymphocyte pretests and PGD of blastocysts of 33 couples.

Case	Diseases	Modes	Husband	Wife	OPU cycles	Lymphocyte test		PGD of blastocysts			
						AF	ADO	Unaffected	Affected	AF	ADO
1	$\alpha$ -Thalassemia	AR	SEA	SEA	1	1	2	6	2	1	0
2	Neurofibromatosis type 1	AD	Normal	NF1 c.6709 C>T	1	3	7	9	3	0	1
3	Spinal muscular atrophy	AR	SMN1:SMN2 = 1:3	SMN1:SMN2 = 1:3	1	1	2	10	5	0	2
4	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	XR	Normal	DMD deletion exon 48-52	2	2	3	11	3	0	1
5	$\beta$ -Thalassemia	AR	654	654	1	3	3	4	2	1	0
6	Osteogenesis Imperfecta	AD	COL1A1 c.1064_1068 del CTGGT	Normal	2	1	1	10	6	0	0
7	$\alpha$ -Thalassemia	AR	SEA	SEA							
8	Congenital deafness	AR	SLC26A4 c.916_917 ins G	SLC26A4 c.919-2 A>G							
9	Congenital deafness	AR	SLC26A4 c.919-2 A>G	SLC26A4 c.1579 A>G							
10	Spinocerebellar ataxia type 3	AD	AXTN3 (CAG)n: 14/69	Normal							
11	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	XR	Normal	DMD deletion exon 48-52							
12	$\alpha$ -thalassemia	AR	SEA	SEA							
13	Hemophilia A	XR	Normal	F8 intron 22 inversion							
14	Spinocerebellar ataxia type 6	AD	Normal	CACNA1A (CAG)n: 9							
15	$\alpha$ -Thalassemia	AR	SEA	SEA							
16	$\alpha$ -Thalassemia	AR	SEA	SEA							
17	Osteopetrosis	AR	TCIRG1 c.1213 G>A	TCIRG1 c.196 + 5 G>A							
18	Bardet-Biedl syndrome	AR	BBS2 c.534 + 1 G>T	BBS2 c.534 + 1 G>T							
19	Spinocerebellar ataxia type 3	AD	ATXN3 (CAG)n: 14/62	Normal							
20	$\alpha$ -Thalassemia	AR	SEA	SEA							
21	Neurofibromatosis type 1	AD	Normal	NF1 c.889-1 G>T							
22	Marfan's syndrome	AD	FBN1 c.2 T>A	Normal							
23	Hemophilia A	XR	Normal	F8 intron 22 inversion							
24	Omithine transcarbamylase deficiency	XR	Normal	OTC c.805G>A							
25	Retinoblastoma	AD	Normal	RBI c.1960 G>T							
26	$\alpha$ -Thalassemia	AR	FIL	SEA							
27	$\alpha$ -Thalassemia	AR	SEA	SEA							
28	Retinoblastoma	AD	Normal	RBI c.862-2 A>G							
29	Spinocerebellar ataxia type 3	AD	ATXN3 (CAG)n: 14/73	Normal							
30	Alzheimer's disease	AD	Normal	PSENI c.438 G>A							
31	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	XR	Normal	DMD duplication 19-44							
32	$\alpha$ -Thalassemia	AR	SEA	SEA							
33	Spinocerebellar ataxia type 3	AD	Normal	ATXN3 (CAG)n: 14/74							

OPU, ovum pick-up; AD, autosomal dominant; AR, autosomal recessive; XR, X-linked recessive; AF, amplification failure; ADO, allele drop-out. Fifty samples of lymphocyte tests were performed for each case.

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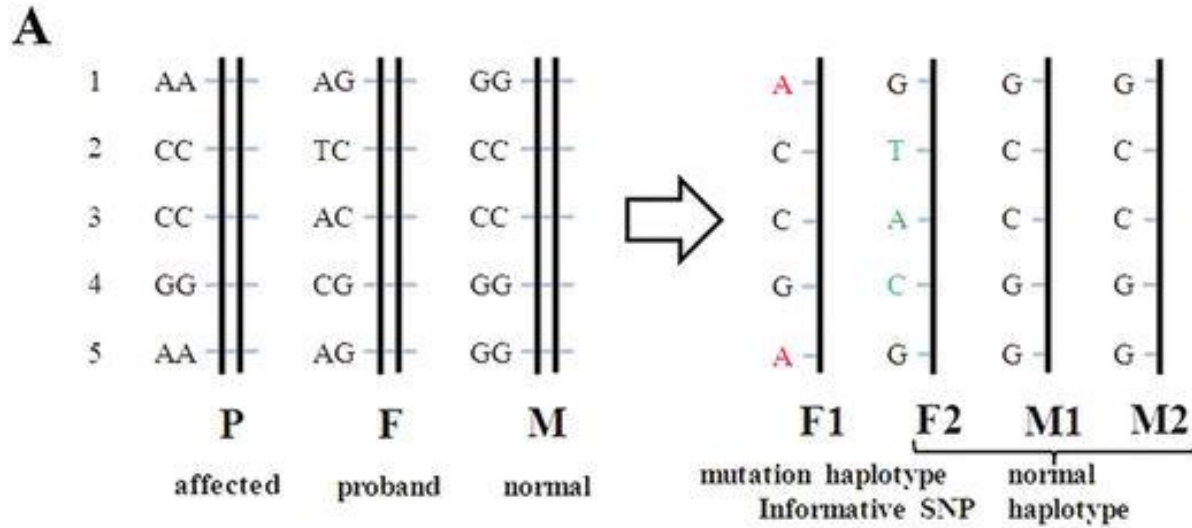
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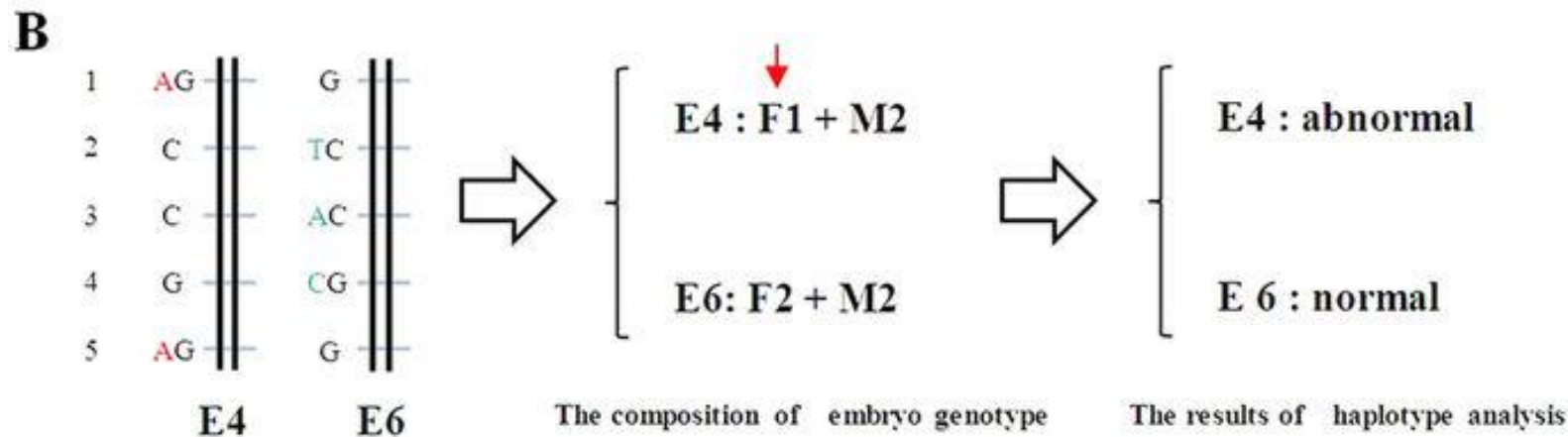
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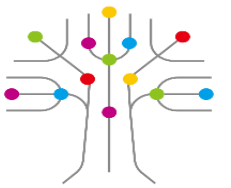
**SNP-array based**



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# Traditional PGD vs SNP-based PGD



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## Traditional PGD

## SNP-based PGD

Technology  
Specific probe (primer)  
PCR  
Sanger sequencing  
STR marker

SNP array

Mutation site  
Need to know

✓ Not need to know

Coverage  
Specific gene / locus

✓ Any sites coverage by SNP probes

## Disadvantage

Take time to design probes  
Separate designs when multiple loci

~ 90 % sensitivity  
Error rate 1% ~10% depends on different disease

**Thanks for your attention**