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# Emerging PGT-A Technologies

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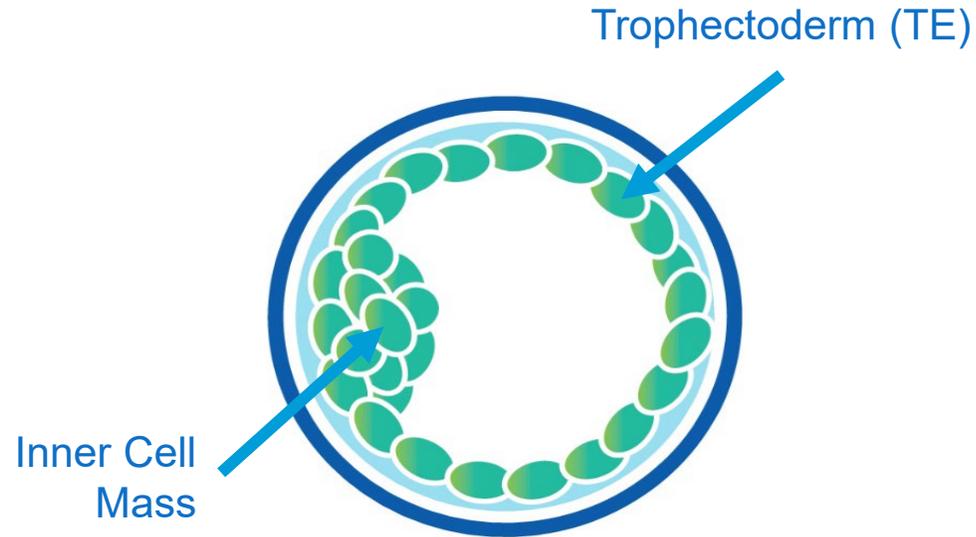
# Expected Learning Outcomes

1. Describe **primary template-directed amplification** and its applications for preimplantation genetic testing.
2. Compare the capabilities of PGT-A utilizing **NGS alone versus NGS plus SNP analysis**, particularly as pertains to haploidy/polyploidy, mosaicism and segmentals, parental confirmation and contamination identification, and microdeletions/microduplications
3. Utilize key questions to **critically evaluate new PGT offerings** and **identify patients who may benefit**.





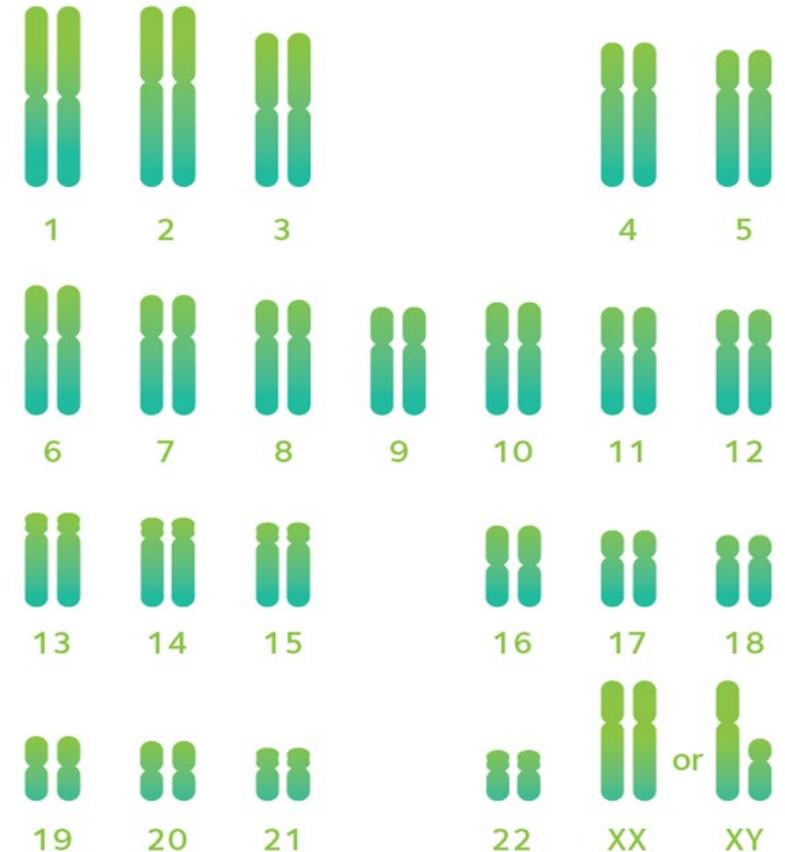
# Early PGT-A



## Euploid / Normal Result:

- Expected amount of chromosomal material present
- Highest likelihood of successful pregnancy<sup>1</sup>

### TYPICAL CHROMOSOME NUMBER



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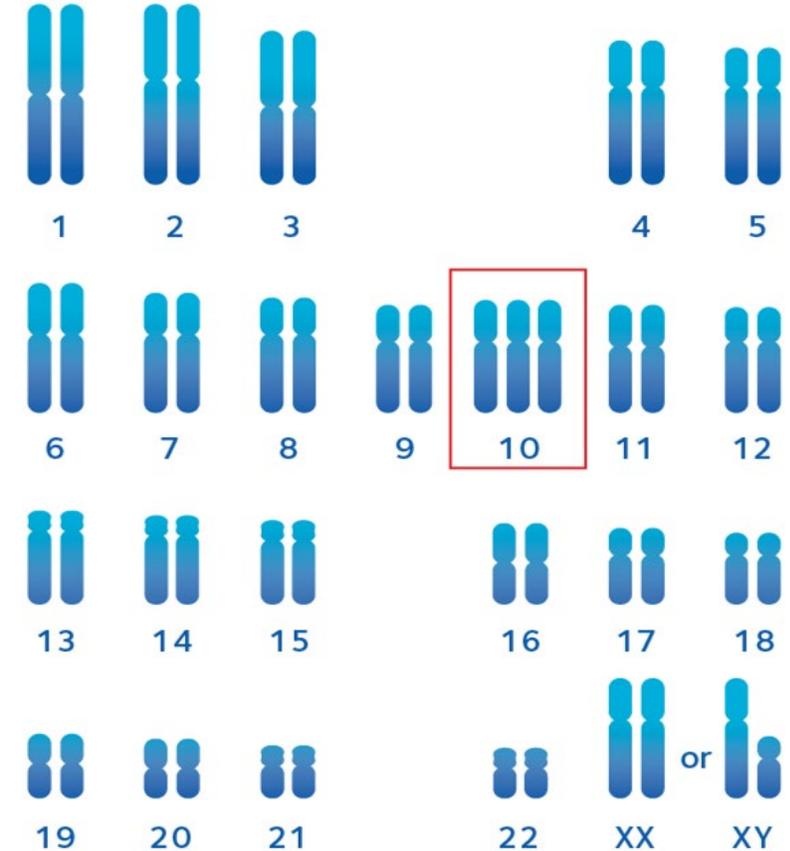


# Early PGT-A

## Aneuploid/Abnormal Result:

- Missing/extra chromosomal material
- Found in embryos of IVF patients of any age, but risk has been shown to increase with maternal age
- May result in:<sup>1</sup>
  - Failed implantation
  - Miscarriage
  - Pregnancy or live birth affected with the observed abnormality

### ABNORMAL CHROMOSOME NUMBER



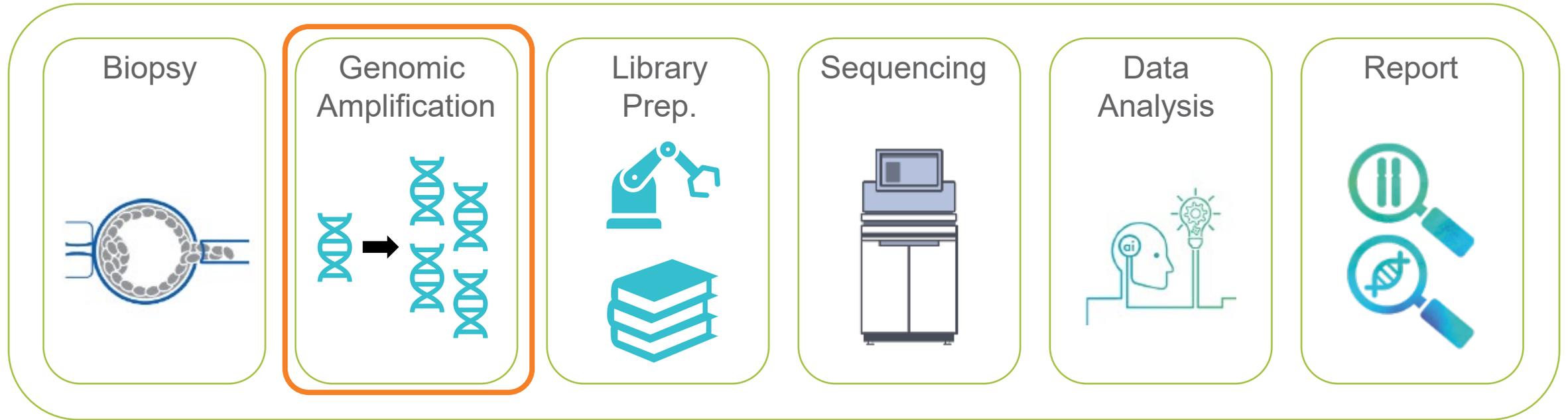
# Advances in DNA Amplification



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# Modern PGT-A Laboratory Workflow

Component methods work together to generate and analyze data



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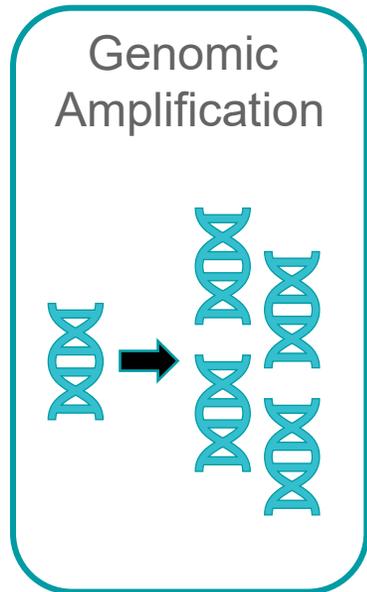
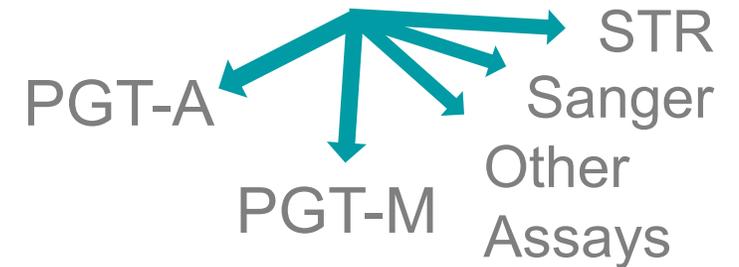
# Amplification is the first (*and most important*) step

5-6 Trophectoderm Cells  
~50 picograms genomic DNA

20,000 X



~1000 ng Amplified Product



- ✓ **Robust**

*high consistency of producing results*

- ✓ **Accurate**

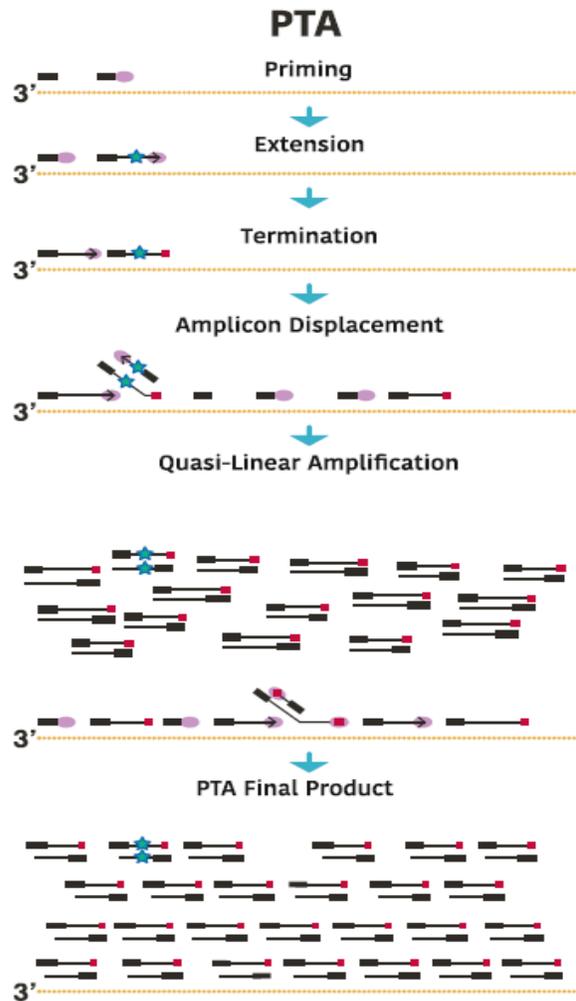
*high fidelity = very few errors*

- ✓ **Complete**

*low bias = nearly whole genome & both alleles*

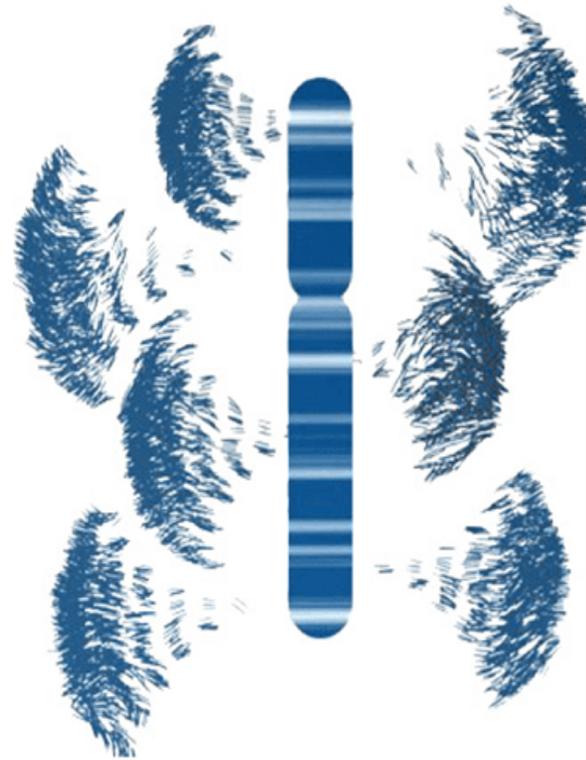
# Primary Template-Directed Amplification

- Accurate, unbiased distribution of data across the entire genome



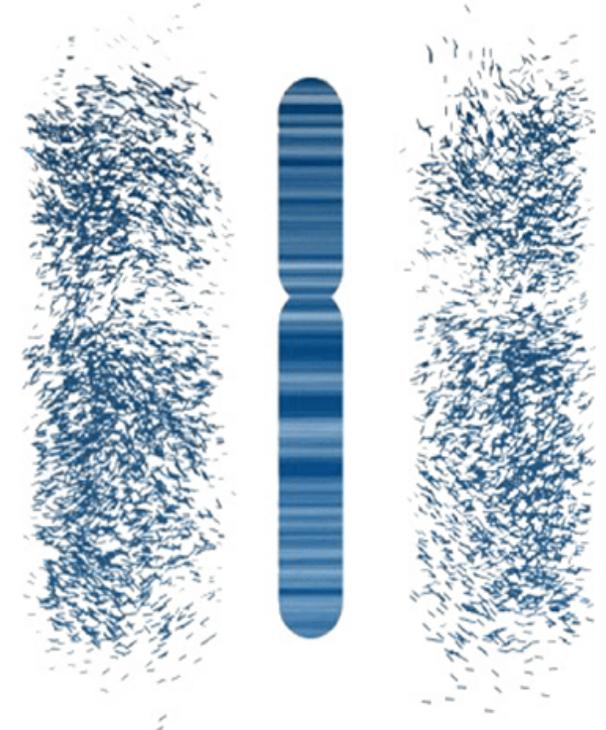
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Random Priming  
Amplification Methods



## PTA

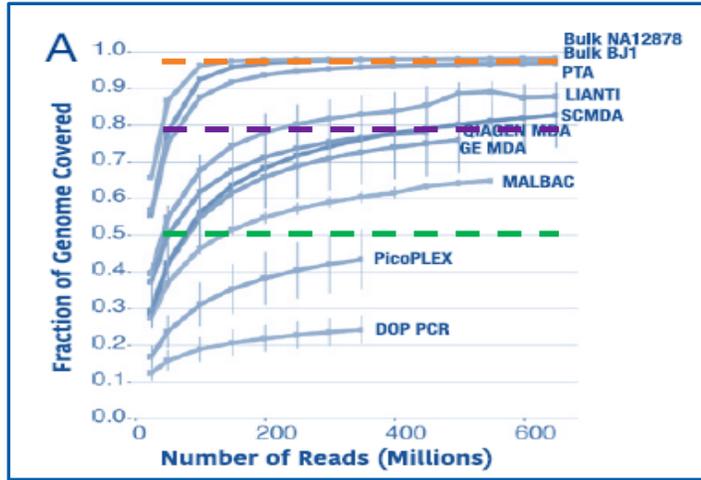
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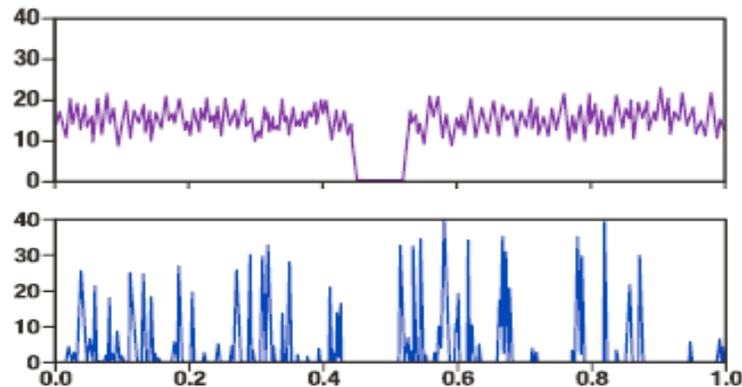
# Primary Template-Directed Amplification (PTA)

Unbiased distribution results in more uniform (complete) genomic coverage

Amplification of 97% of the genome



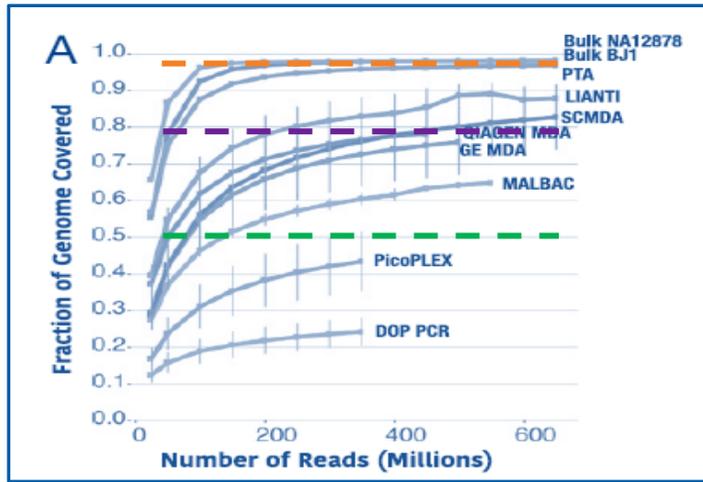
Uniform Chromosome Coverage



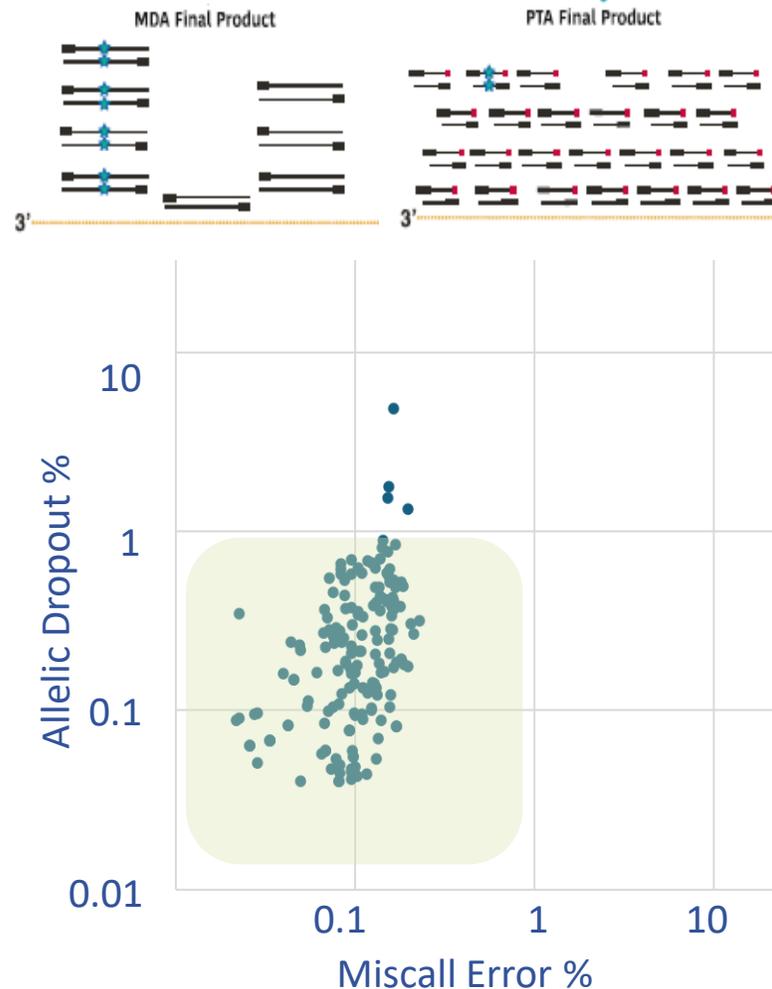
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Low error propagation and full allelic discovery supports true SNP-based analysis

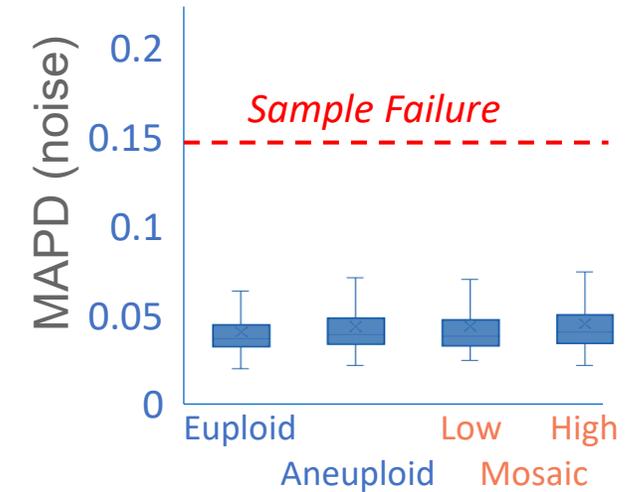
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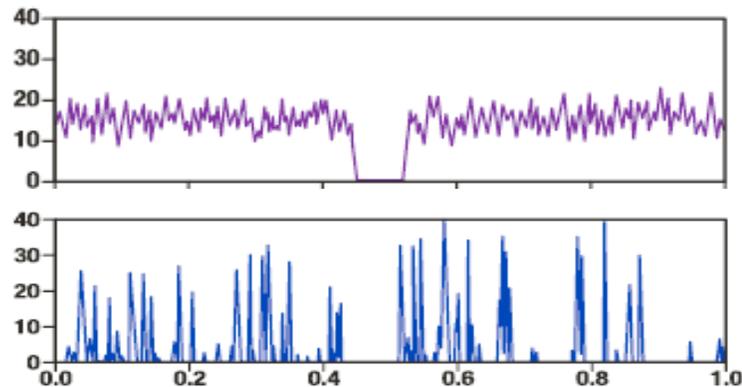
Near Zero Error or Allelic Loss



Low Noise

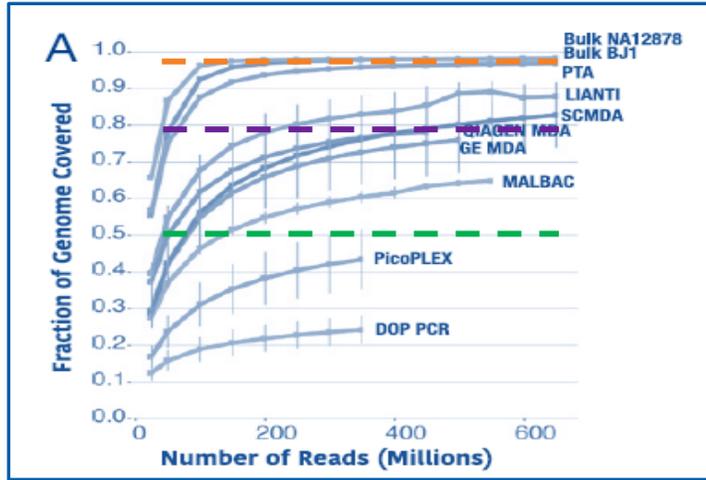


Uniform Chromosome Coverage

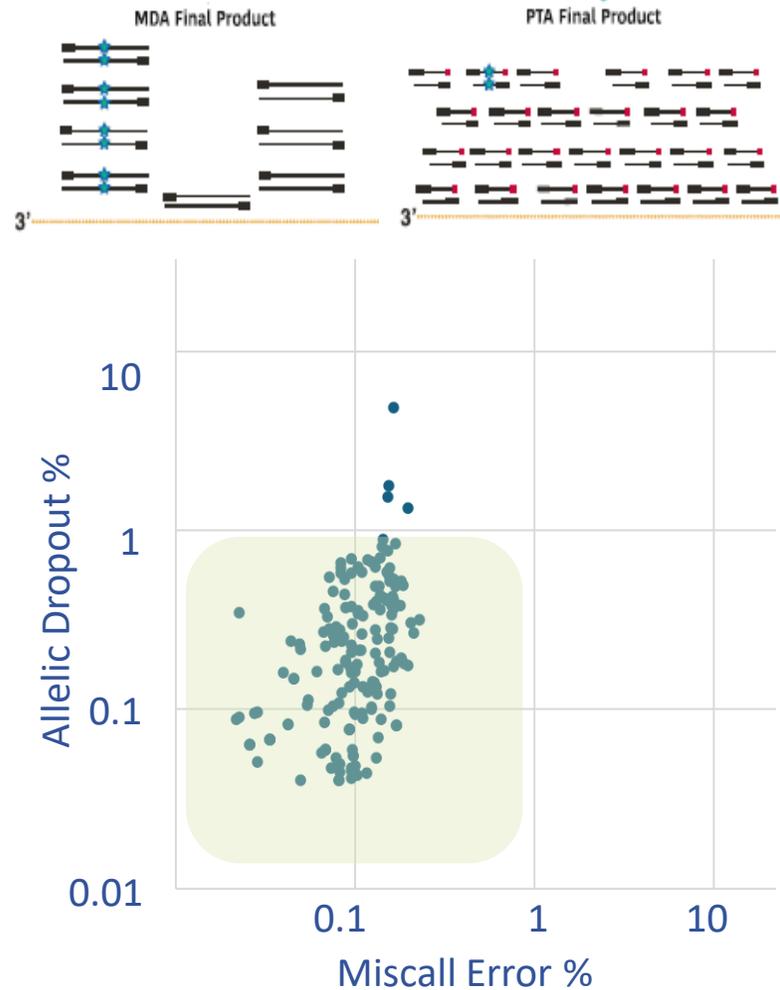


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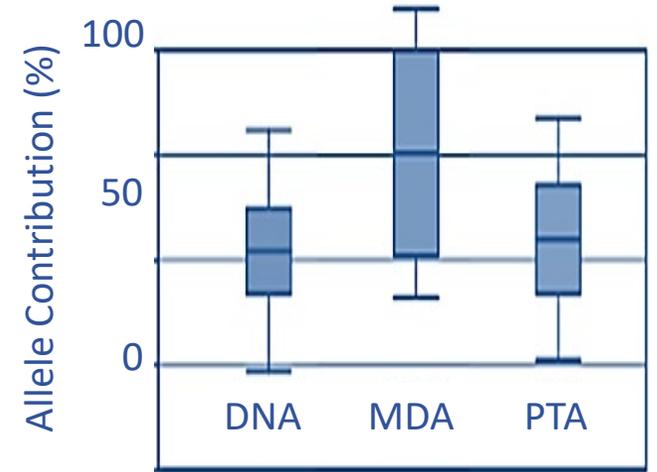
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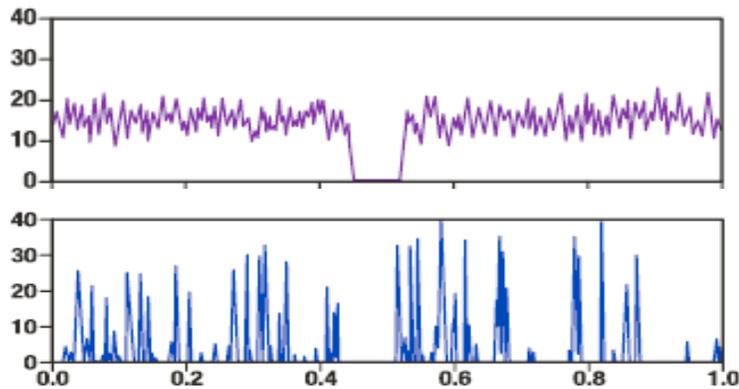
Near Zero Error or Allelic Loss



Preserves Allelic Balance



Uniform Chromosome Coverage



Ratio of alleles is maintained



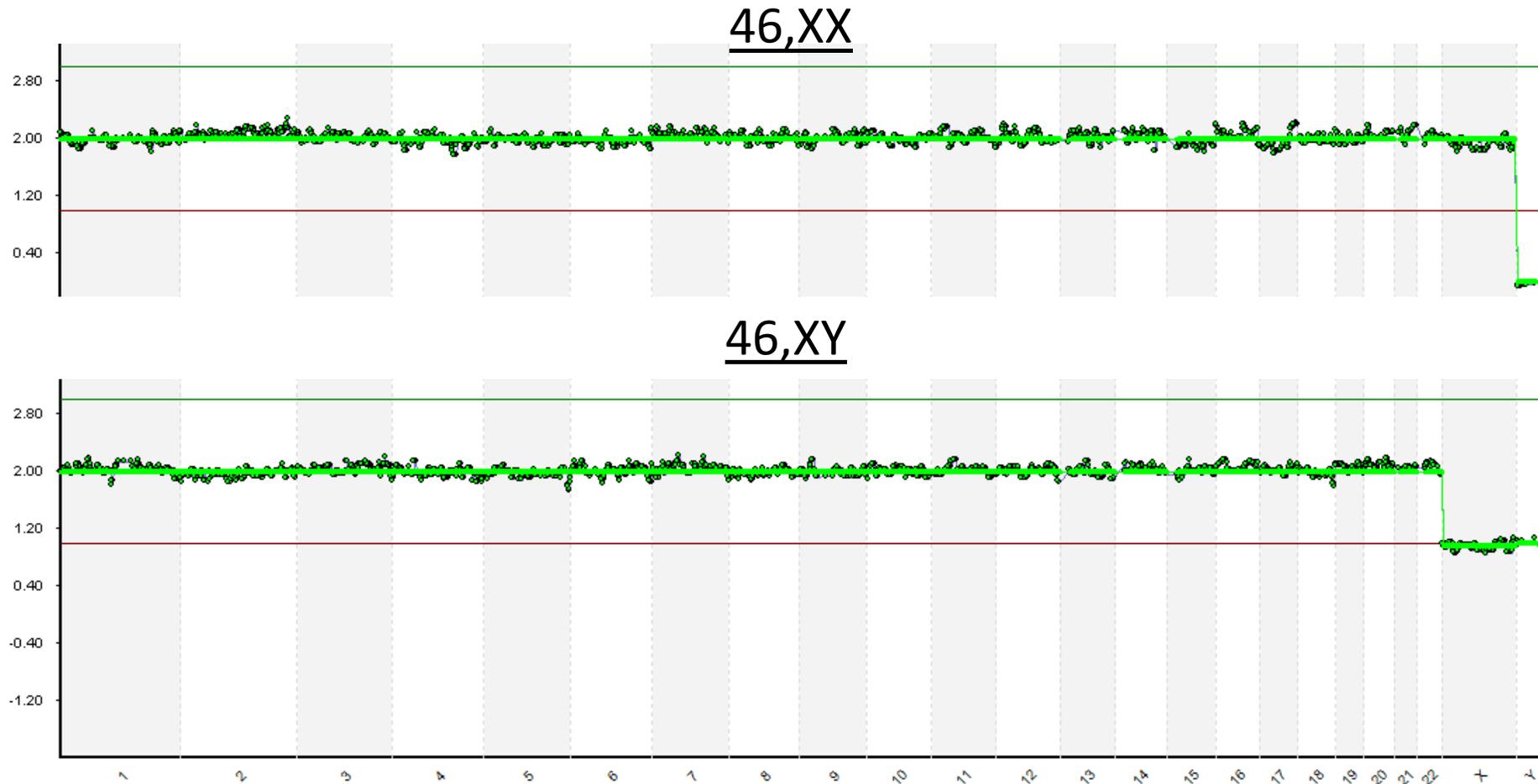


# Unprecedented performance

Method	PTA	MDA A	Mixed Method C
Genome mapping	97%	88%	55%
Genome recovery	97%	65%	33%
CV of coverage	0.8	1.8	3.2
SNV sensitivity	76%	40%	10%
SNV specificity	94%	93%	65%

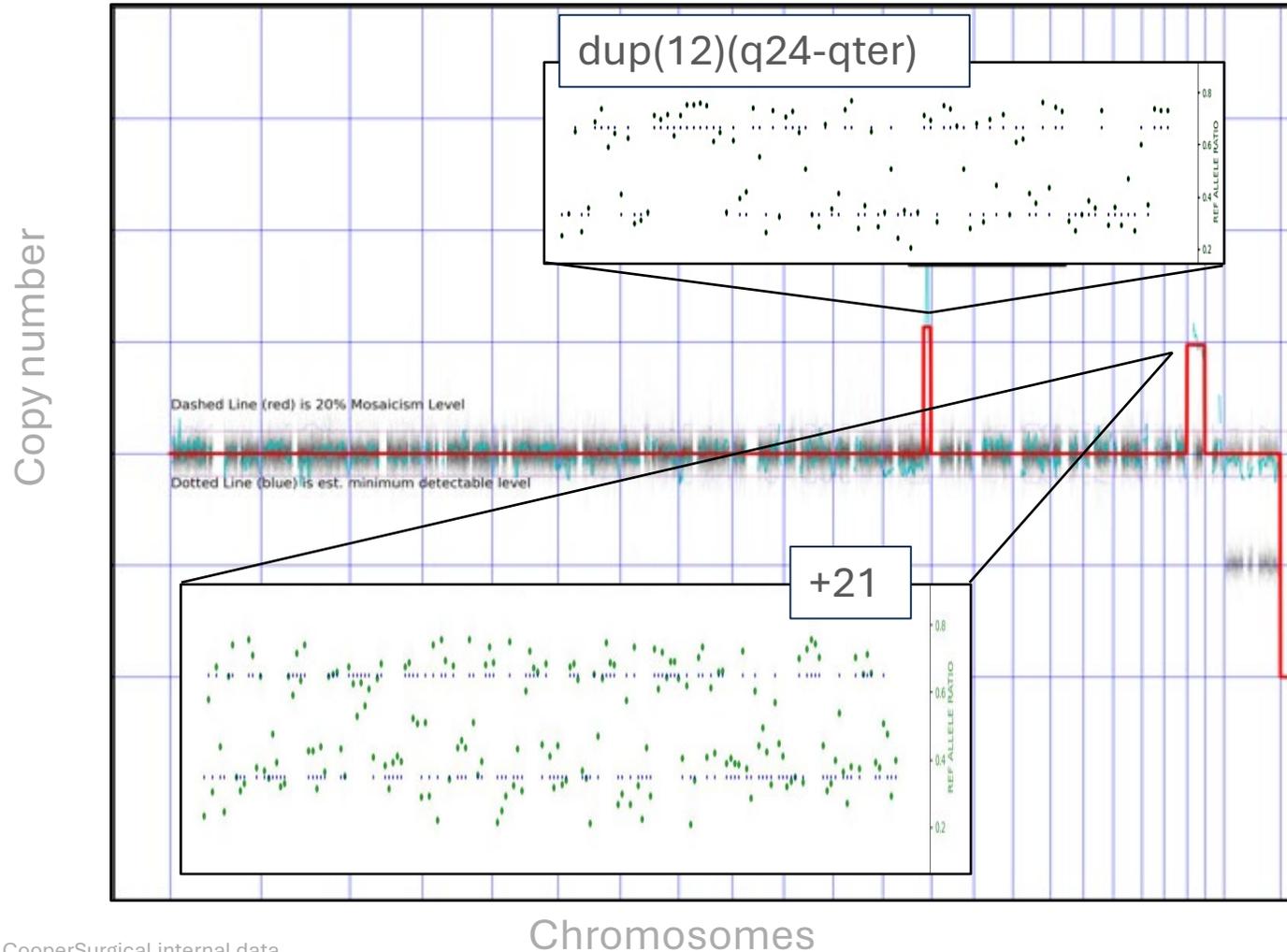


# From this...





# ...To this



CooperSurgical internal data

## TWO-FACTOR “AUTHENTICATION”

Tiered copy number and SNPs –  
High confidence reporting through new  
levels of data analysis

- Locus specific,  
high depth sequencing
- 10x reduction in noise
- Up to 100K-150K SNPs

# PGT-A and SNPs

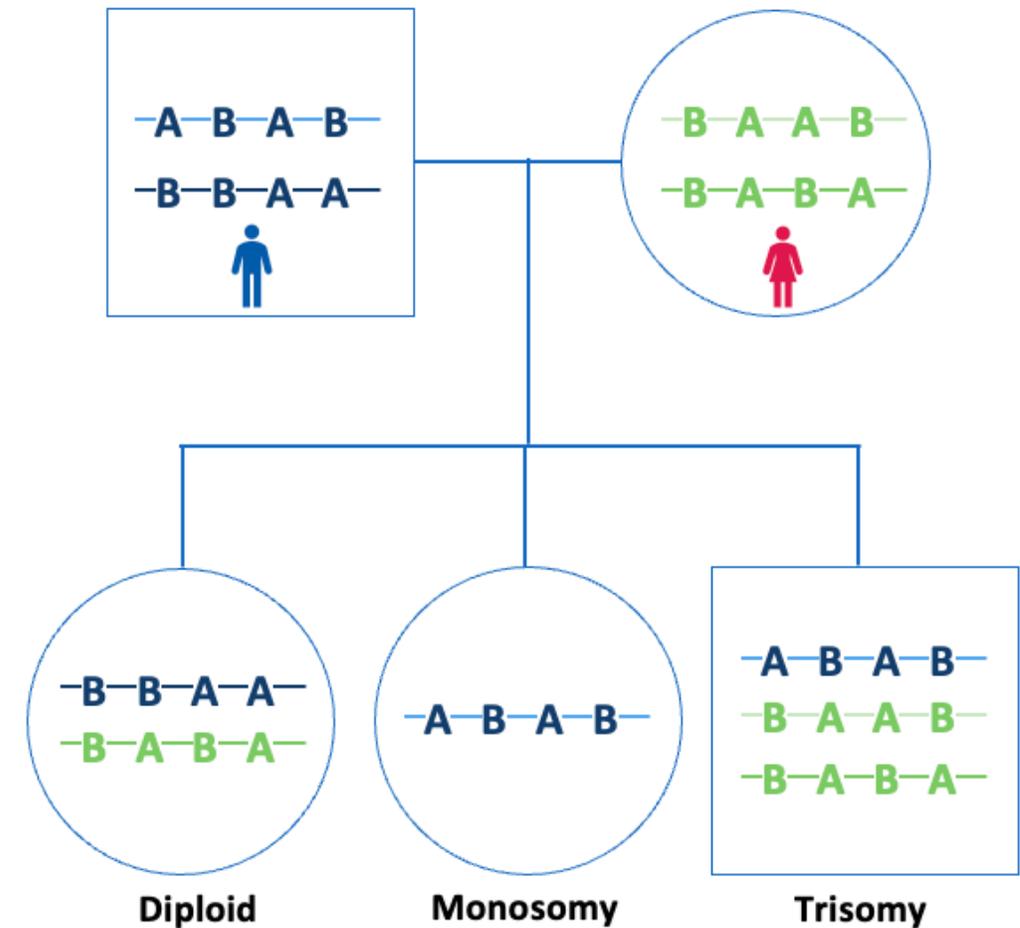


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# A Snippet on SNPs

## Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms

- Variation in the genome at a single nucleotide position occurring in >1% of the population
- ~10,000,000 throughout the genome, on average every 200 bp
- May be associated with traits or disorders, but most have no known function
- SNV: single nucleotide variant is a more generic synonym for less well-characterized loci
- *No two individuals\** have the same pattern of SNPs\*
- Exist as major and minor isoforms within a given population

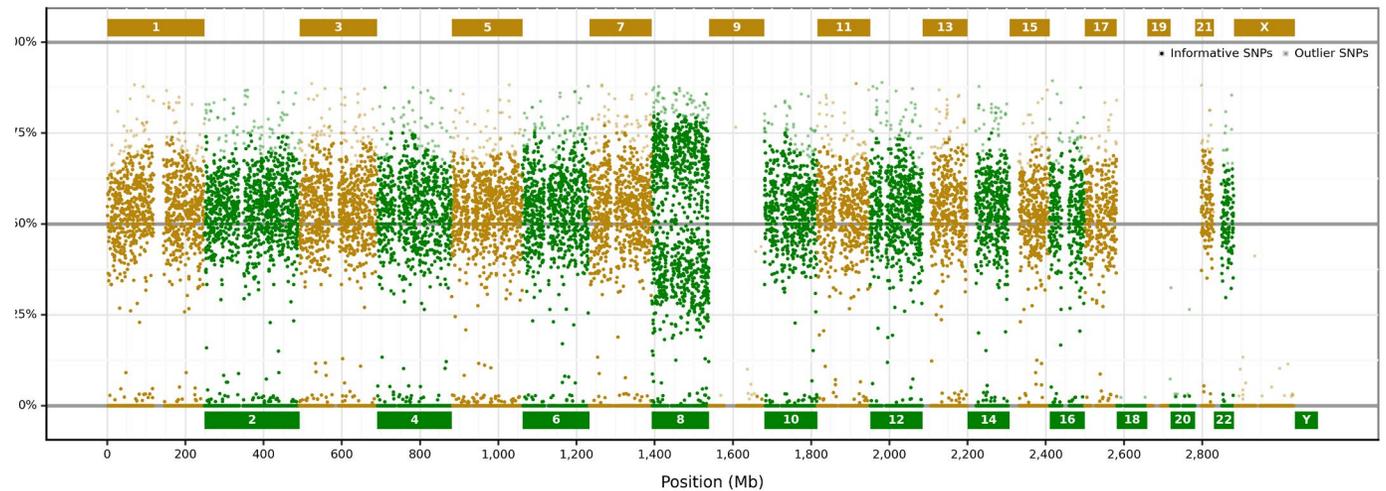
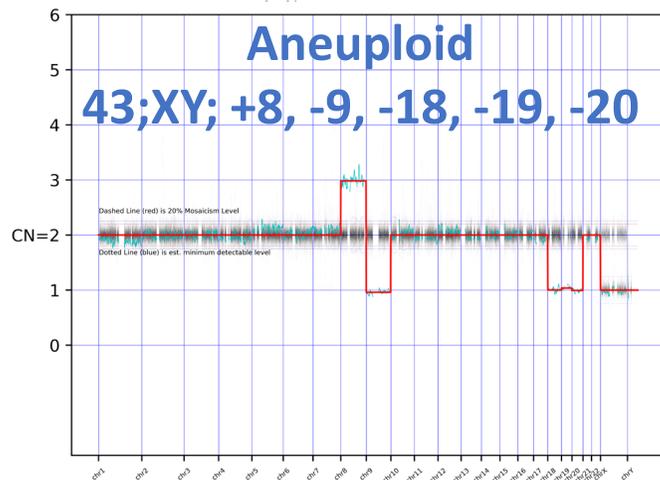
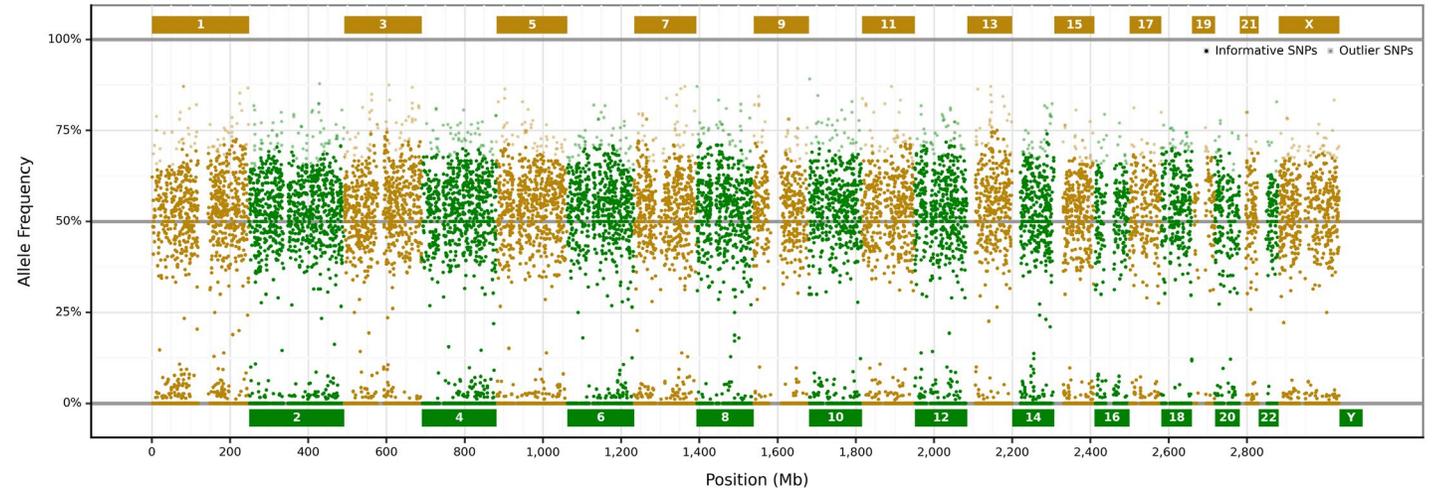
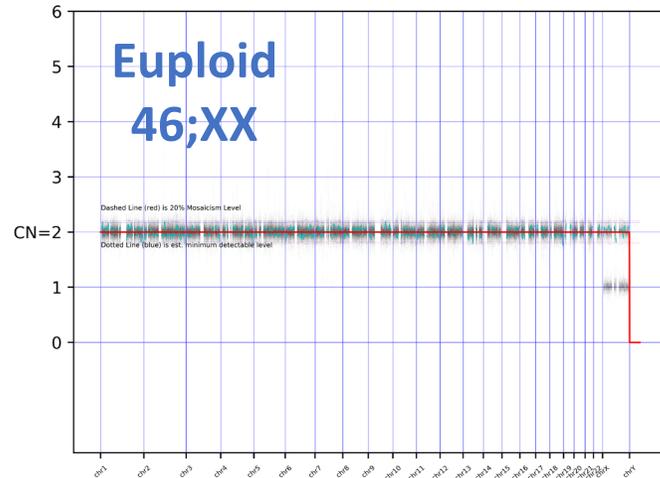


\*except identical twins





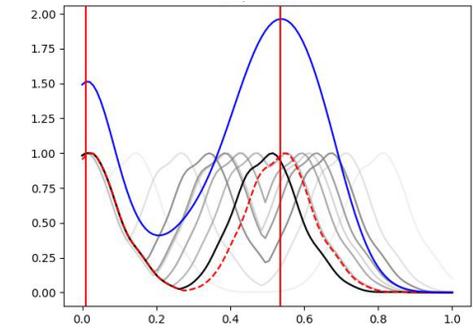
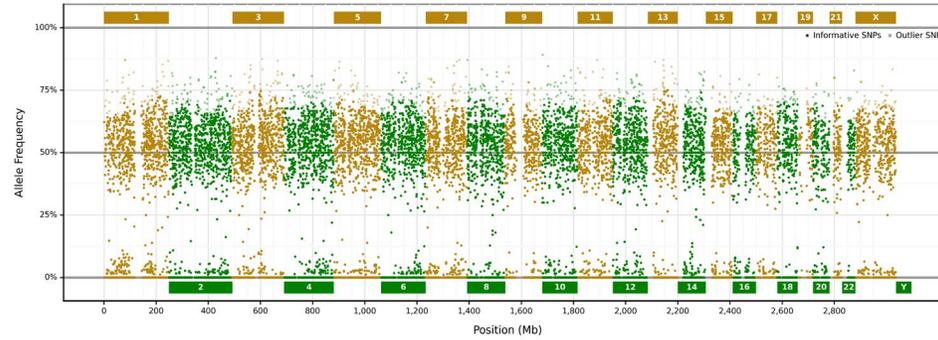
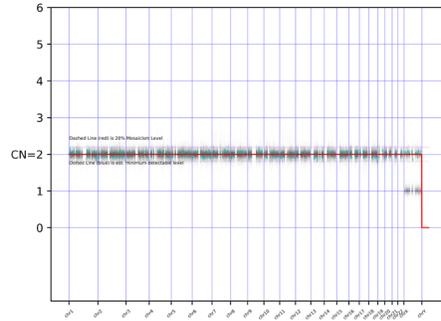
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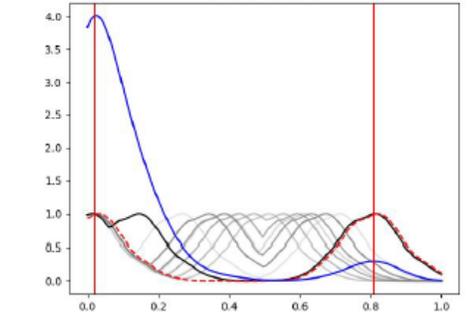
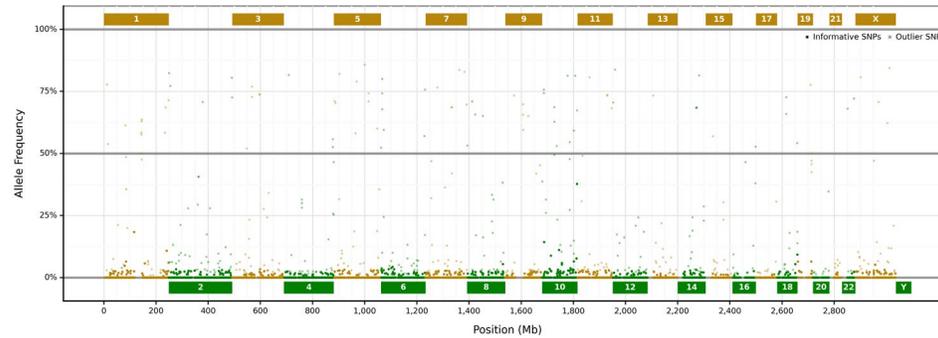
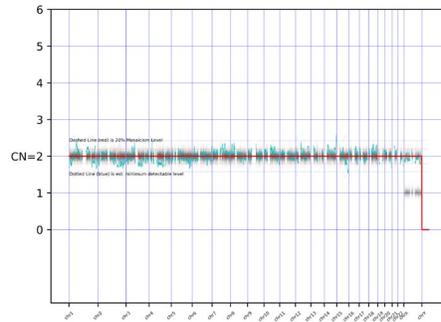


# Polyploidy Testing

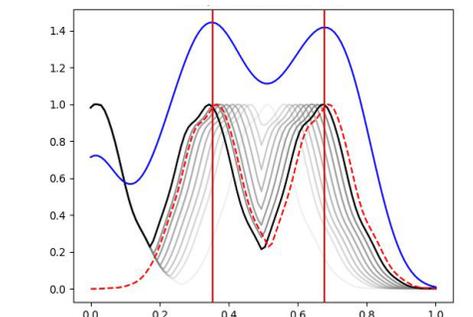
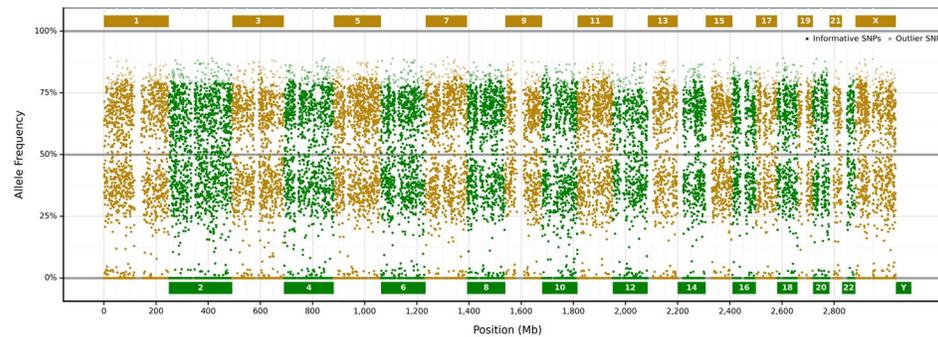
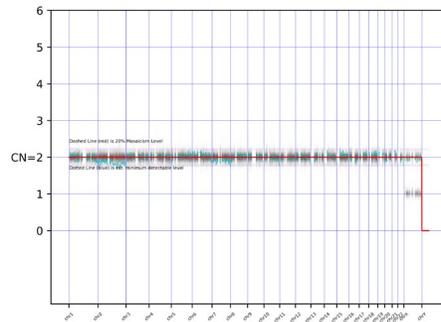
**Diploid  
46;XX**



**Haploid  
23;X**



**Triploid  
69;XXX**





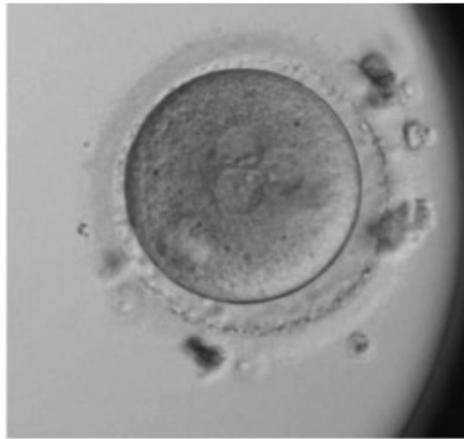
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# PN Checking



1PN



3PN



≥4PN



# Abnormal PN Outcomes

## OPNs

- **McCallie 2024**
  - 291 OPN blastocysts
  - Haploid: 2.1%
  - Aneuploid: 41.9%
  - **Diploid/euploid: 56%**
- **Paz 2020**
  - 27 OPN blastocysts transferred
  - Implantation rate: 48%
  - Ongoing pregnancy rate: 50%
  - **13 live births (59% live birth rate)**

## 1PNs

- **McCallie 2024**
  - 217 1PN blastocysts
  - Haploid: 36.4%
  - Aneuploid: 31.8%
  - **Diploid/euploid: 31.8%**
- **Itoi 2015**
  - 33 1PN blastocysts
  - Implantation rate: 33.3%
  - Clinical pregnancy rate: 33.3%
  - Ongoing pregnancy rate: 27.3%
  - **9 healthy live births (27.3% live birth rate)**

## 3PNs

- **McCallie 2024**
  - 172 3PNs
  - Triploid: 50% (59% XXY; 41% XXX)
  - Aneuploid: 41.9%
  - **Diploid/euploid: 8.1%**
- **Capalbo 2017**
  - 14 2.1 PNs
  - Diploid: 12 (87.5%)
  - **2 healthy live births (of 3 transfers)**



Article

# Reassessing the conventional fertilisation check: leveraging PGT-A to increase the number of transferrable embryos

Balsam Al Hashimi<sup>a b c</sup>  , Simon Harvey<sup>d</sup>, Katie Harvey<sup>e</sup>,  
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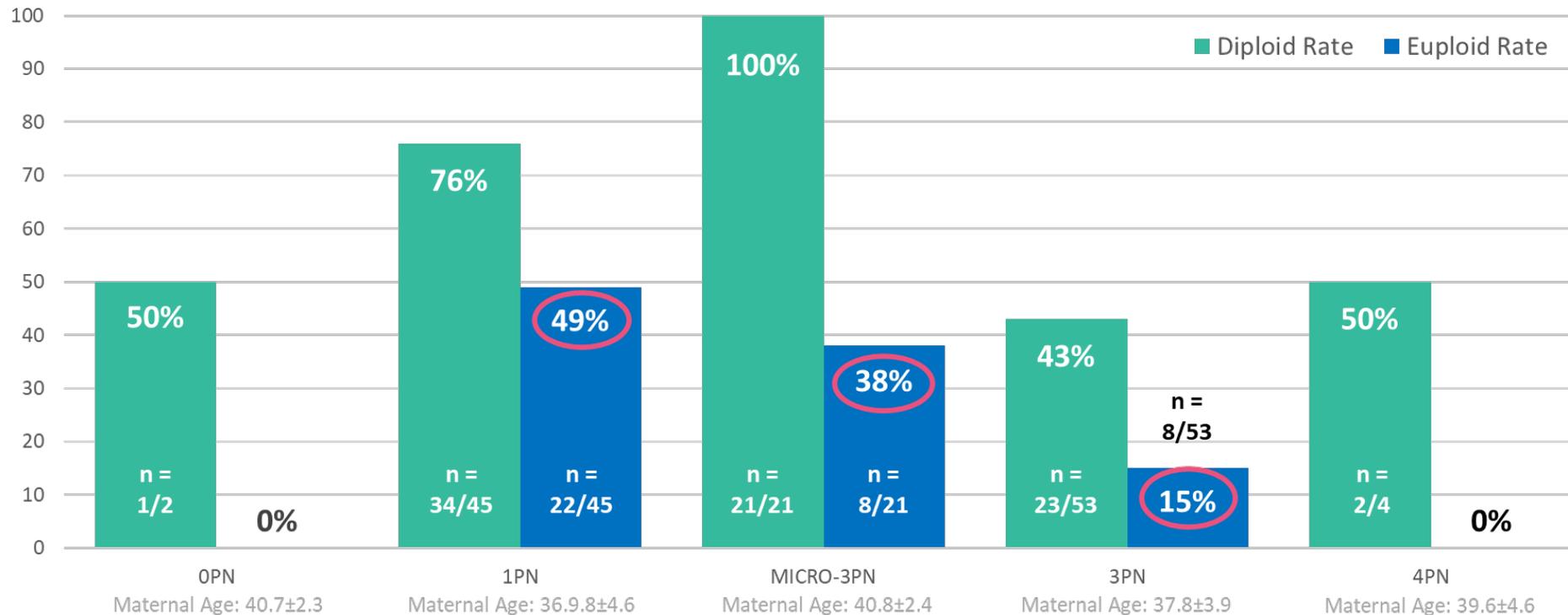
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# Clinic Experience

Retrospective, single center, ICSI and IVF Fertilized, 125 embryos



# Pregnancy Outcomes

	1PN	Micro-3PN	3PN
Positive Bhcg	40% (2/5)	100% (3/3)	67% (2/3)
Clinical pregnancy	40% (2/5)	67% (2/3)	67% (2/3)
Ongoing pregnancy	40% (2/5)	67% (2/3)	67% (2/3)
Live birth			
Patient	3 33% (1/3)  y round IVF, 4AA-1PN- euploid	20%( 1/5)  4AA-1PN, micro-3PN- euploid	33% (1/3)  4AA-1PN, last attempt 3PN- euploid

**Takehome message:**  
Genetic PN Checking may help those with few embryos available and help them achieve the goal of having a child.



# Origin of Aneuploidy

- Not all aneuploidy is maternally derived
- Paternal contribution to aneuploidy can be overlooked
- Can help guide informed donor decisions
- Helps to confirm whether an egg donor or sperm donor would be more beneficial



of whole chromosome aneuploidy is of paternal origin.

Hassold et al. 1992, Kubicek et al. 2019



of segmental aneuploidy is of paternal origin.

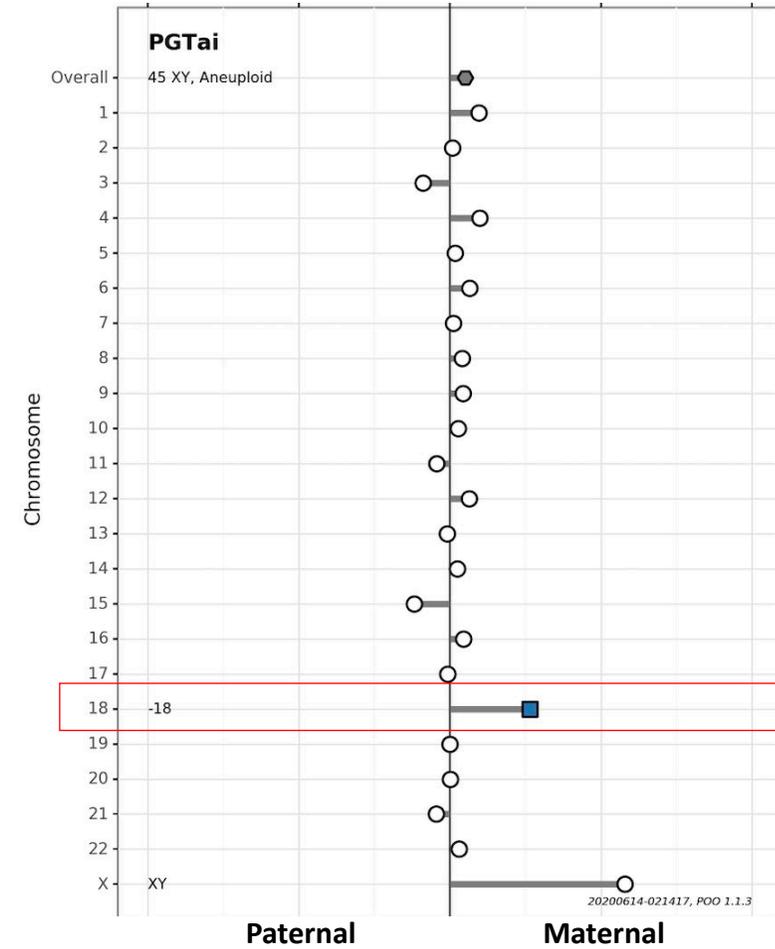
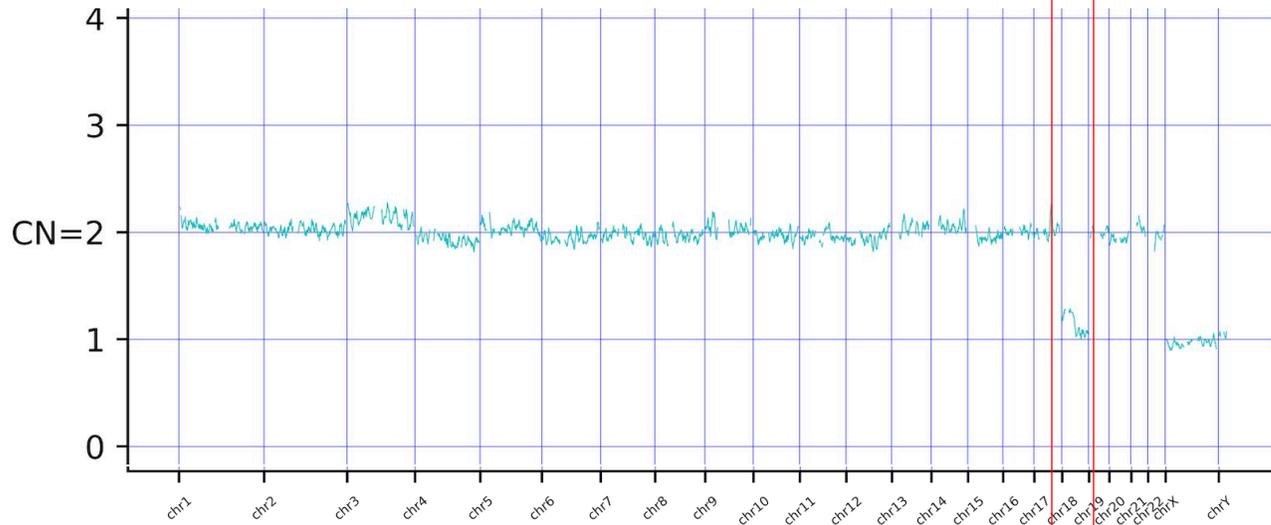
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# Origin of Aneuploidy

45,XY; -18



Monosomy is Paternal in Origin

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# Parent & Sibling QC



## Gamete Comparison

- Uses SNPs to track the presence of both gamete contributors' genetic material
- Confirms intended gamete sources used
- Identifies whether aneuploidy arose from oocyte or sperm
- Maternal cell & exogenous contamination
- Biparental diploid confirmation

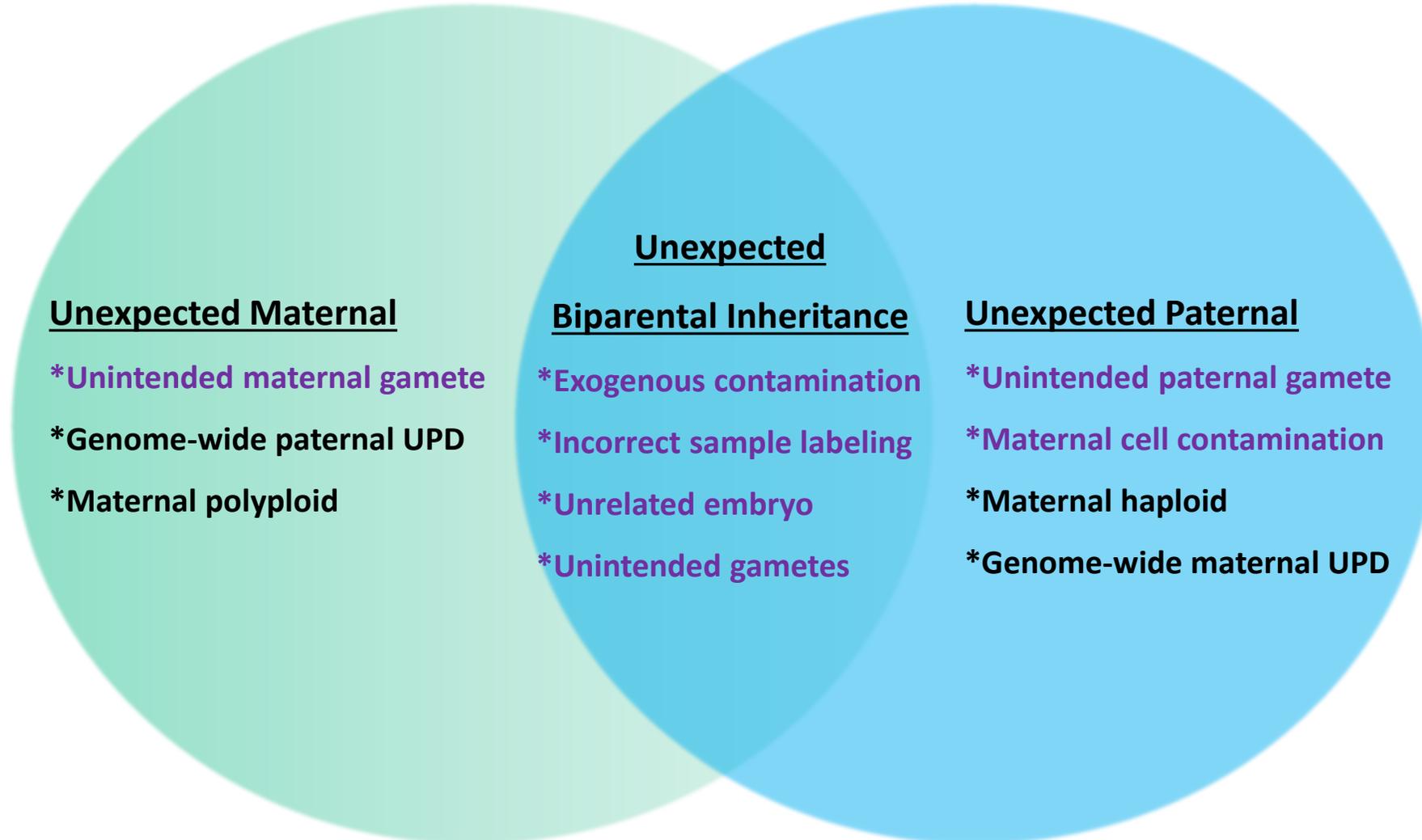
## Sibling Comparison

- Uses SNPs to confirm full sibling identity between embryo cohort
- Exogenous contamination
- Same embryo biopsied twice



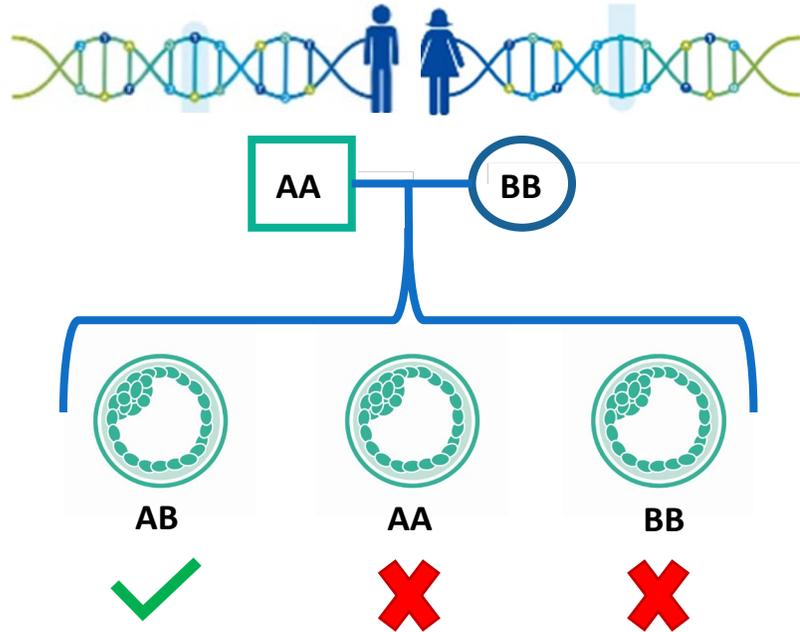
# Possible Gamete Mismatch Causes

Causes:  
**Biological**  
**Technical**

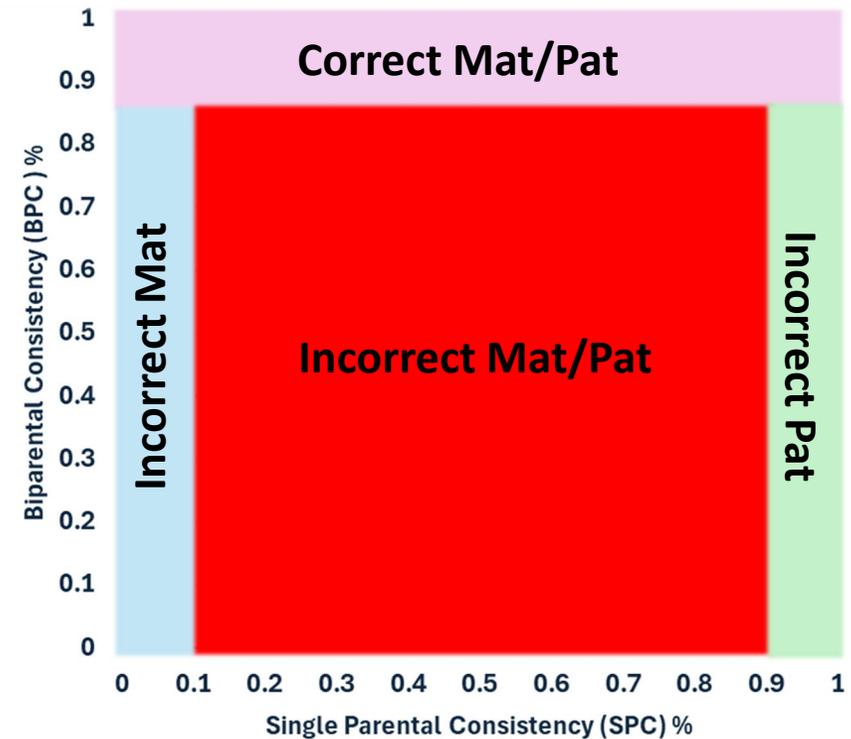




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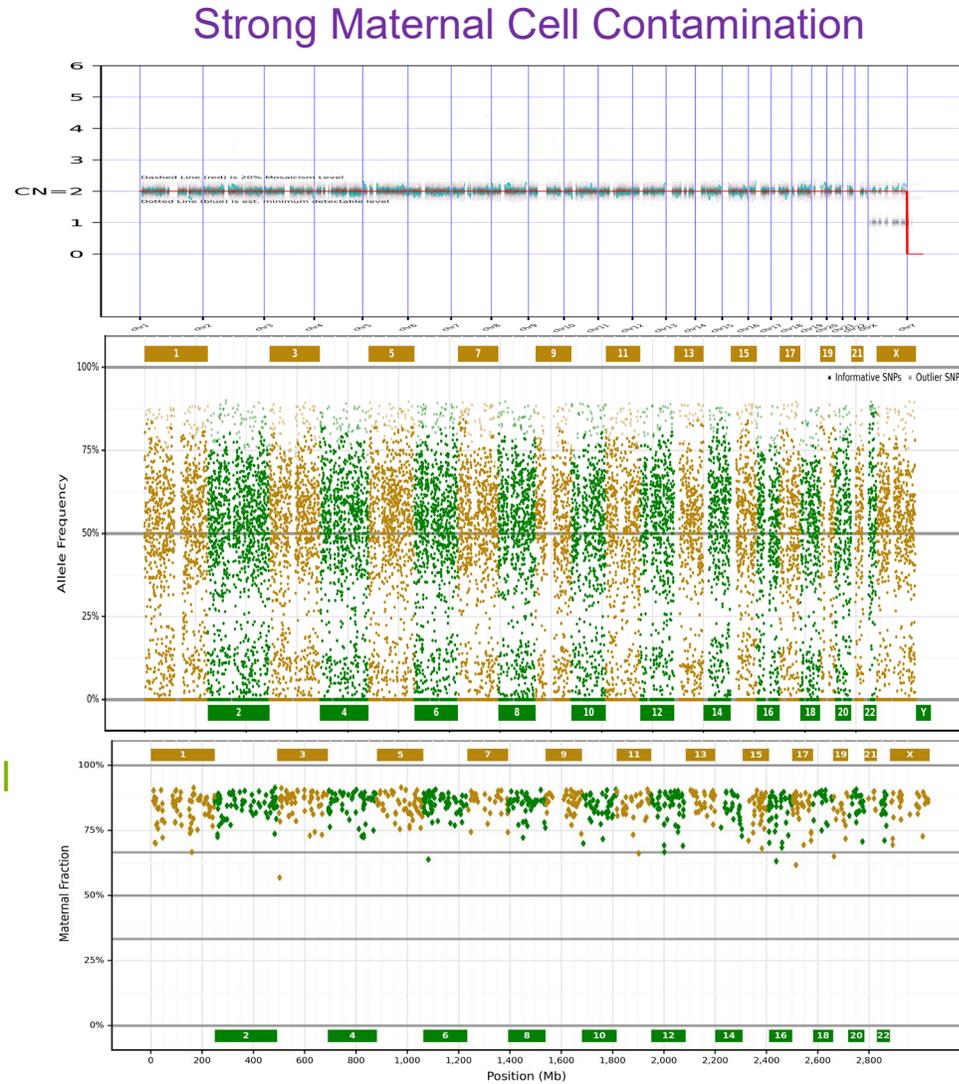
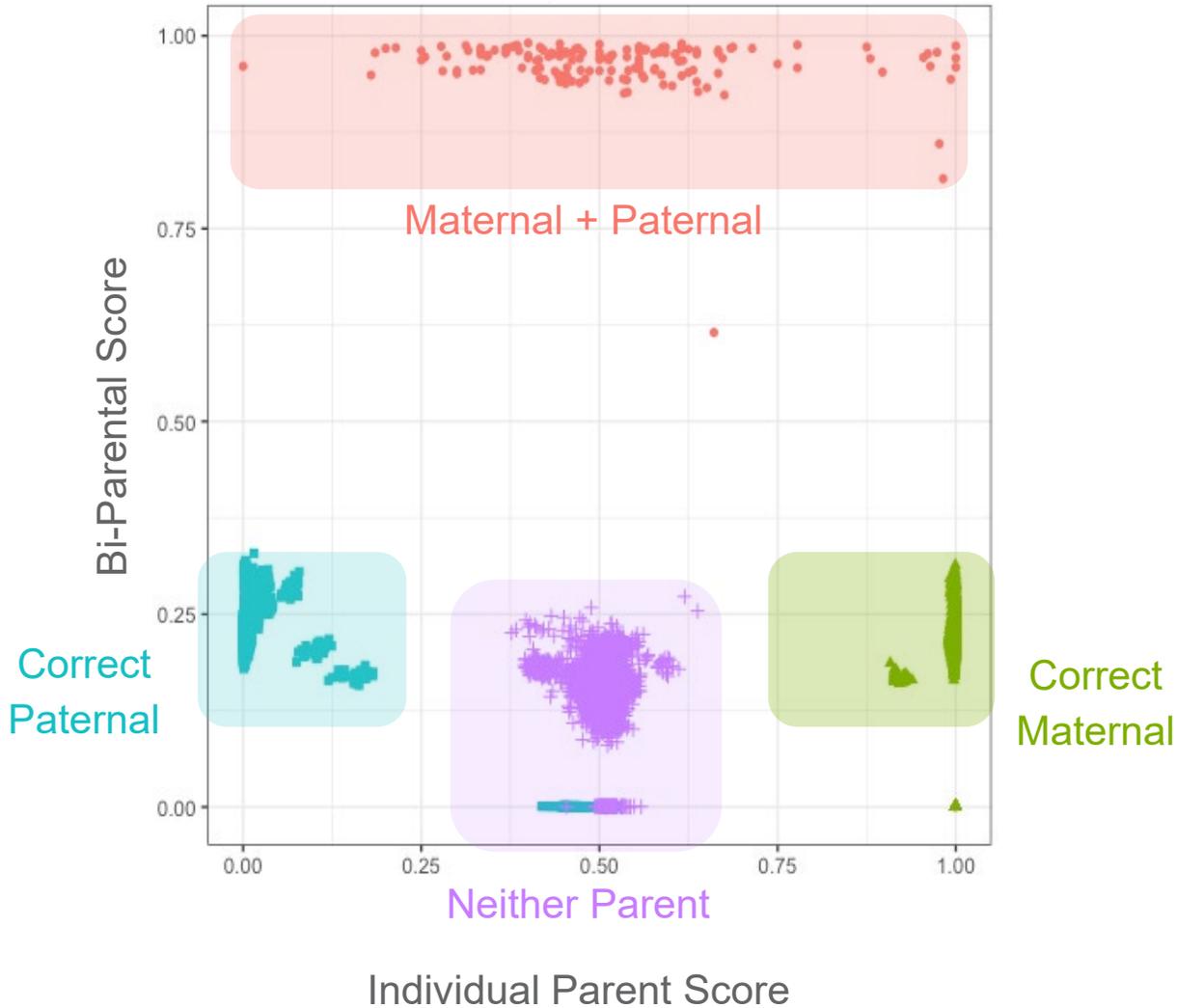


- >100,000 SNPs utilized per TRIO
- Site requirements for BPC:
  - ✓  $\geq 30x$  depth
  - ✓ Overlap between Mat, Pat, and Embryo
  - ✓ Must be in diploid region
  - ✓ Must be homozygous for both parents & heterozygous for embryo





# Parent QC and Contamination

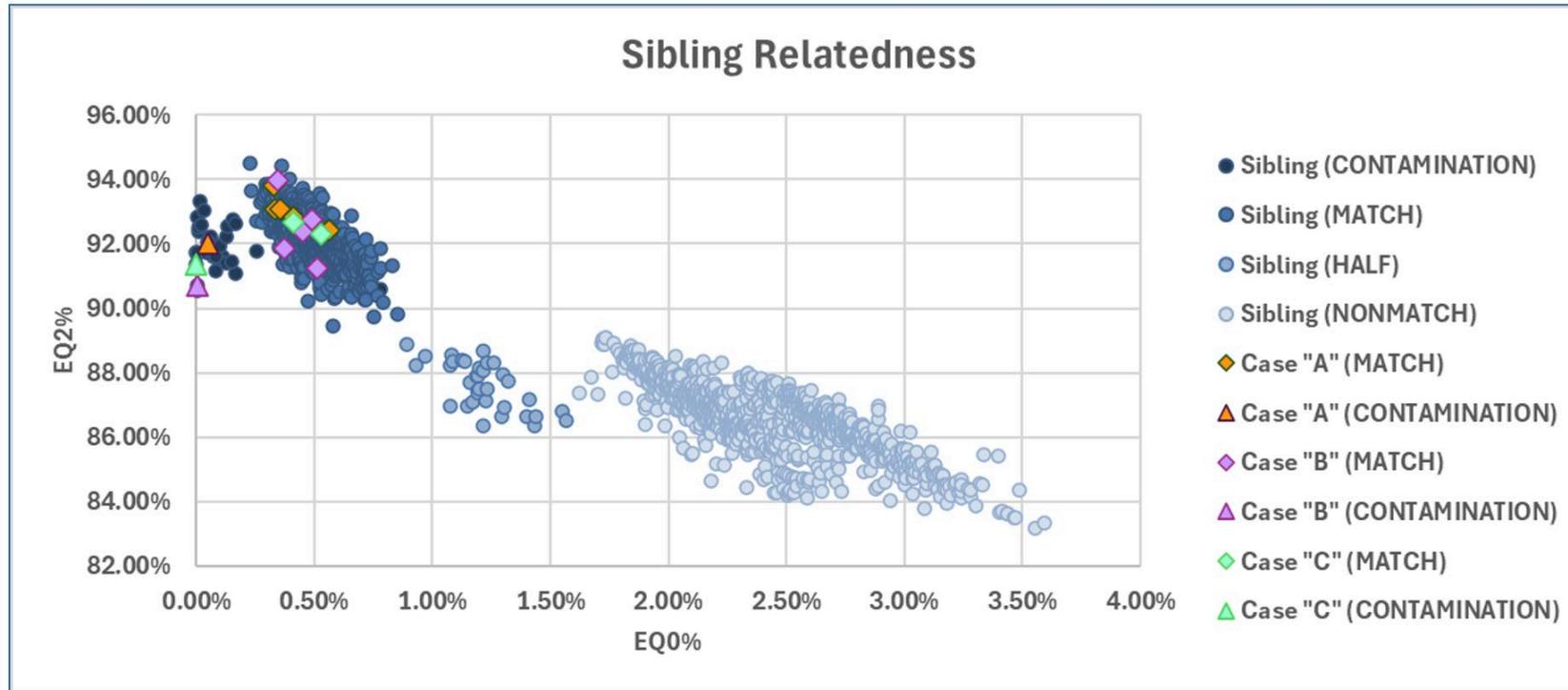


Low-noise  
Euploid Female  
46;XX

Uniform Low-  
Level Minor  
Allele "cloud"

Nearly 100%  
Maternal  
Contribution

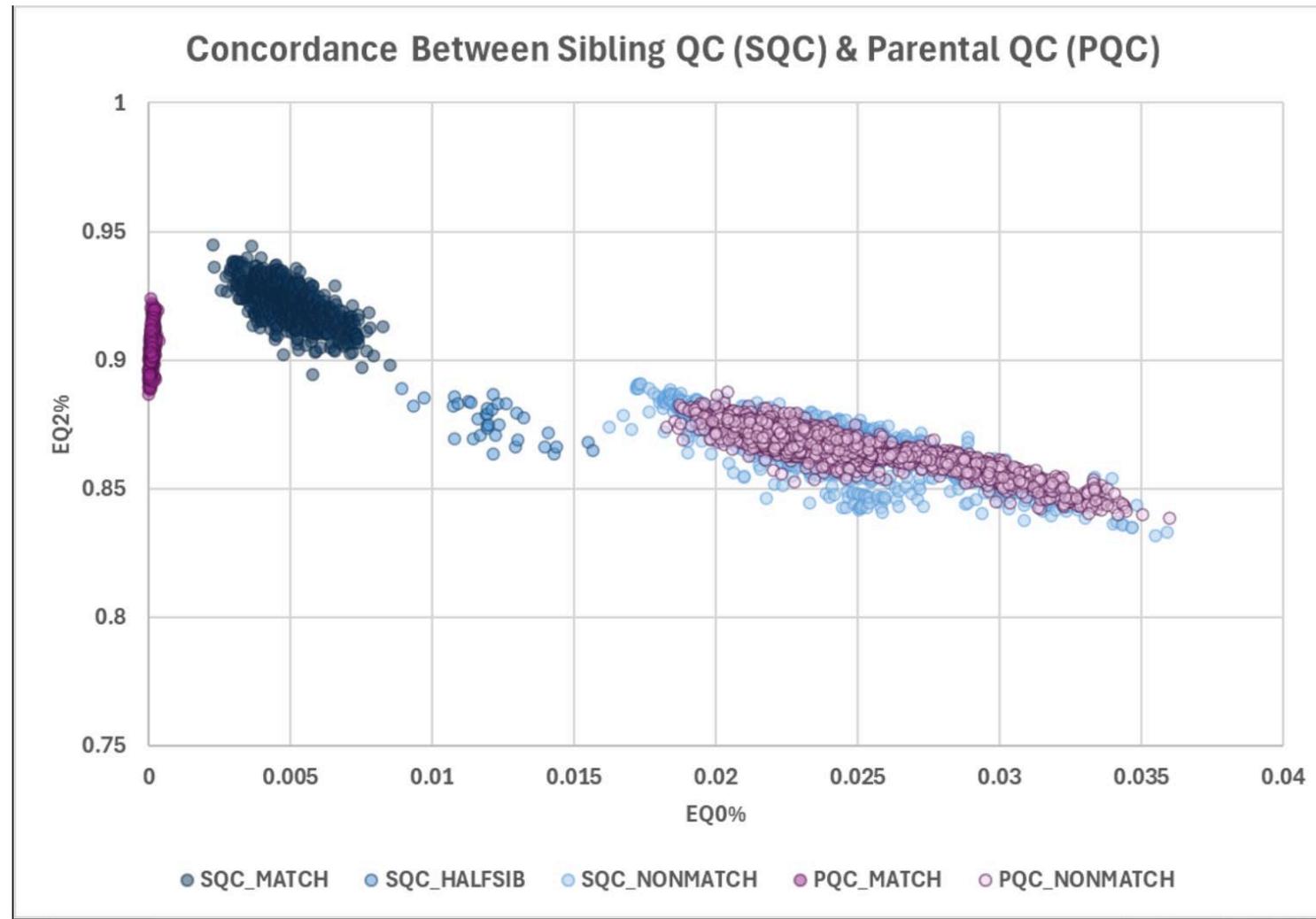
# Sibling QC and Contamination Detection



**Figure 4.** Evaluation of overlapping genotypic sites in DUO analysis across sample relationships: correct siblings (with and without detected contamination), half-siblings, and incorrect sibling pairings. Three representative cases ("A", "B", and "C") are included to illustrate variability observed.



# Sibling QC & Parental QC



# Contamination

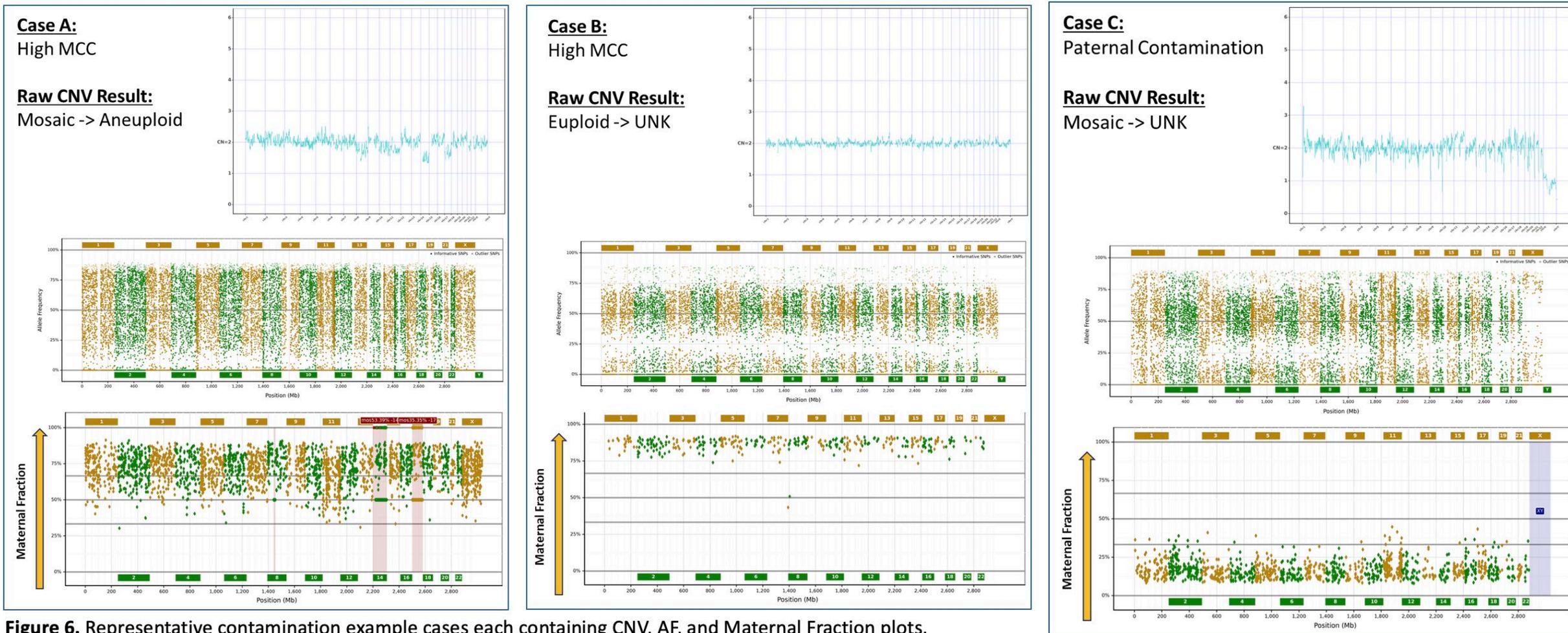


Figure 6. Representative contamination example cases each containing CNV, AF, and Maternal Fraction plots.



# PGT-A and SNP Analysis: Questions to Ask

- **How are you performing PGT-A** in your lab? NGS? SNPs? Both?
- Roughly **how many SNPs** are you looking at?
- **What are you able to detect** with SNP analysis? What can you not detect?
  - Haploidy/female triploidy/“PN Checking?”
  - Parent/sibling relationships?
  - Origin of aneuploidy?
  - Contamination? Maternal vs exogenous?
  - Uniparental disomy/diploidy?
  - Loss of heterozygosity?
- Do you need additional **samples from the gamete contributors**?
  - What sample types can you accept?
  - Can you perform on donor cases?
- Can you offer this testing **retrospectively**?





# PGT-A and SNP analysis: Patients to Consider

- **All patients:** new standard
- **History of SAB**, especially if triploid/molar pregnancy
- Unexpected aneuploidy
- Advanced maternal age needing **closure on autologous IVF**
- Concerned about chain of custody
- Question of correct laboratory **protocol/contamination/deception**



# Case: Recurrent Polyploidy

- Case submitted for PGT-A – 6 samples run, all returned as polyploid
- Laboratory released report to clinic and discussed suspicion for maternal cell contamination
- Clinic relayed : patient had a 7th, untested embryo transferred from the same cycle. The patient had a miscarriage and POC results revealed triploidy.
- So, 7/7 embryos all have triploidy.
- Parental buccal swabs tested for parent of origin analysis
  - 6/6 tested embryos – maternal in origin



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## Recurrent hydatidiform mole

### Description

Recurrent hydatidiform mole is a condition that affects women and is characterized by the occurrence of at least two abnormal pregnancies that result in the formation of hydatidiform moles. A hydatidiform mole is a mass that forms early in pregnancy and is made up of cells from an abnormally developed embryo and placenta. Normally, the embryo would develop into a fetus and the placenta would grow to provide nutrients to the growing fetus. When a hydatidiform mole occurs once, it is known as sporadic hydatidiform mole; if it happens again, the condition is known as recurrent hydatidiform mole.

The first symptom of a hydatidiform mole is often vaginal bleeding in the first trimester of pregnancy. During an ultrasound examination, the abnormal placenta appears as numerous small sacs, often described as resembling a bunch of grapes.

Hydatidiform moles are not naturally discharged from the body and must be surgically removed, typically by the end of the first trimester. After removal, there is up to a 20 percent risk that any tissue left behind will continue to grow and become a **cancerous**



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# Improved Mosaic and Segmental Calling

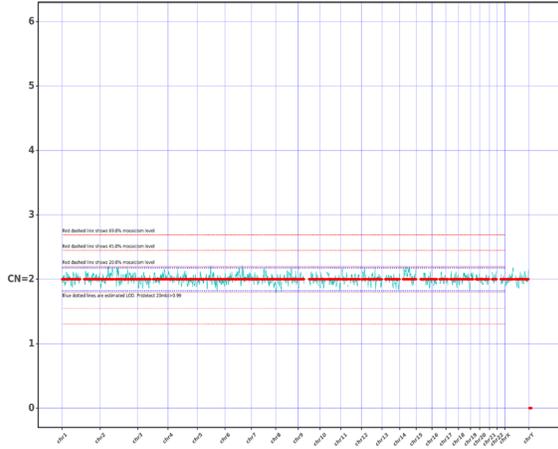


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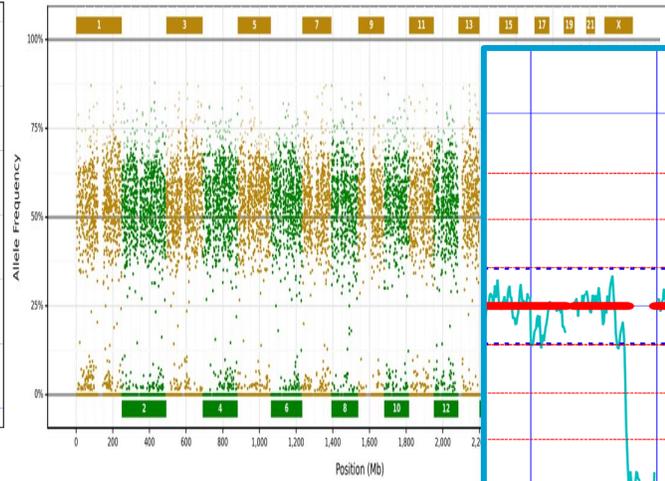
# Mosaic and Segmental Reporting

Higher confidence across all outcomes

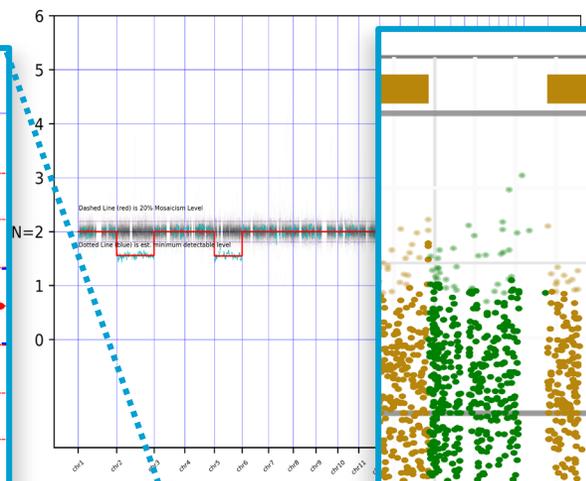
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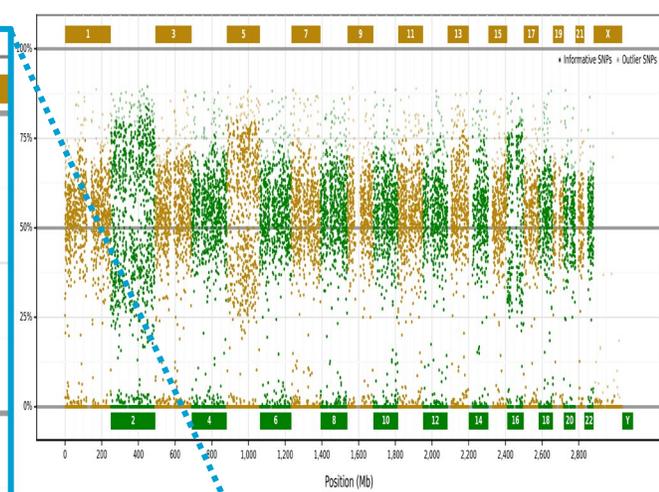
## 46;XX



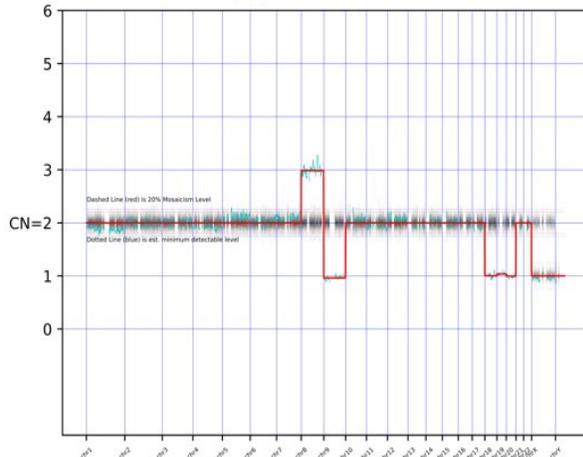
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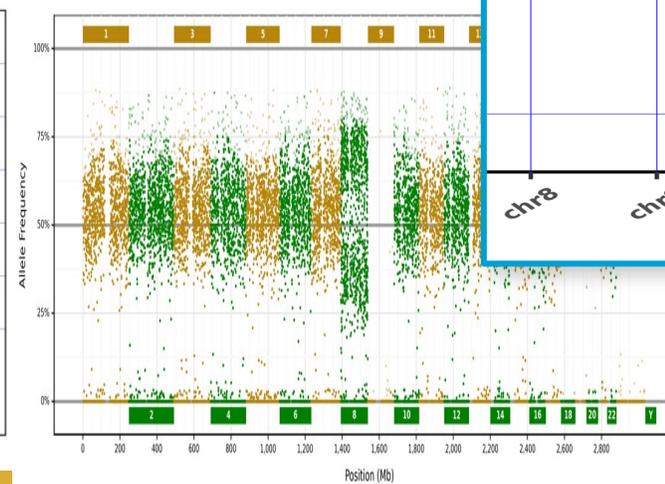
## 43;XY Mosaic -2, -5, -17



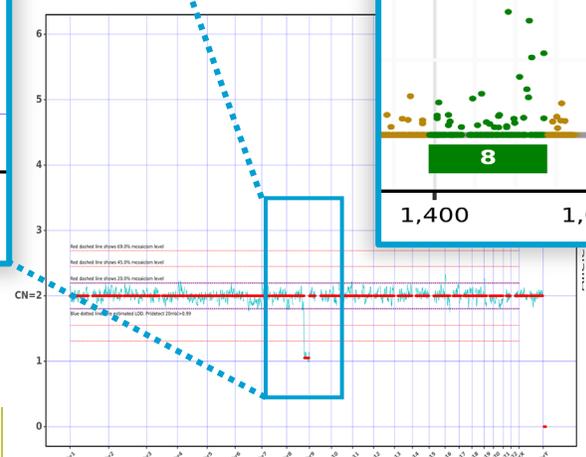
## Aneuploid



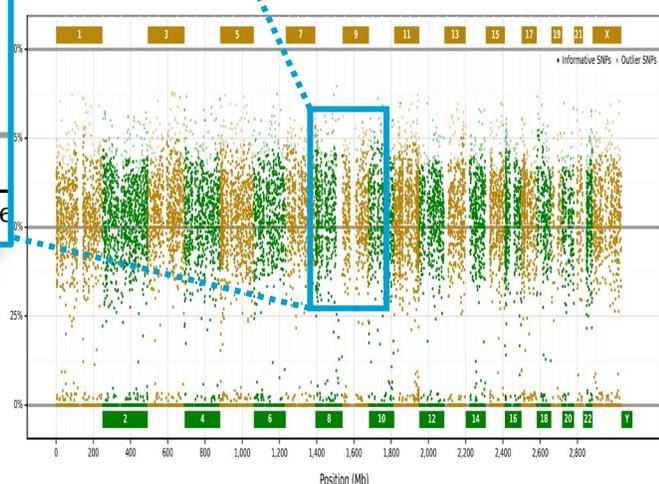
## 43;XY; +8, -9, -18, -22



## Segmental



## 46;XX; del(8)(q23.3-qter)





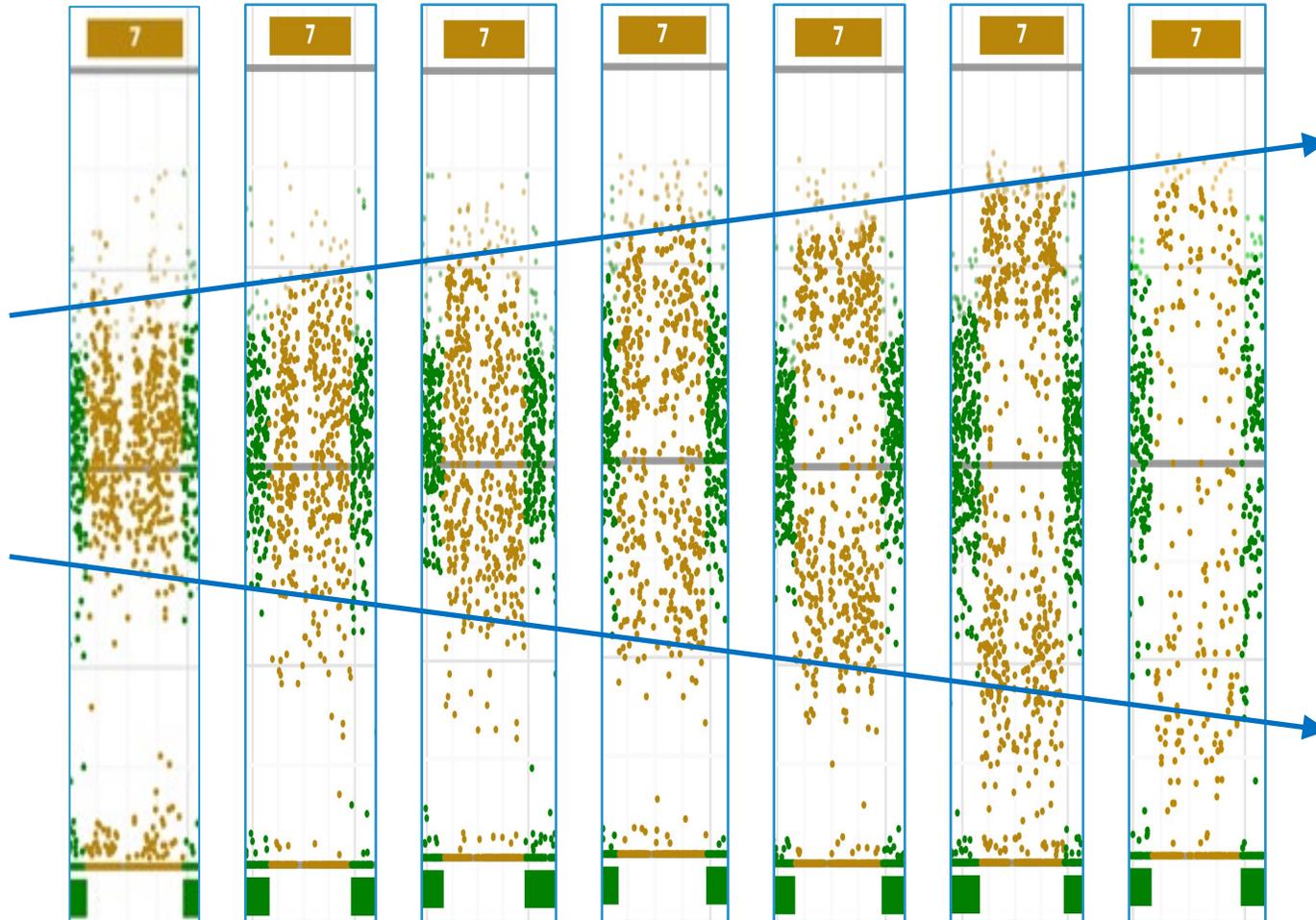
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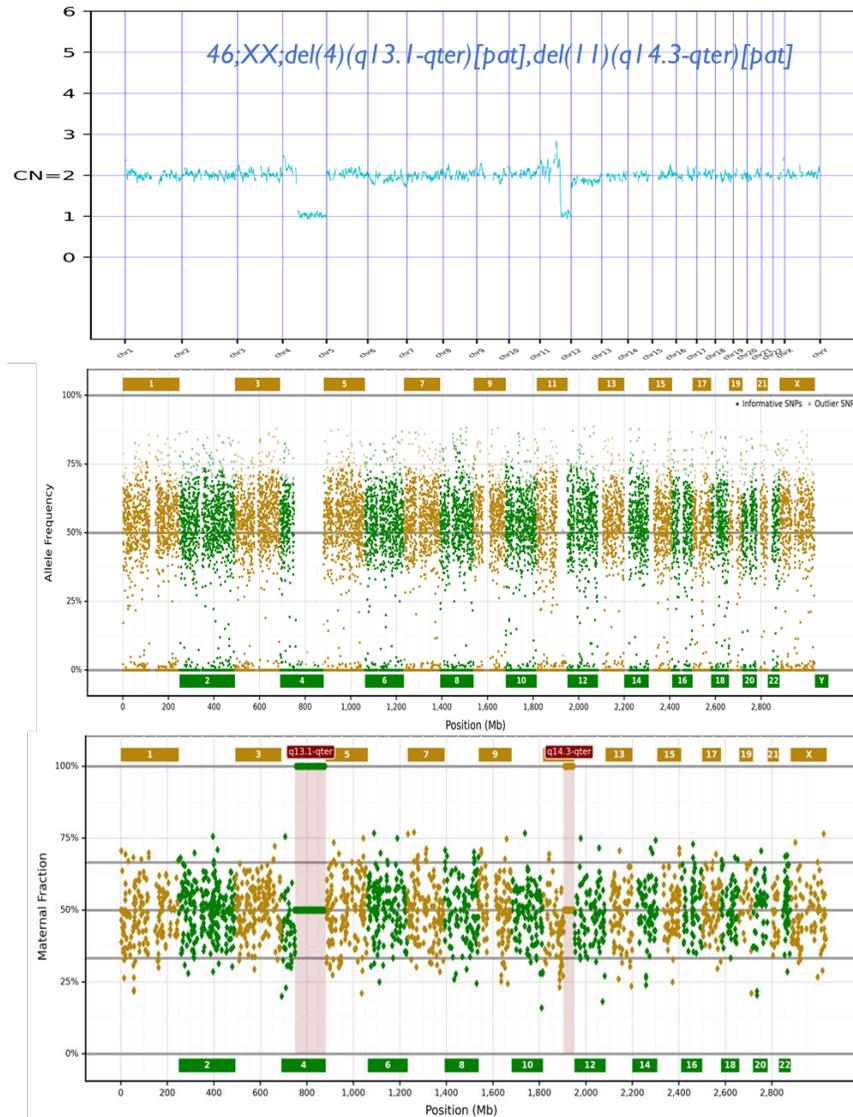
# Mosaic resolution With CNV and SNP analysis

Mosaic Level 0% 31% 36% 46% 55% 62% 66%

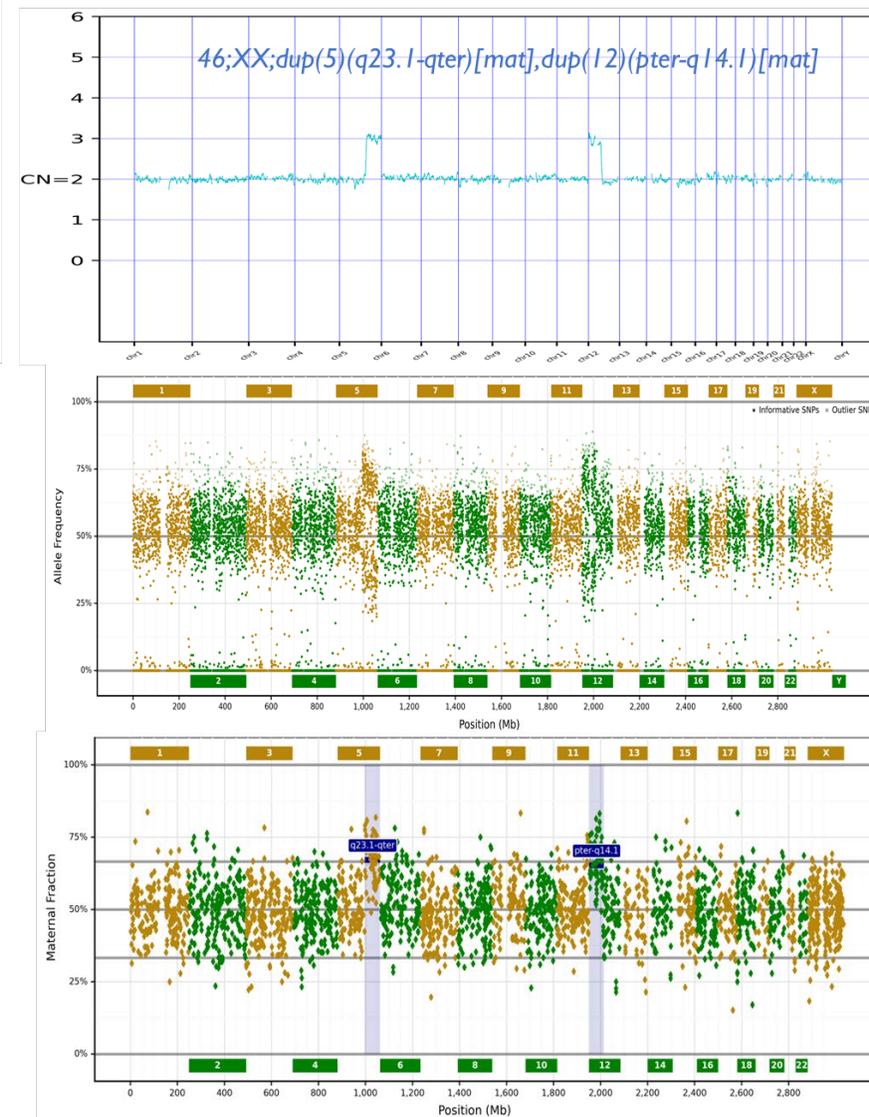




# Improved Segmental Resolution and Confidence



Segmental Loss  
Resulting in Only  
Maternal Fraction  
= Pat Deletion



Segmental Gain  
Resulting in Higher  
Maternal Fraction  
= Mat Duplication

# Microdeletions and Microduplications



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# Beyond Aneuploidy?

## Microdeletions and microduplications

- Microdeletions and microduplications are gains and losses of genetic material too small (<5-10 Mb) to be seen under a microscope
- Undetected microdeletions and microduplications may be associated with birth defects or developmental and intellectual disabilities<sup>1</sup>
- Over 200 microdeletion / microduplication syndromes reported in the medical literature<sup>1</sup>

Wetzel, A.S. and Darbro, B.W., A comprehensive list of human microdeletion and microduplication syndromes.  
*BMC Genomic Data.* (2022) 23(1), p.82.

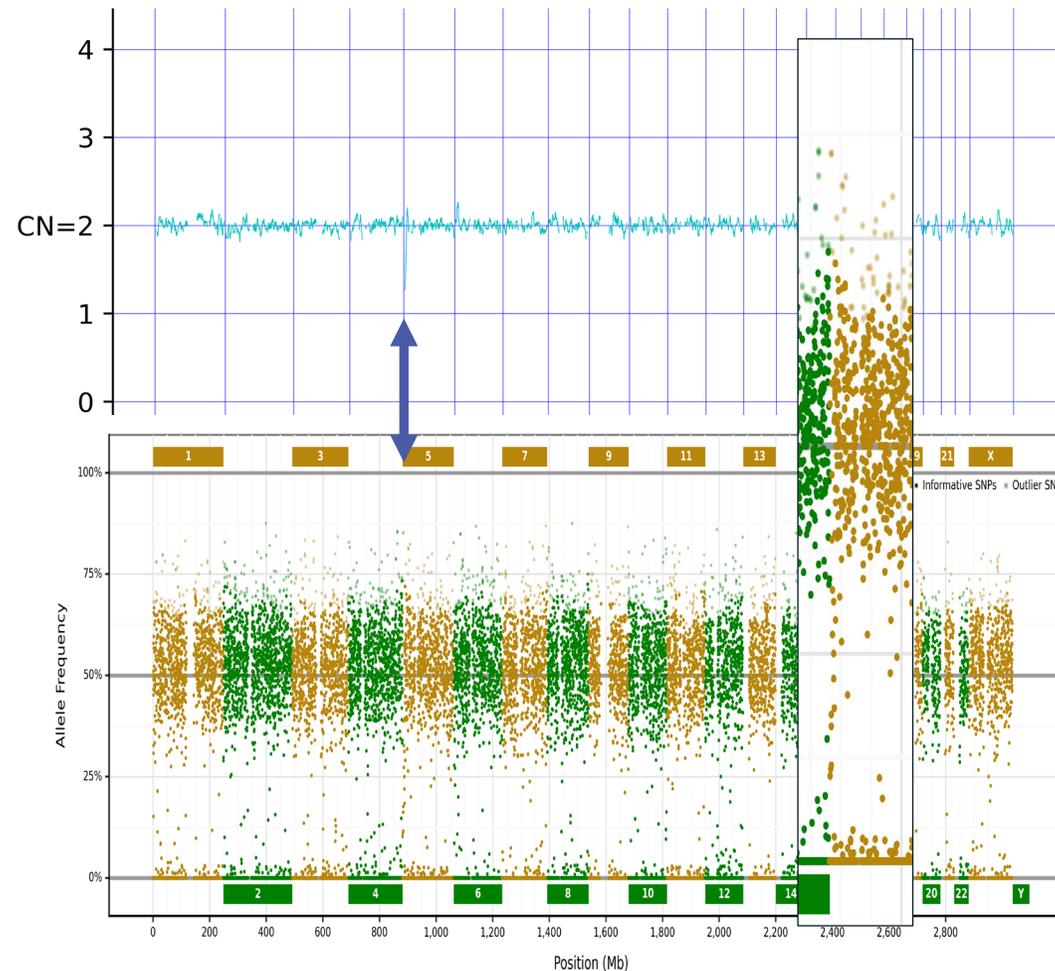


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# Deletions and Duplication Syndromes

Minor variation with major impact

Some chromosome abnormalities are below the resolution detectable with standard PGT-A<sup>1</sup>



1. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, (2020). Preimplantation genetic testing: ACOG Committee opinion, Number 799. *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 135.

Source: CooperSurgical Data on file.



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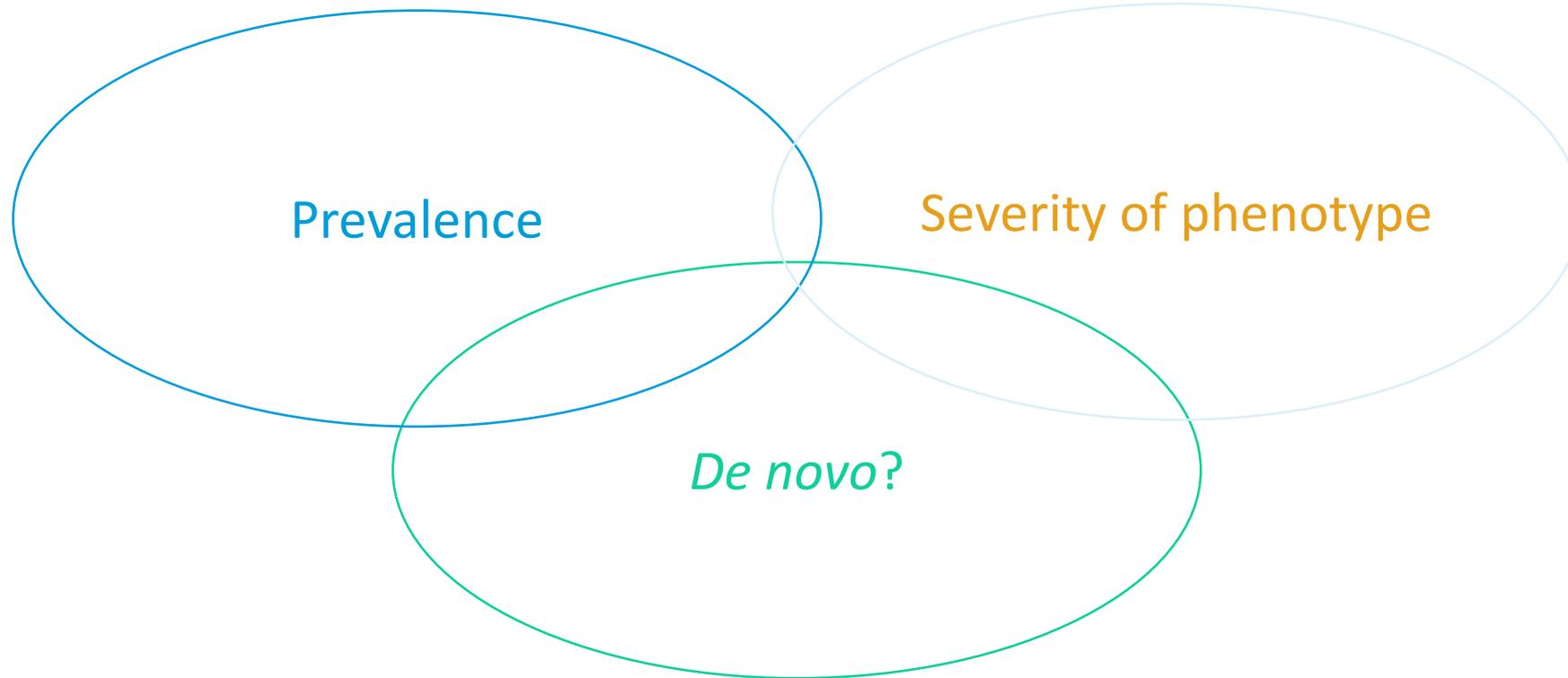
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1p36 Syndrome	5q14.3-q15 Proximal	Interstitial 10q26	15q26	20q13.33
ATAD3 Cluster (1p36.33)	5q14.3-q15 Distal	Terminal 10q26	ATR-16 (16p13.3)	21q22
1p35	FAP (5q22.2)	Beckwith-Wiedemann / Russell-Silver (11p15.5)	16p13.3	APP (21q21.3)
1p32.2-p31.3	ADLD (5q23.2)	ELP4 (11p13)	Rubinstein-Taybi (16p13.3)	Cat-eye (22q11.1-q11.21)
1p21.3	5q31.3	WAGRO (11p13)	Hao-Fountain Syndrome (16p13.2)	DGS/VCFS AB (22q11.2)
1q21.1 TAR	Sotos Syndrome (5q35)	WAGR (11p13)	16p13.11 BP I-II	DGS/VCFS AC (22q11.2)
1q21.1 Neuro	6p25	Potocki-Shaffer (11p11.2)	16p13.11 BP I-III	DGS/VCFS AD (22q11.2)
1q21.1 TAR Neuro	6p25.1p24.3	11q13	16p13.11	DGS/VCFS BD (22q11.2)
1q24-q25 Proximal	6q12-q14.1	Jacobsen (11q23-qter)	16p13.11 BP II-III	DGS/VCFS CD (22q11.2)
1q24-q25 Intermediate	6q13-q14.2	12p13.33	16p12.2-p11.2	DGS/VCFS Distal (22q11.2)
1q24-q25 Distal	6q14.1-q14.3	12q14	16p12.1	Phelan-McDermid (22q13.33)
1q41-q42	6q14.1-q15	PACD (12q21.33)	16p11.2	SHOX (Xp22.33)
1q43-q44	6q14.3-q16.3	12q24.3	16q22	STS (Xp22.31)
2p25.3 (MYTIL)	6q24-q25	13q12.11-q12.13	16q24.1	Xp21
2p21	6q25	13q12.3	Miller-Dieker Syndrome (17p13.3)	Xp11.3
NRXN1 (2p16.3)	7p22.1	13q14	SHFLD3 (17p13.3)	Xp11.23-p11.22
2p16.1-p15	WBS (7q11.23)	Feingold Syndrome 2 (13q31.3)	17p13.1	Xp11.22
2p15-p14	WBS Distal (7q11.23)	13q32.1	Yuan-Harel-Lupski (17p11.2)	Xq21
2p12-p11.2	SHFM1 (7q21.3)	13q33-q34	CMT1A / HNPP (17p11.2)	Pelizaeus-Merzbacher (Xq22.2)
2q11.2	8p23.1	14q11-q22	Potocki-Lupski (17p11.2)	DL-ATS (Xq22.3)
2q13	8q12	Frias Syndrome (14q22-q23)	Smith-Magenis (17p11.2)	MR-ATS (Xq22.3)
Mowat Wilson (2q22.3)	8q13	Temple / Kagami-Ogata (14q32.2)	NF1 Type I (17q11.2)	Xq25
2q23.1 (MBD5)	8q21.11	Angelman / Prader-Willi BP1-3 (15q11.2-q13.1)	NF1 Type II (17q11.2)	XLG (Xq26.3)
2q31.1	8q22.1	15q11.2 BP1-2	NF1 Type III (17q11.2)	Xq27.1
2q31.2-q32.3	8q22.2-q22.3	Angelman / Prader-Willi BP2-3 (15q11.2-q13.1)	RCAD Syndrome (17q12)	Xq27.3-q28
2q33.1	8q23.1-q24.12	15q13.1-q13.2 BP3-4	Koolen De Vries (17q21.31)	MECP2 (Xq28)
2q35	8q24.3	15q13.1-13.3 BP3-5	17q23.1-23.2	Xq28 (GDI1)
2q37	SRXY4 (9p24.3)	15q13.3 BP4-5	17q24.2-q24.3	Xq28 (RAB39B)
3p25.3	9p Terminal	CHRNA7 (15q13.3)	46 XX,XY Sex Reversal (17q24.3)	Xq28 Moyamoya
3p21.31	9p13.3-p13.1	MEIS2 (15q14)	18p	AZFa (Yq11.21)
3q13.31	9q22.3	15q15.3	18q Proximal	AZFb (Yq11.222-q11.223)
3q22.1-q25.2	9q31.1-q31.3	FBN1 (15q21.1)	18q Terminal	AZFb+AZFc (Yq11.222-q11.23)
3q27.3-q28	Kleefstra Syndrome (9q34.3)	15q24 AB	19p13.3	
3q29	10p Terminal	15q24 AC	19p13.2	
Wolf-Hirschhorn (4p16.3)	10p15.3	15q24 AD	19p13.12	
4q21	10p14-p12	15q24 BD	19q13.11 Proximal	
Cri-du-chat (5p15)	HDR (10p14)	15q24 BE	19q13.11 Distal	
5p13	DGS2 (10p14)	Witteveen-Kolk Syndrome (15q24 CD)	19q13.2	
5q11.2	10q22-q23 Syndrome	15q24 DE	20p13	
5q12	SHFM3 (10q24)	15q25	20p12.3	



# Beyond Aneuploidy?

Microdeletions and microduplications





# Critical syndromic regions for detection

Microdeletion / Microduplication	Location	Length (mb)	Occurrence
Langer-Giedion Syndrome	8q23.2–q24.1	10.9	1 / 100,000
Jacobsen Syndrome	11q23-qter	15.4	1 / 100,000
2q33.1 Syndrome	2q33.1	2.4	1 / 100,000
Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome	4p16.3	1.7	1 / 50,000
Potocki-Lupski / Smith-Magenis Syndrome	17p11.2	4.9	1 / 15,000
Cri-du-chat Syndrome	5p15	19	1 / 15,000
1p36 Syndrome	1p36	5.5	1 / 5,000
Angelman / Prader-Willi Syndrome	15q11.2-q13.1	5.5	1 / 5,000
DiGeorge / Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome	22q11.2	2.6	1 / 2,000

**~ 1 / 1000 Live Births\***

• [CooperSurgical Data on file.](#)

• [medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/](https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/)  
[www.orpha.net/en/disease/detail/2308](https://www.orpha.net/en/disease/detail/2308)  
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[my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases](https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases)

\* Prenatal occurrence presumed to be higher



# Screening embryos could help further inform transfer decisions

- Provides more focused sequencing data than previous PGT-A<sup>1</sup>
- Some microdeletions and microduplications are below the resolution detectable with standard PGT-A<sup>1</sup>
- PGT-A, with microdeletion and microduplication detection, may offer more information for embryo transfer options
- Screening for dels/dups has presented unique challenges
  - Low resolution – short segmental CNV is difficult
  - Amplification and platform bias
  - Variable sensitivity & high false positive rates<sup>2,3</sup>

1. Weier, C., *et al.* PGT-A INCORPORATING SENSITIVE AND SPECIFIC DETECTION OF NINE RECURRENT DELETION AND DUPLICATION SYNDROMES USING HIGH RESOLUTION TARGETED SEQUENCING. *Fertility and Sterility*. (2025) 124(1), p.e30.  
2. Zaninović, L., *et al.* Validity and utility of non-invasive prenatal testing for copy number variations and microdeletions: A systematic review. *Journal of Clinical Medicine*. (2022.) 11(12), p.3350.  
3. Xue, H., *et al.* Efficiency of expanded noninvasive prenatal testing in the detection of fetal subchromosomal microdeletion and microduplication in a cohort of 31,256 single pregnancies. *Scientific Reports*. (2022) 12(1), p.19750.

# High Resolution in Syndromic regions

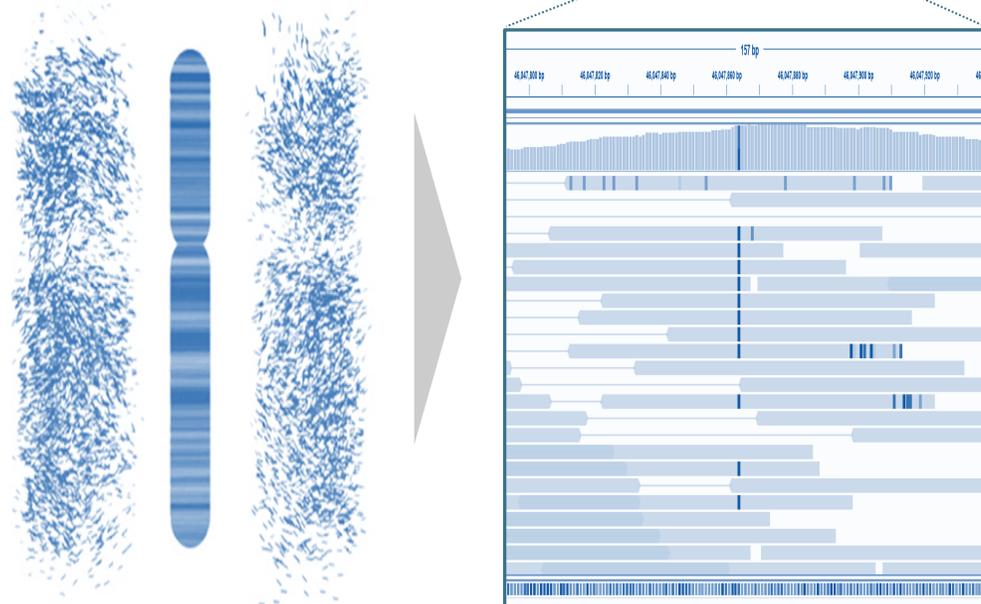
Development  
(10K Samples)

Pre-Clinical Validation

Clinical Evaluation

Deletion in 17p11.2

Smith-Magenis Syndrome



- Broadest annotated coordinates  
*Clinical data and case studies*  
*Account for expansion*
- Expanded SNP capture by 3-10x  
*Selection based on minor allele frequency and uniform distribution*

Primary Template-Directed Amplification

Targeted NGS



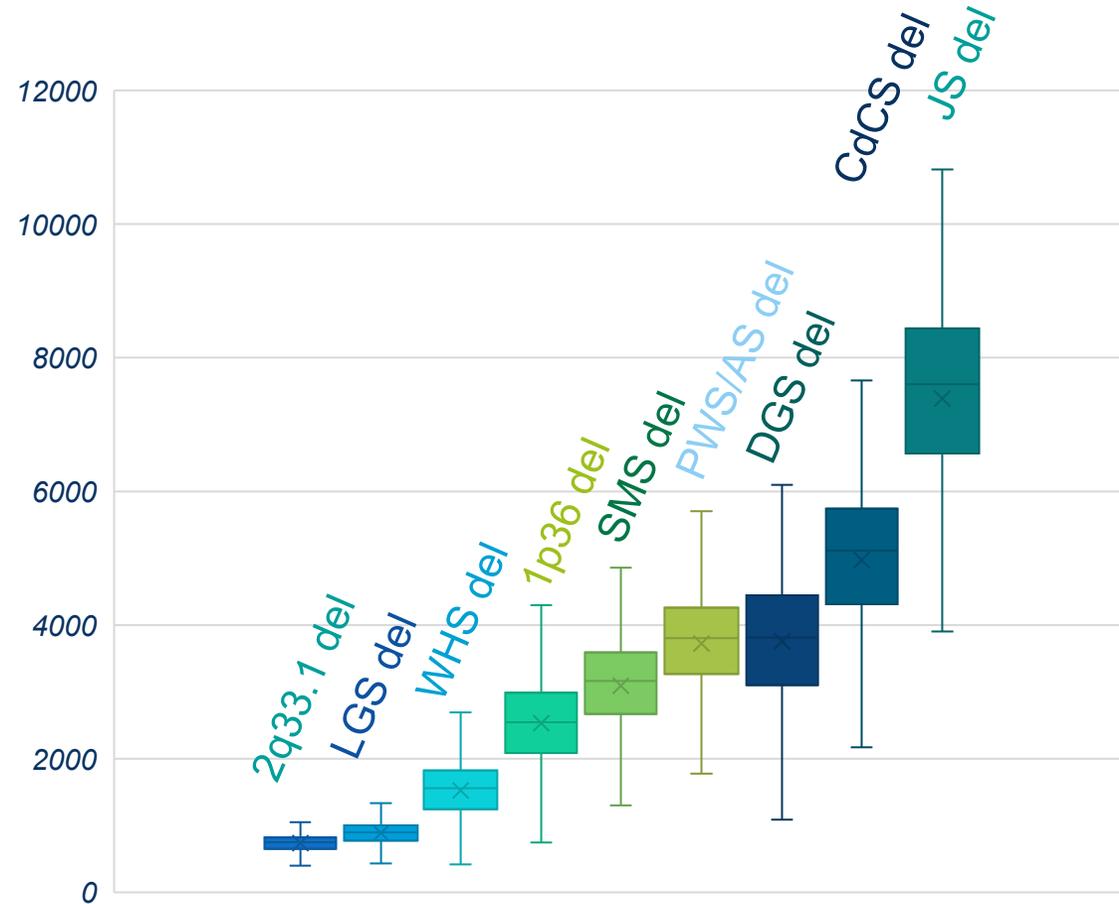
# High Resolution in Syndromic regions

## Development (10K Samples)

• 1. Cooper, Surgical Data on file.  
Pre-Clinical Validation

Clinical Evaluation

Quality and Depth  
Filtered SNPs in  
each targeted region



across all samples

**96%** of target  
regions generate  
100+ SNPs per  
megabase<sup>1</sup>



# BAF and CNV significance clearly define positive and negative MMS in across targeted regions<sup>1</sup>

Development  
(10K Samples)

Pre-Clinical Validation  
5K Samples

Clinical Evaluation

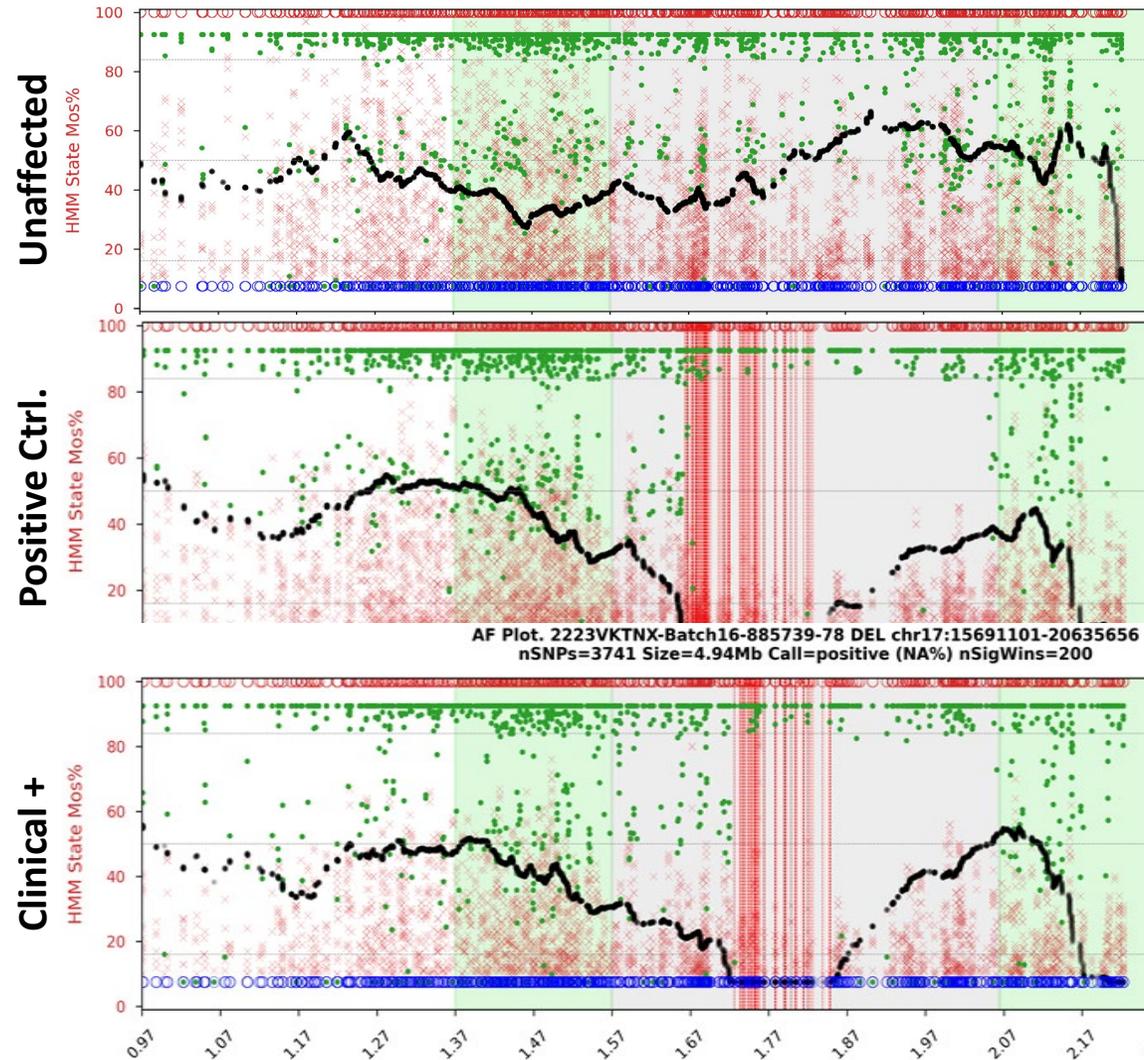
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CNV Sig: 2E-04  
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Smith-Magenis Syndrome

Deletion in 17p11.2



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# Validation of Performance

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(10K Samples)



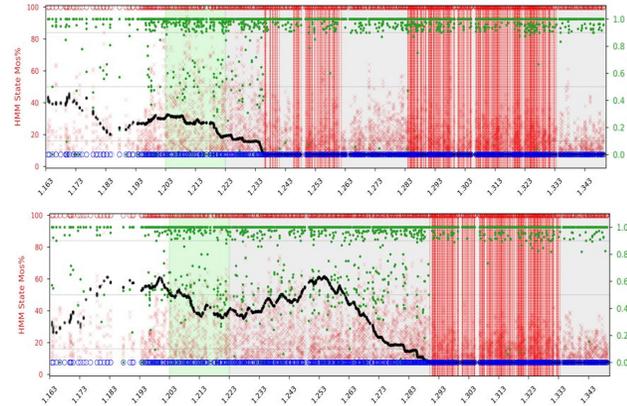
Pre-Clinical Validation  
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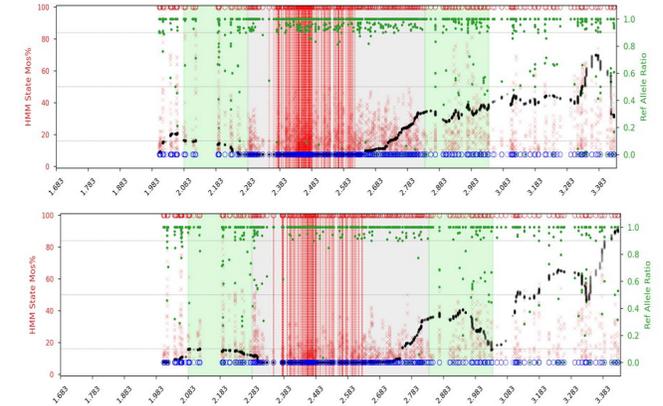
Clinical Evaluation

Control cell lines and clinical biopsies display overlapping segments across MMS target regions<sup>1</sup>

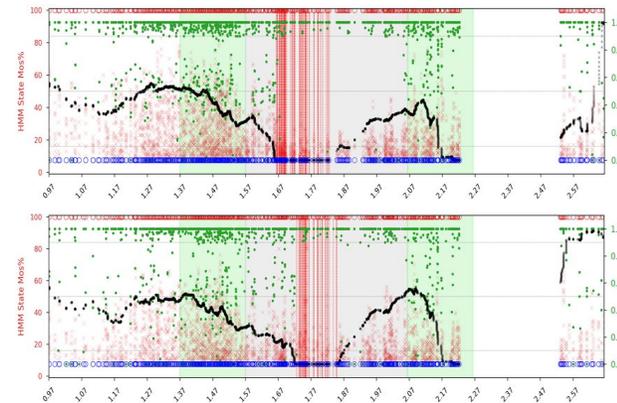
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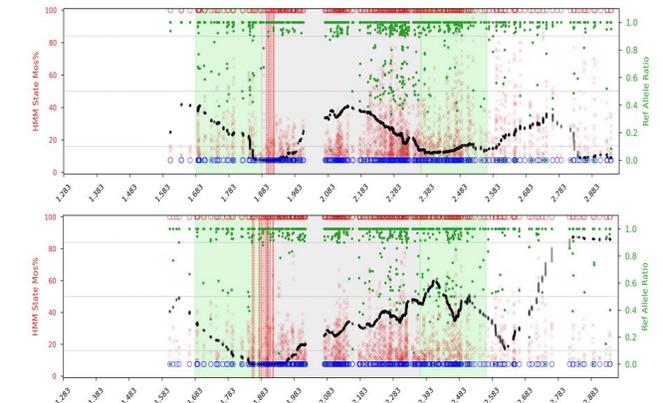
Angelman / Prader-Willi Syndrome  
Deletion or LoH in 15q11.2-q13.1



Smith-Magenis Syndrome  
Deletion in 17p11.2



DiGeorge / Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome  
Deletion in 22q11.2



1. CooperSurgical Data on file.



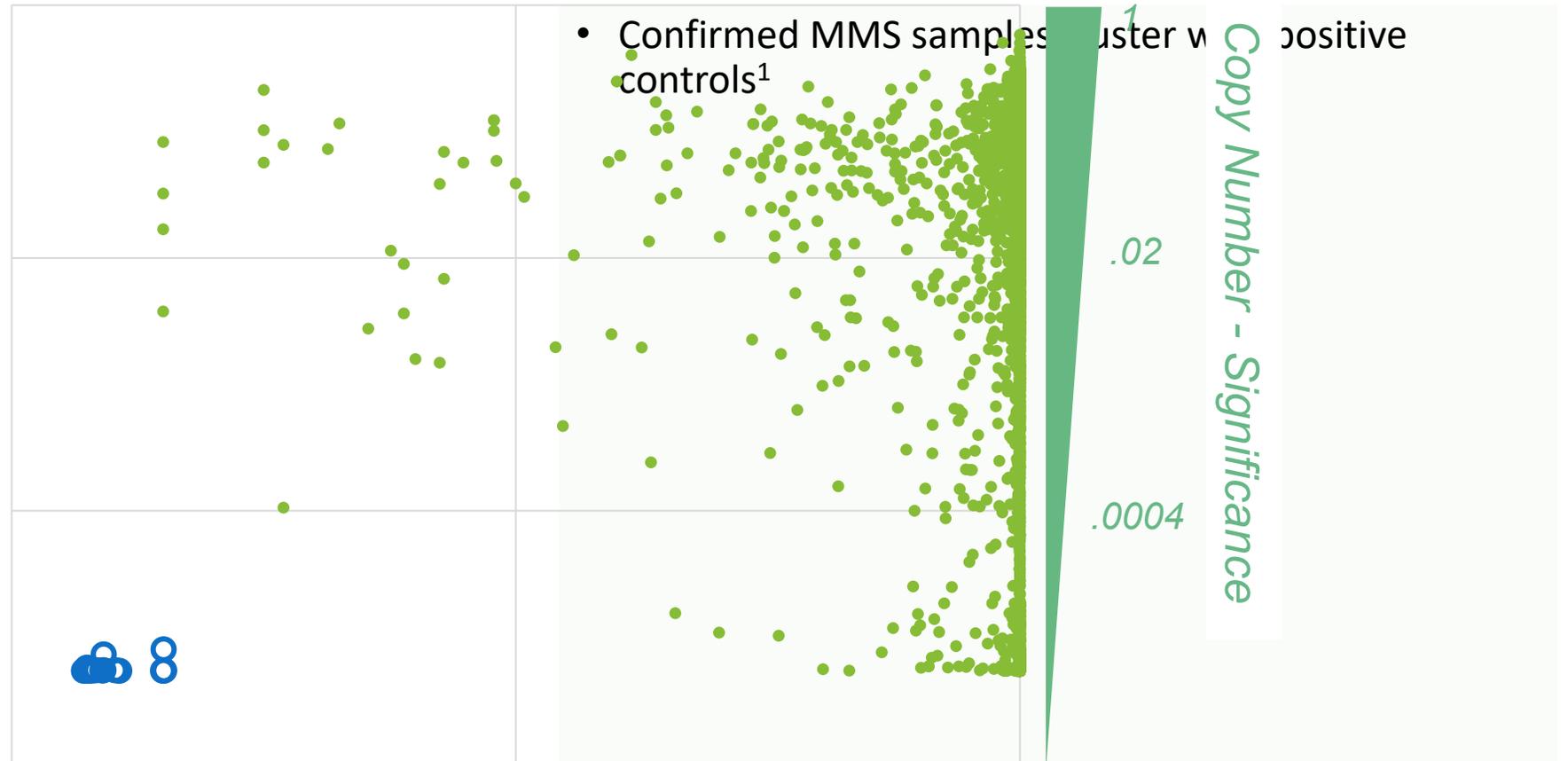
Development  
(10K Samples)

**Pre-Clinical Validation**  
5K Samples

Clinical Evaluation

*Negative Sample  
(confirmed euploid)  
Positive Control  
(MMS Cell Lines)*

*Allelic Imbalance - Significance*  
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7427 Target Regions Analyzed

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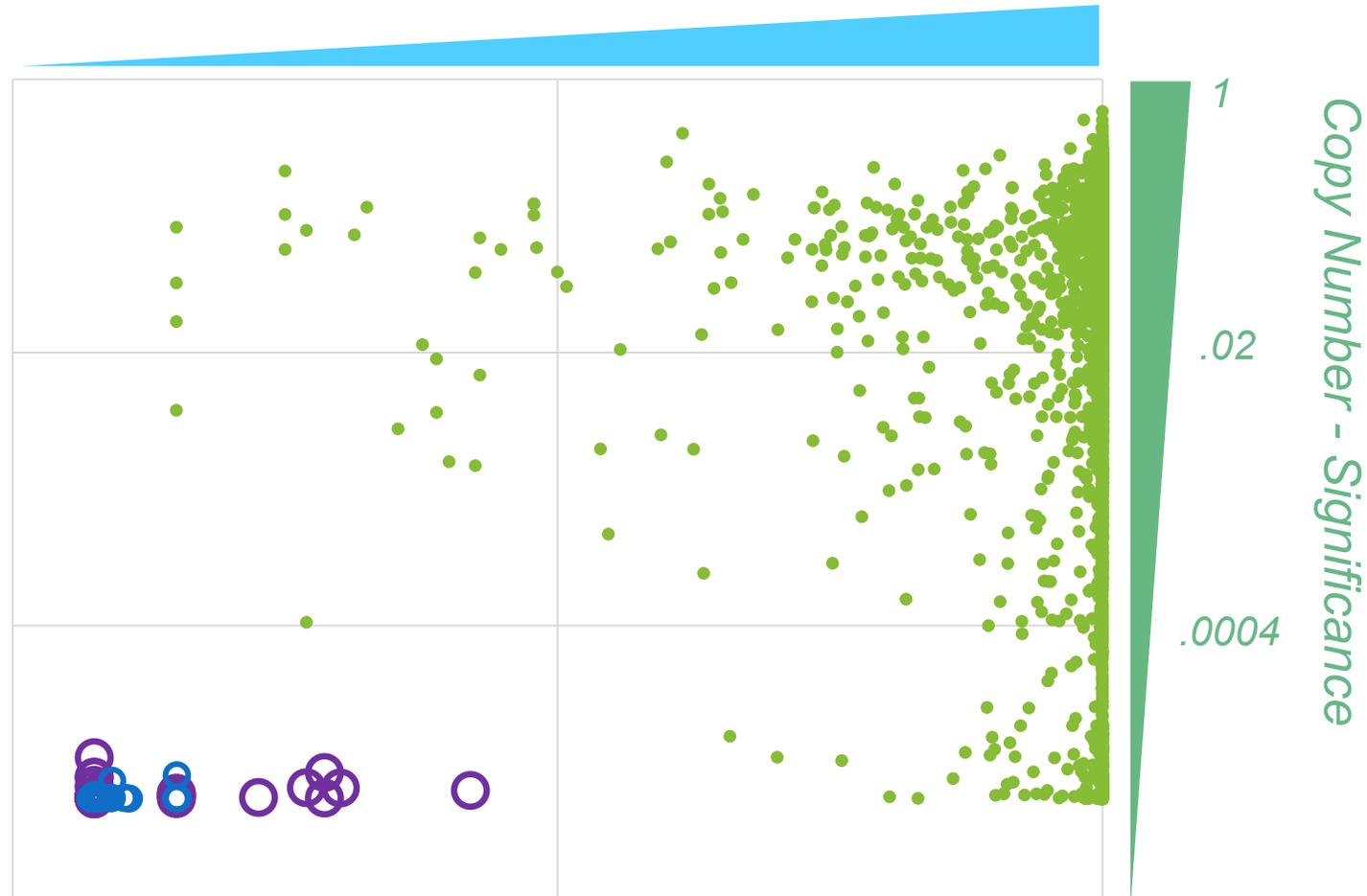
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# Validation for Components and Analysis

	Syndrome	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy	Reproducibility	
Development (10K Samples) ▼ <b>Pre-Clinical Validation</b> <b>5K Samples</b> ▼ Clinical Evaluation	1p36	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
	2q33.1	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
	WH	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
	CDC	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
	LG	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
	Jac	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
	AGPR	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
	SM Del	100.00%	99.71%	99.74%	100.00%	
	PL Dup	96.43%	99.70%	99.22%	96.67%	
	DGS	98.33%	100.00%	99.74%	98.48%	
	<b>Overall</b>		<b>99.21%</b>	<b>99.94%</b>	<b>99.87%</b>	<b>99.19%</b>

• 1. CooperSurgical Data on file.



# Evaluation

Confirming accuracy and defining embryonic occurrence

- Parallel analysis using complimentary methods  
independent outcome verification to reinforce test validity
- Initial prevalence of MMS in preimplantation embryos  
support interpretation and reproductive decision-making

53,000

Trophectoderm Biopsies

De-Identified by 3<sup>rd</sup> party &  
Retrospectively Analyzed



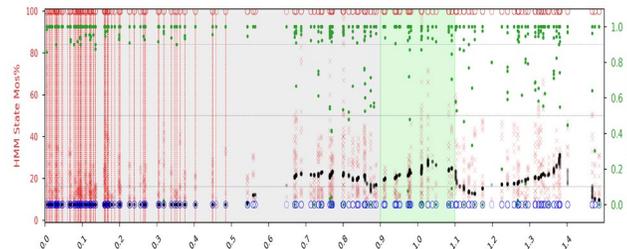
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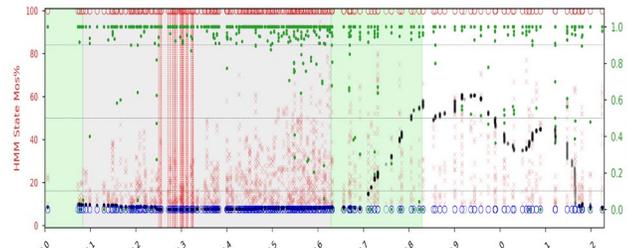
Pre-Clinical Validation  
5K Samples

Clinical Evaluation  
53K Samples

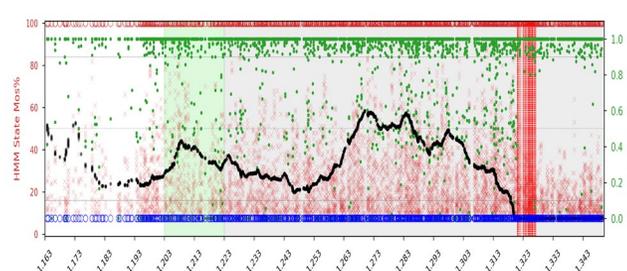
**Wolf-Hirschhorn** 4 megabases



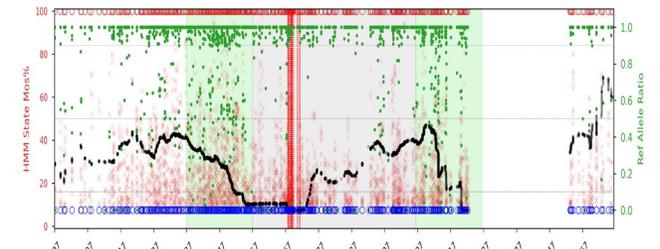
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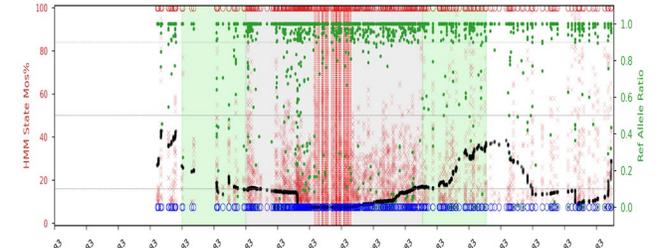
**Jacobsons** 3 megabases



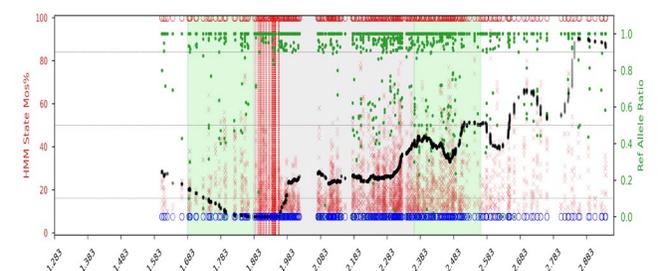
**Smith Magenis** 3 megabases



**Angelman/Prader-Willi** 3 megabases



**22q (DiGeorge/VCFS)** 2.5 megabases



# Clinical Evaluation with Parallel Analysis Methods

## Confirmation Strategy

Positive and Negatives Outcomes

Development  
(10K Samples)

Pre-Clinical Validation  
5K Samples

**Clinical Evaluation  
53K Samples**

*Whole Genome  
Sequencing*

*MLPA<sup>2</sup>*  
Multiplex Ligation  
Probe Amplification

*Dense SNP  
Analysis*

1. CooperSurgical Data on file.

2. Miclea et al. Diagnostic Usefulness of MLPA Techniques for Recurrent Copy Number Variants Detection in Global Developmental Delay/Intellectual Disability, Int J Gen Med. 2021





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**53K Samples**

Targeted  
Syndrome

1p36

2q

WH

CDC

LG

Jacobsens

APW

SMDel

PL Dup

DG22

Overall

Select Syndrome  
Screen

10	(10/10) 100%
1	(1/1) 100%
4	(4/4) 100%
7	(7/7) 100%
1	(1/1) 100%
10	(10/10) 100%
6	(6/6) 100%
4	(4/4) 100%
-	-
8	(8/8) 100%

51 (51/51) 100%

Positive Concordance Across Individual Targets

Negative  
Outcome

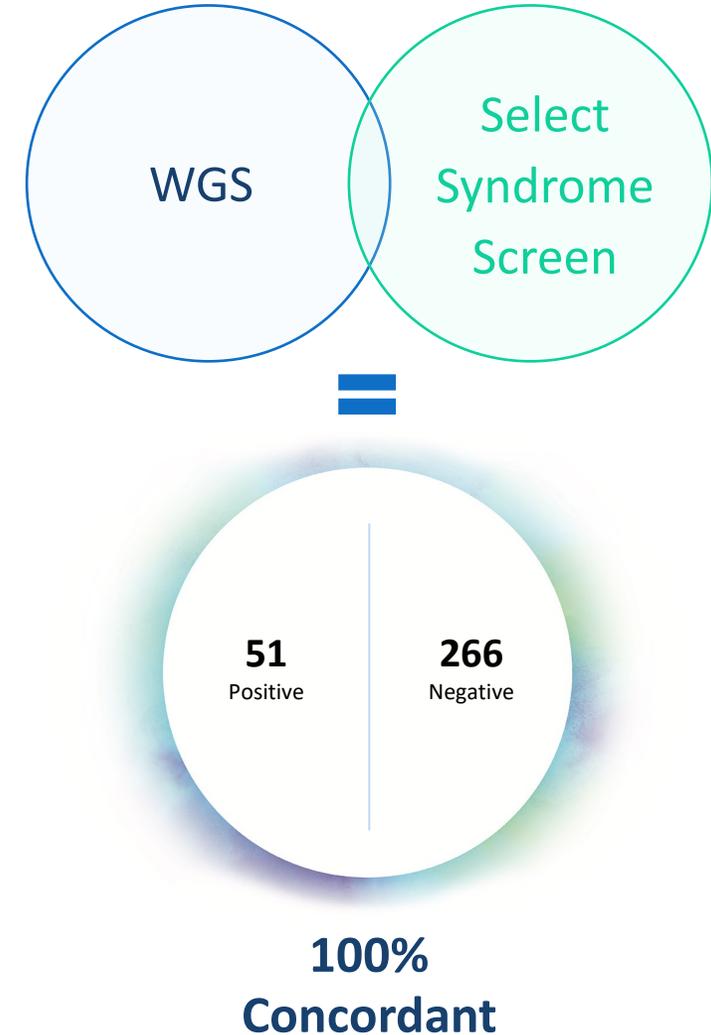
All Syndromes

Select Syndrome  
Screen

262	(262/262) 100%
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Whole Genome  
Sequencing

Negative Concordance Across All Targets (Embryos)



# Clinical Evaluation

MD/MD Syndrome	Euploid	Low Level Mosaic (WC or Seg)	High Level Mosaic (WC or Seg)	Full Segmentals (w/ or w/out Mos Reg)	Whole Chromosome Aneuploidy	Collected Occurrence
1p36 del	1 in 6551	-	-	1 in 294	1 in 1642	1 in 2366
2q33.1 del	-	-	-	-	1 in 9030	1 in 24841
WHS del	1 in 3276	1 in 1380	1 in 797	-	1 in 2258	1 in 2484
CdCS del	1 in 8735	1 in 1380	1 in 1196	1 in 353	1 in 2258	1 in 2615
LGS del	1 in 26204	-	1 in 2391	1 in 1764	1 in 18060	1 in 12420
JS del	1 in 6551	-	-	1 in 882	1 in 3010	1 in 4140
PWS/AS del	1 in 13102	1 in 1380	-	1 in 882	1 in 9030	1 in 7097
SMS del	1 in 8735	-	-	1 in 1764	1 in 4515	1 in 6210
PTLS dup	-	-	-	1 in 882	1 in 3010	1 in 6210
DGS del	1 in 8735	-	1 in 1196	-	1 in 3010	1 in 4516
Combined	1 in 936	1 in 460	1 in 299	1 in 93	1 in 334	1 in 444



# Occurrence in Transferrable Embryos

1p36 del	4	1 in 7494
2q33.1 del	0	1 in -
WHS del	12	1 in 2498
CdCS del	6	1 in 4996
LGS del	2	1 in 14988
JS del	4	1 in 7494
PWS/AS del	3	1 in 9992
SMS del	3	1 in 9992
PTLS dup	0	1 in -
DGS del	5	1 in 5995
	39	1 in 769

Euploids +  
Mosaics



# How Could Microdelets & Microdups impact the patient journey?

Ellie was offered standard PGT-A. Her IVF cycle resulted in 5 blastocysts: 2 euploid and 3 aneuploid.



Unknowingly, one of Ellie's euploid embryos had a 22q11.2 microdeletion (2.5 mb). This embryo was transferred first.



Transfer 1: Pregnant

+5 months

CHD and cleft palate identified on 19 week U/S; amniocentesis + PND confirmed 22q11.2 DS; elected for TOP

+8 months later...



Transfer 2: Pregnant

Did Not Transfer:



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# Microdeletions/duplications: Patients to Consider

- All patients
- History of microdeletion/microduplication, in pregnancy, child, or self
- Anxious patient
- Information seeking



# Future Possibilities: UPD and LOH

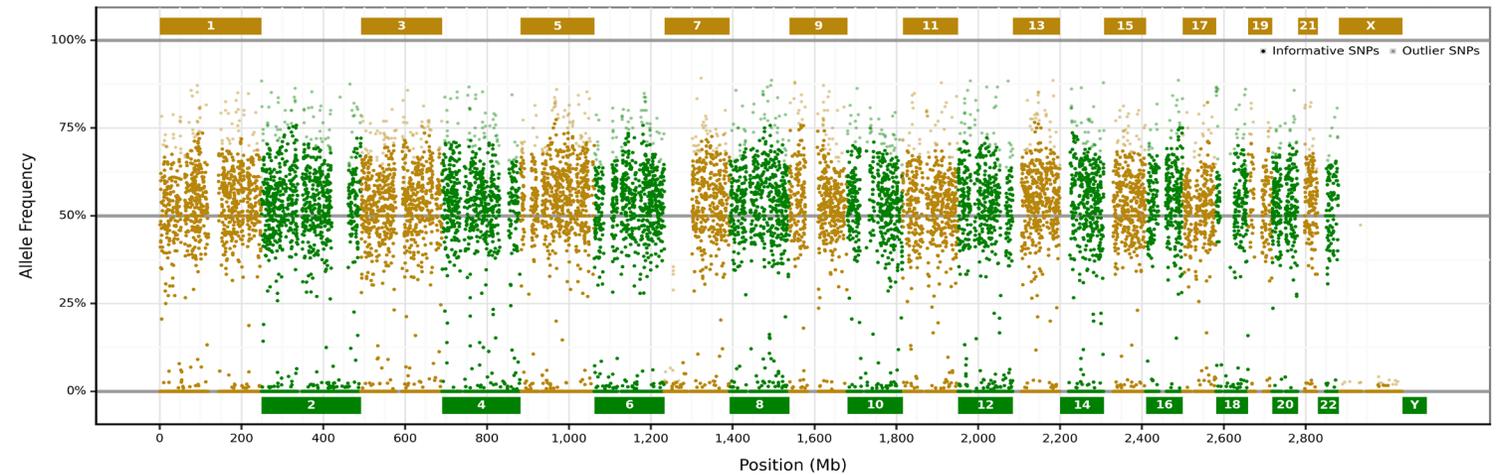
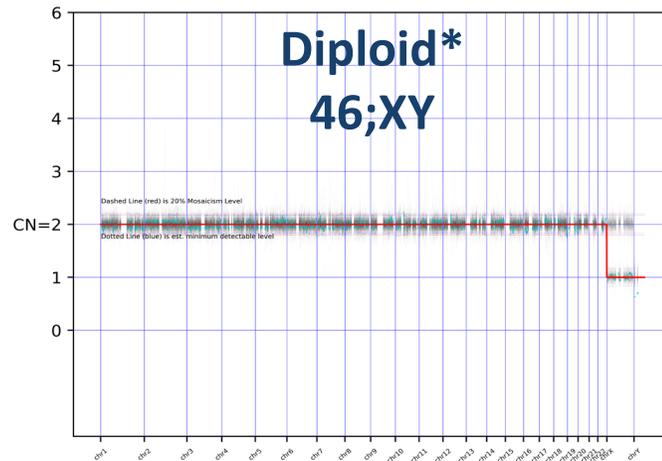


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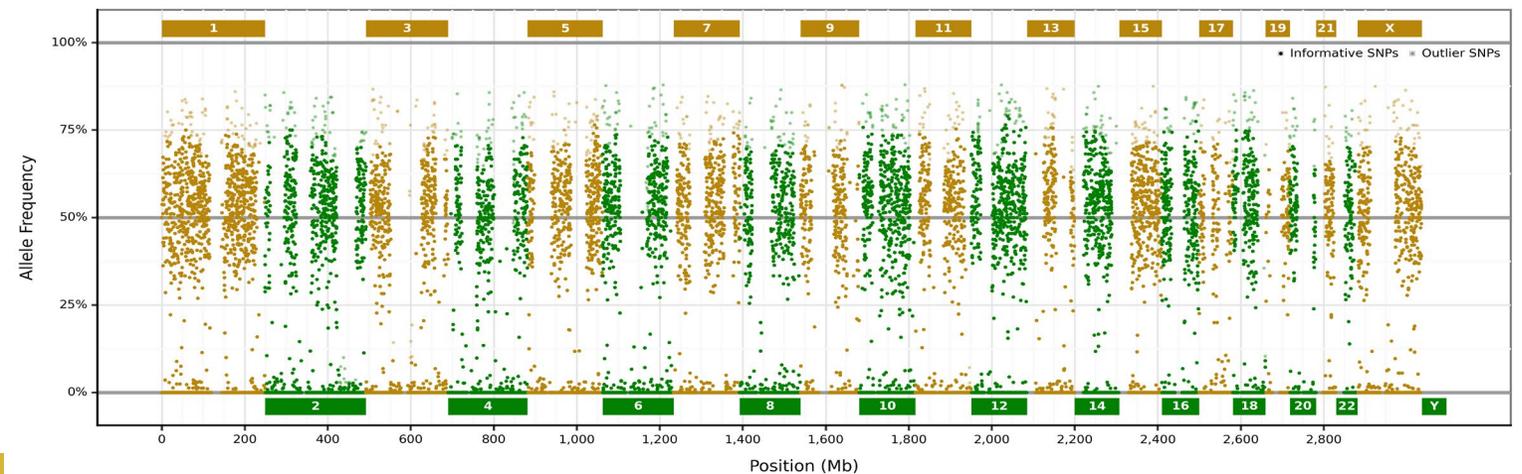
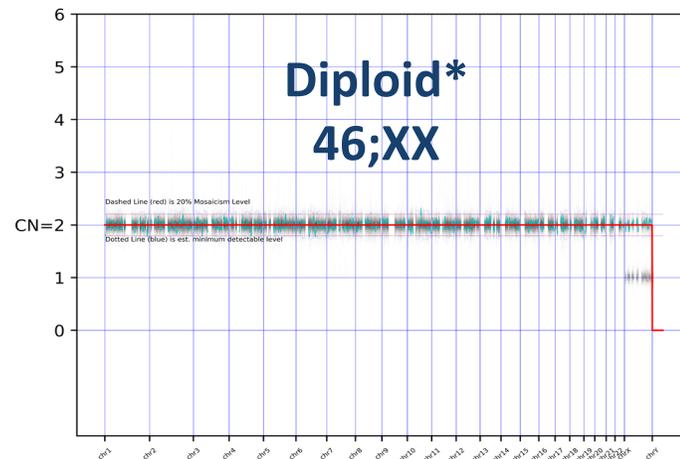
# Segmental Loss of Heterozygosity

Single, Consanguineous and non-consanguineous LoH

**\*Segmental Loss of Heterozygosity – UPD**



**\*Genome-wide Loss of Heterozygosity – UPD**



# Q&A



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