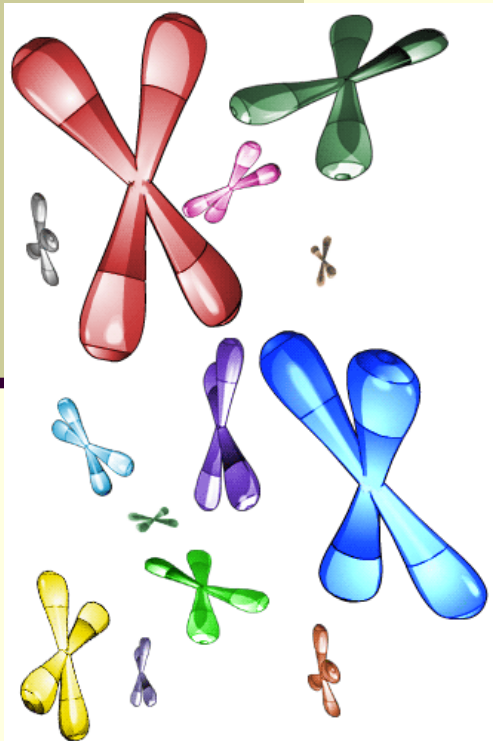


Cytogenetics & Integrated laboratory of molecular cytogenetics, Brno



What are we going to talk about?

- 1. What is cytogenetics
- 2. History
- 3. Chromosome morphology and aberrations
- 4. Molecular cytogenetics and its techniques
- 5. Case interpretation
- 6. Our laboratory and work

1. What is cytogenetics?

- Cytogenetics is a branch of genetics focusing on the study of chromosome changes (number, morphology, numerical and structural abnormalities, segregation in normal and pathological conditions) and their correlation with phenotype.

2. Just a little history...

- 1866 Gregor Johan Mendel – Experiment in Plant Hybridization
- Father of genetics
- Defined the basic principals of heredity (principle of segregation and combination)
- During his life, his work was ignored
- Later, Mendel s work was rediscovered
- 1910 Thomas Hunt Morgan proved that genes are located on chromosomes (using Drosophila)
- 1953 James Watson and Francis Crick determined DNA structure
- 1956 Tjio, Levan – Human chromosome number is 46

Development of human cytogenetics

- „**Dark Ages**“ - the development and improvement of tissue culture techniques
- **"Hypotonic Period"**
 - hypotonization of cell samples (1951 - 0,075 m KCl)
 - using phytohaemagglutinin (PHA) - stimulation of peripheral blood lymphocytes - 1960
- **"Trisomy Period"** - trisomy of chromosome 21-1959
- The first deletion syndrome - "Cri du chat" - 1963
- **"Banding Area"** - chromosome banding techniques 1968 – 1970
- **"Molecular Area"**
 - in situ hybridization technique – 1970
 - FISH – 1986
 - Comparative genomic hybridization (CGH) - 1992
 - Spectral karyotyping (M-FISH, SKY) - 1996
 - M - banding - 2001
 - Array - CGH - molecular karyotyping

„take home message“

Basic conditions for development of human cytogenetics

- improved techniques of cell cultivation *in vitro*
- use of hypotonic solution (0.075 M KCl)
- establishing squash techniques
- use of colchicine – arrest of mitotic division
- 1% orcein staining

Nomenclature of human chromosomes

- **1960: Denver Conference** - sort of human chromosomes into groups according to size and shape
- **1963: London Conference** - chromosomes are sorted into 7 groups A – G
- **1966: Chicago Conference** - the description of chromosome changes
- **1971: Paris Conference** - the identification and labeling of chromosomes using banding techniques
- An International System for Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature (ISCN 1978)

ISCN 1995

An International System for Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature (1995)

Editor: Felix Mitelman

Recommendations of the
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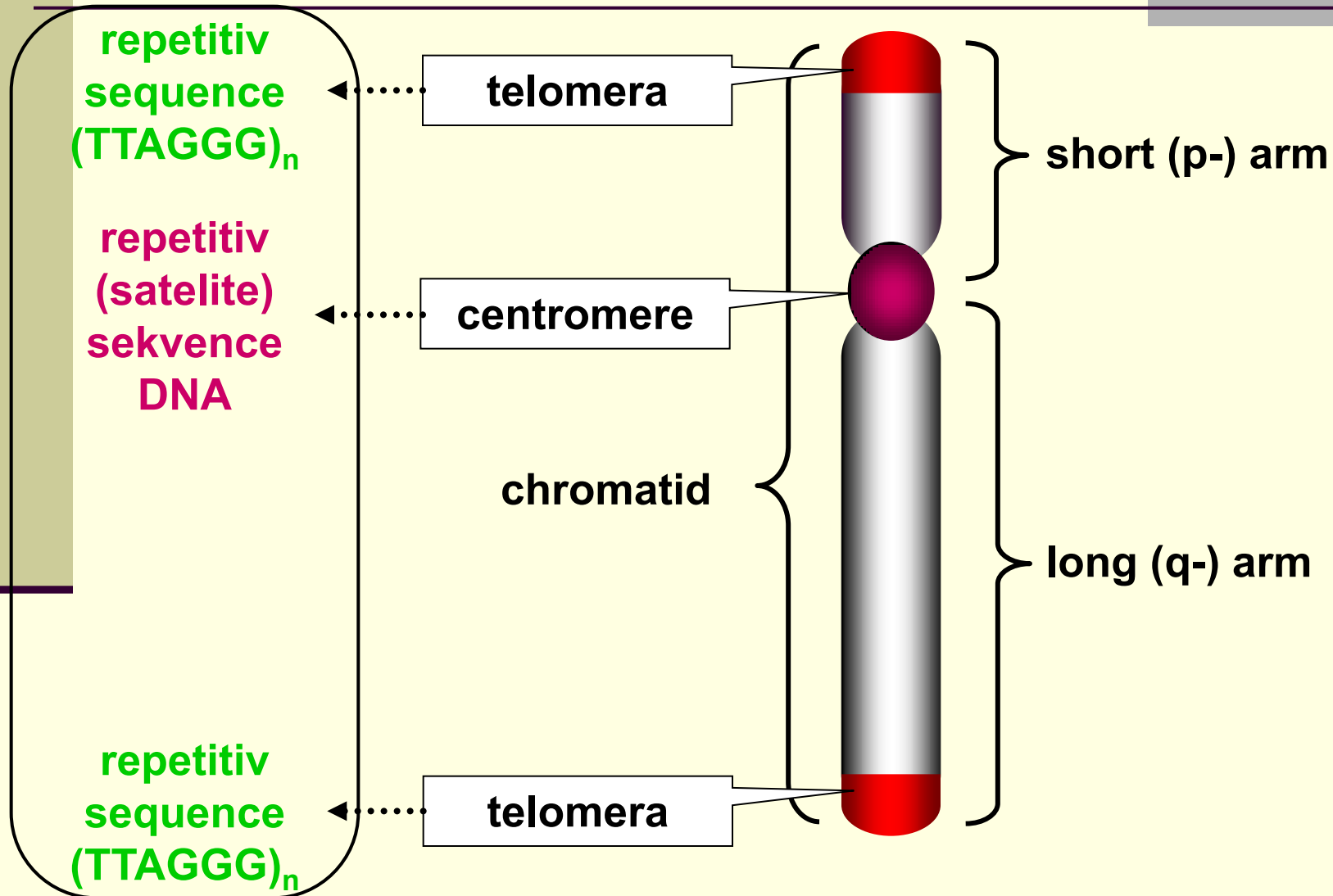
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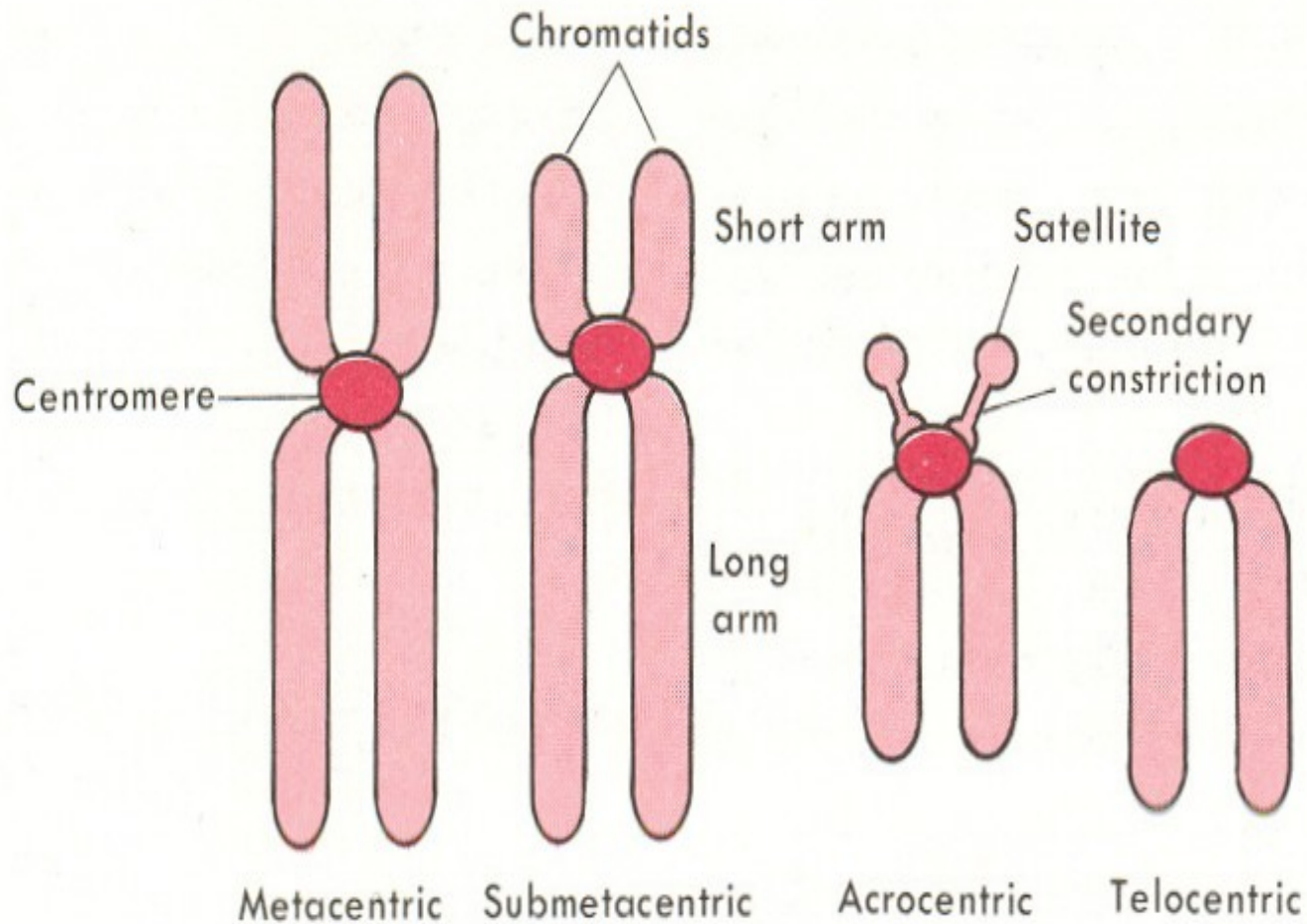
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3. Chromosome morphology

DNA



Chromosome morphology



Chromosome painting

■ Classical painting

- using Giemsa Romanowski solution

- gained chromosomes aberation detection

■ G – bands

- using trypsin, salty solution and Giemsa

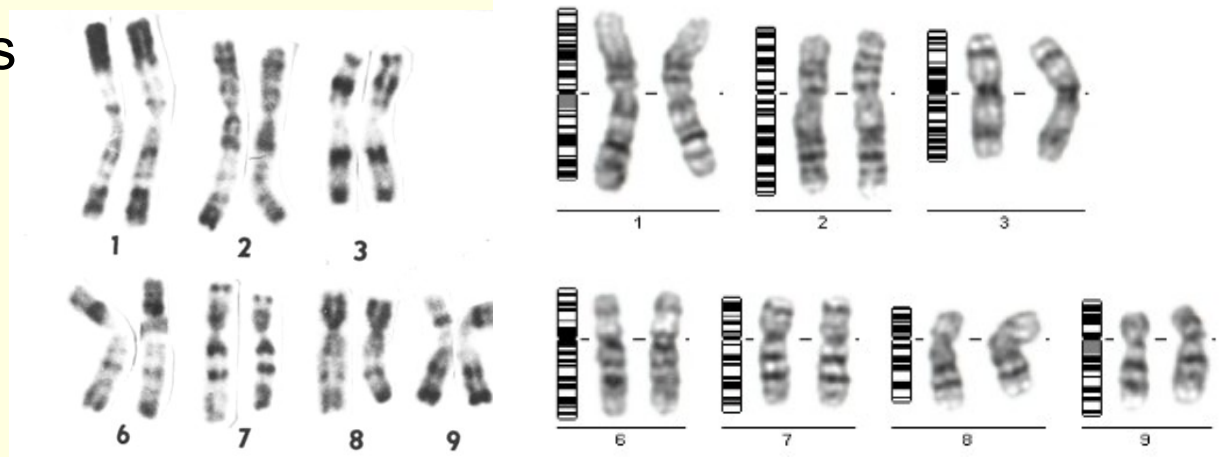
- each chromosome has characteristic stripes

- congenital chromosomes aberation detection

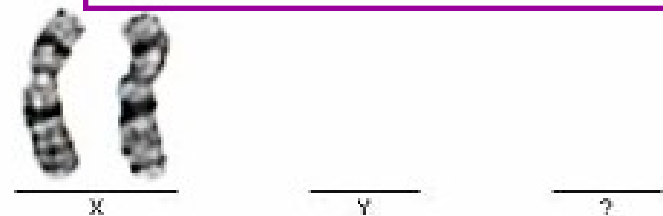
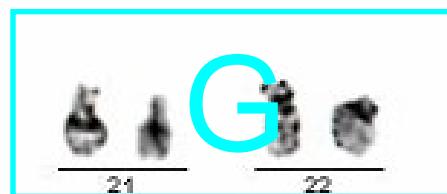
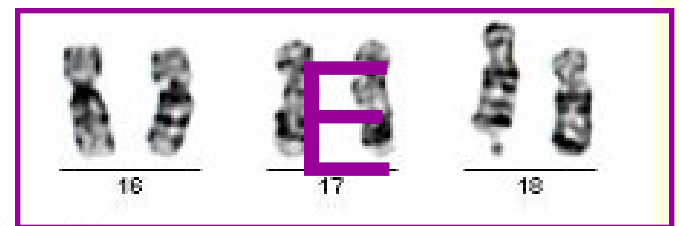
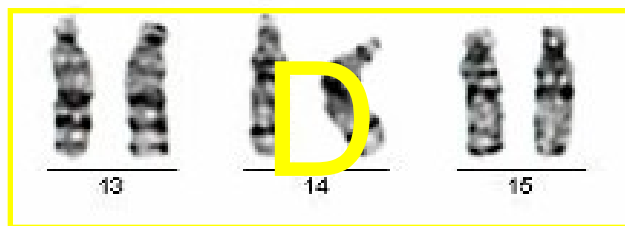
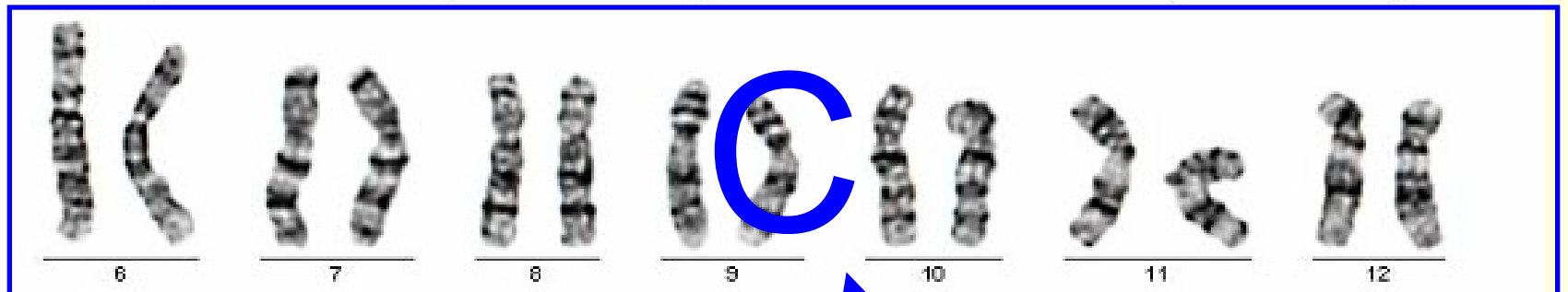
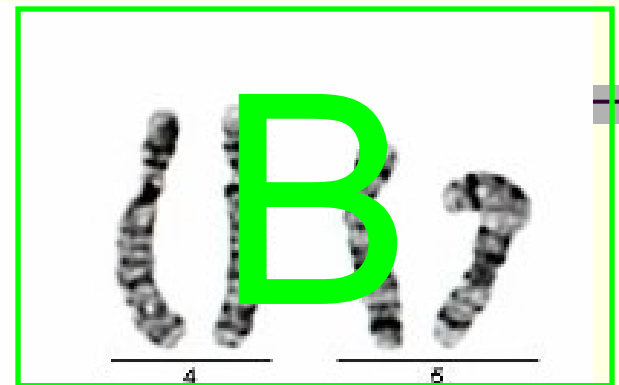
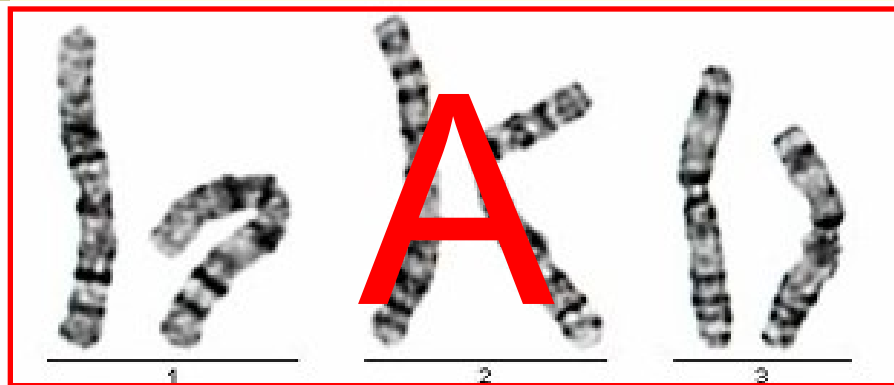
■ R – bands

- using salty solution of different pH and temperature

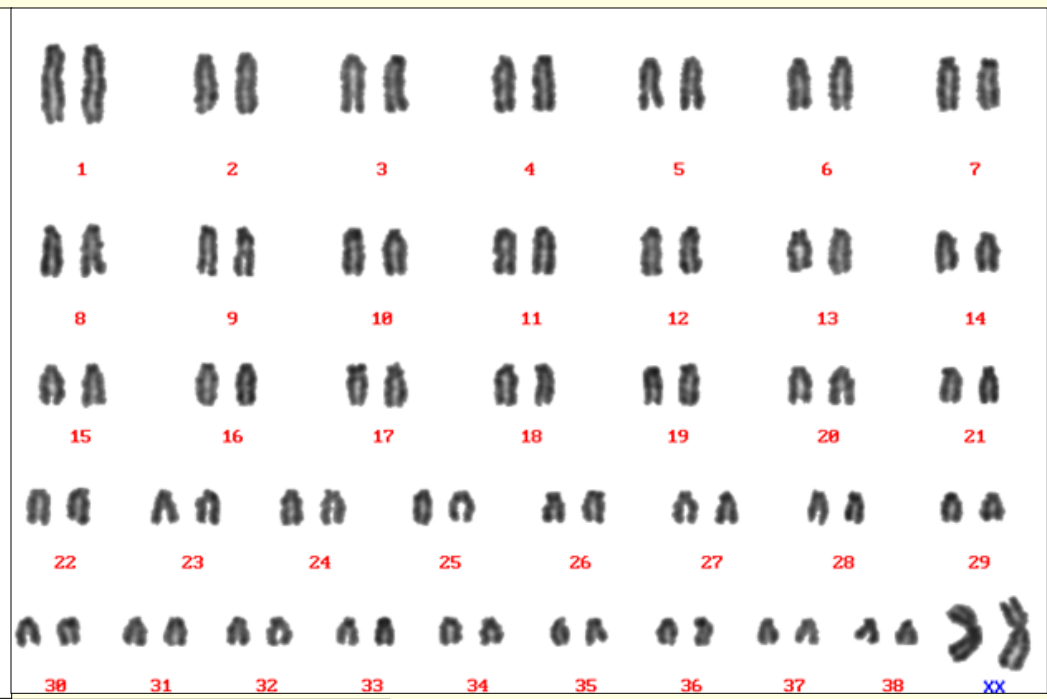
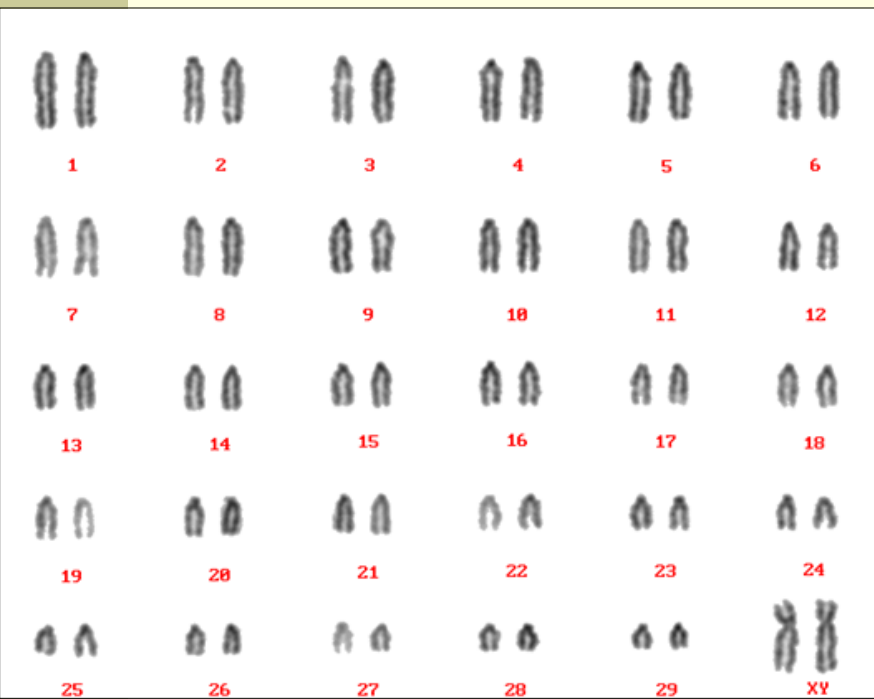
- reverse to G - bands



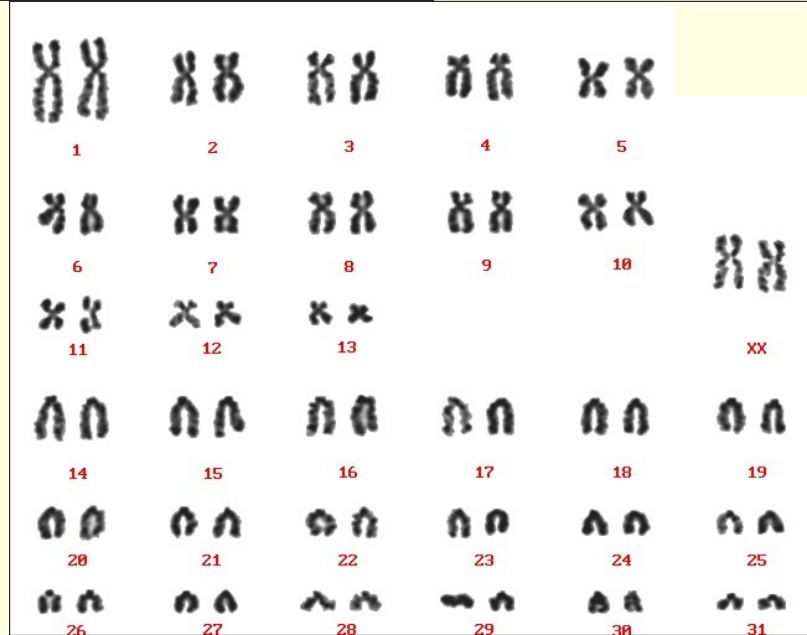
Human caryotype



Caryotype of animals



cattle



dog

horse

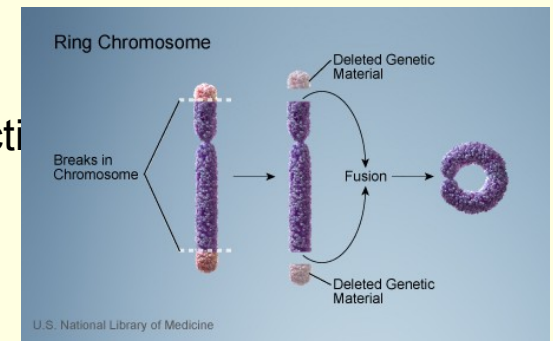
„take home message“

Human somatic cell contains

- 23 pairs or 46 chromosomes
 - 22 autosomic pairs
 - 1 gonozomic pair (XX or XY)
- 7 groups ordered according to chromosome size and morphology
 - A – large metacentric chromosomes
 - B – large submetacentric chromosomes
 - C – middle size submetacentric chromosomes, X
 - D – large acrocentric chromosomes
 - E – small meta- to submetacentric chromosomes
 - F – the smallest metacentric chromosomes „ribbons“
 - G – small acrocentric chromosomes, Y

Chromosome aberrations

- AUTOSOMIC
- 1. Structural
 - Polymorphysm
 - different length of chromosomes in homologous pair
 - no phenotype effect
 - Inversion
 - pericentric – including centromere
 - paracentric – does not include centromere
 - usually has no phenotype effect
 - Ring chromosomes
 - breaks on both chromatids and their connecti
 - mental and physical retardation
 - always newly created
 - sometimes redundant



U.S. National Library of Medicine

<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/handbook/illustrations/ringchromosome>

Chromosome aberrations

■ Deletion

- terminal – one break
- interstitial – two breaks
- deletion syndromes:
 - Wolf-hirschhorn syndrome; 4p deletion
 - Cri-Du-Chat syndrome; 5p deletion
- Microdeletion syndromes:
 - Prader-Willi syndrome; 15q11-12 deletion
 - DiGeorge syndrome; 22q13 deletion
 - Angelman syndrome; 15q11-13 deletion
 - Williams-Beuren syndrome; 7q11.23 deletion

■ Insertion

- inserted part can be in the same or inverted position

Chromosome aberrations

■ Translocation

■ reciprocal

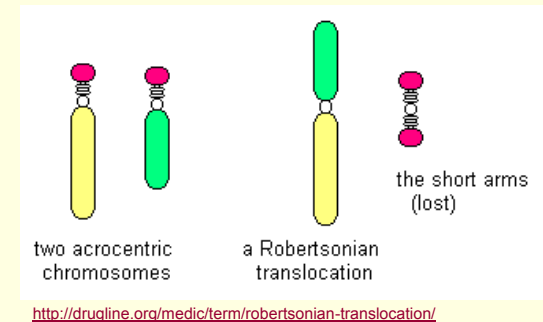
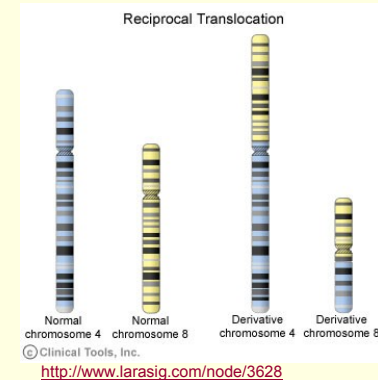
- mutual exchange between two or more nonhomologous chromosomes
- balanced - no phenotype effect
- genetic risks of unbalanced genome gametes formation

■ robertsonian

- between two acrocentric chromosomes
- breaks in the area of centromeres and deletion of short arms
- centric fusion of the remaining arms
- balanced – normal phenotype

■ tandem

- deletion of part of an acrocentric chromosome
- fusion of the remaining part with another chromosome



Chromosome aberrations

■ 2. Numerical

■ Trisomy

- 21 chromosome trisomy – Down syndrome
- 18 chromosome trisomy – Edwards syndrome
- 13 chromosome trisomy – Patau syndrome

■ Triploidy

- 69 XXX, 69 XXY
- nonviable
- mosaic triploidy – mental retardation, syndactyly, abnormal genitals, lateral asymmetry

Chromosome aberrations

- GONOSOMIC
- Chromosome Y
 - structural aberrations – very rare
 - numerical aberrations
 - 47, XYY – supermale syndrom
- Chromosome X (male)
 - Numerical aberration
 - 47, XXY – Klinefelter syndrom
- Chromosome X (female)
 - numerical aberrations
 - 45, X – Turner syndrom
 - 47, XXX – XXX syndrom
- Fragile X – fraX
 - the most common cause of mental retardation
 - Nonspecific phenotype

4. Molecular cytogenetics

- presents the connections between classical cytogenetics and molecular biology
- utilizes the latest knowledge of molecular biology, microscopy and computer image analysis to study the structure and properties of chromosomal changes
- allows the analysis of numerical and structural chromosomal imbalances unidentified classical cytogenetic techniques
- does not require the presence of mitosis
- sources of material for cytogenetic investigation
 - peripheral blood
 - samples from different tissues
 - amniotic fluid cells, chorionic villi, placenta
 - umbilical cord blood
 - bone marrow
 - samples of solid tumors



peripheral blood



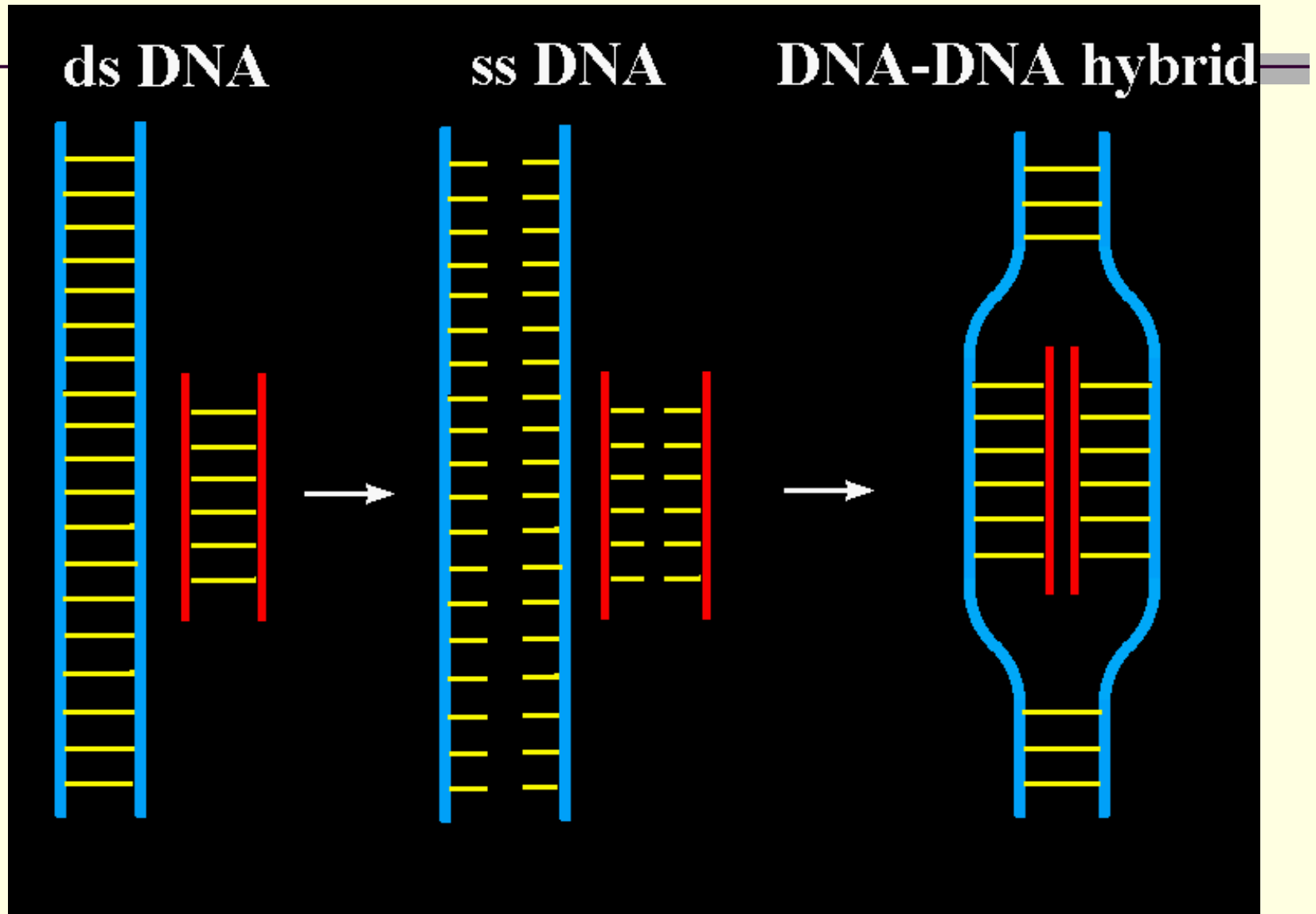
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bone marrow

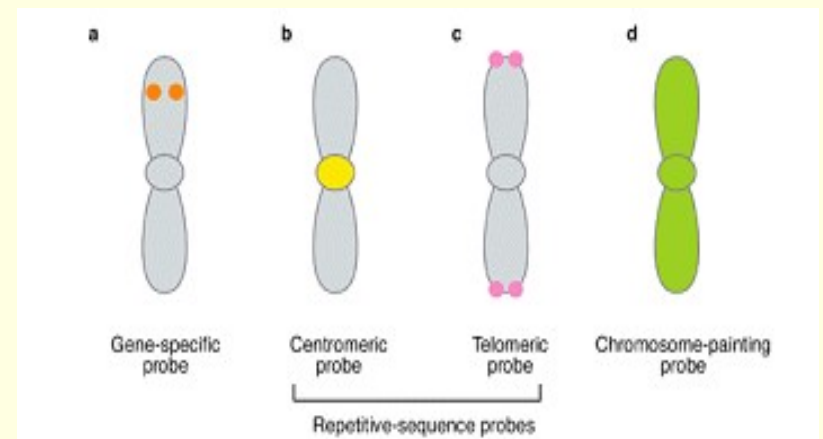
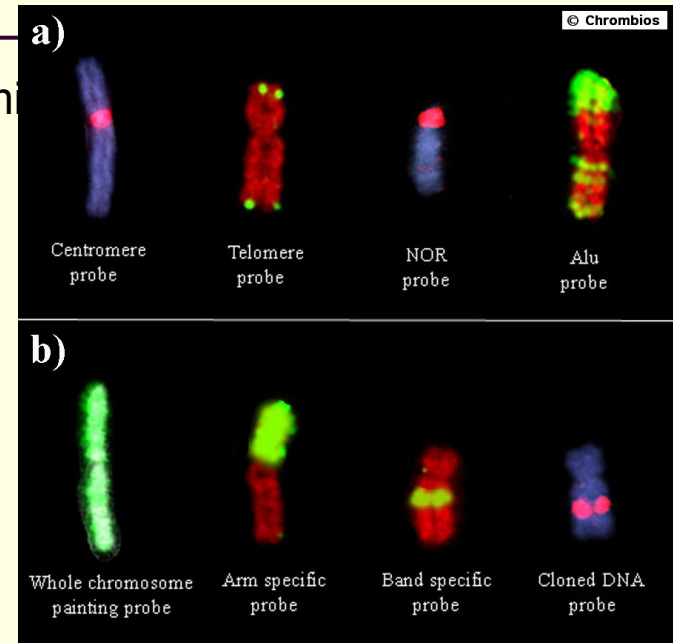
FISH

fluorescent in situ hybridization



FISH

- detection of the fluorescent signals through microscope and specific fluorescent filters
- material
 - cultivated peripheral blood
 - cultivated bone marrow
 - cultivated amniotic fluid cells
 - uncultivated amniocytes
 - tumor and bone marrow prints
- we determine:
 1. presence of signals
 2. number of signals
 3. position of signals
- the use of FISH
 - clinical cytogenetics
 - onco cytogenetics
 - human genom mapping



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del exon 50

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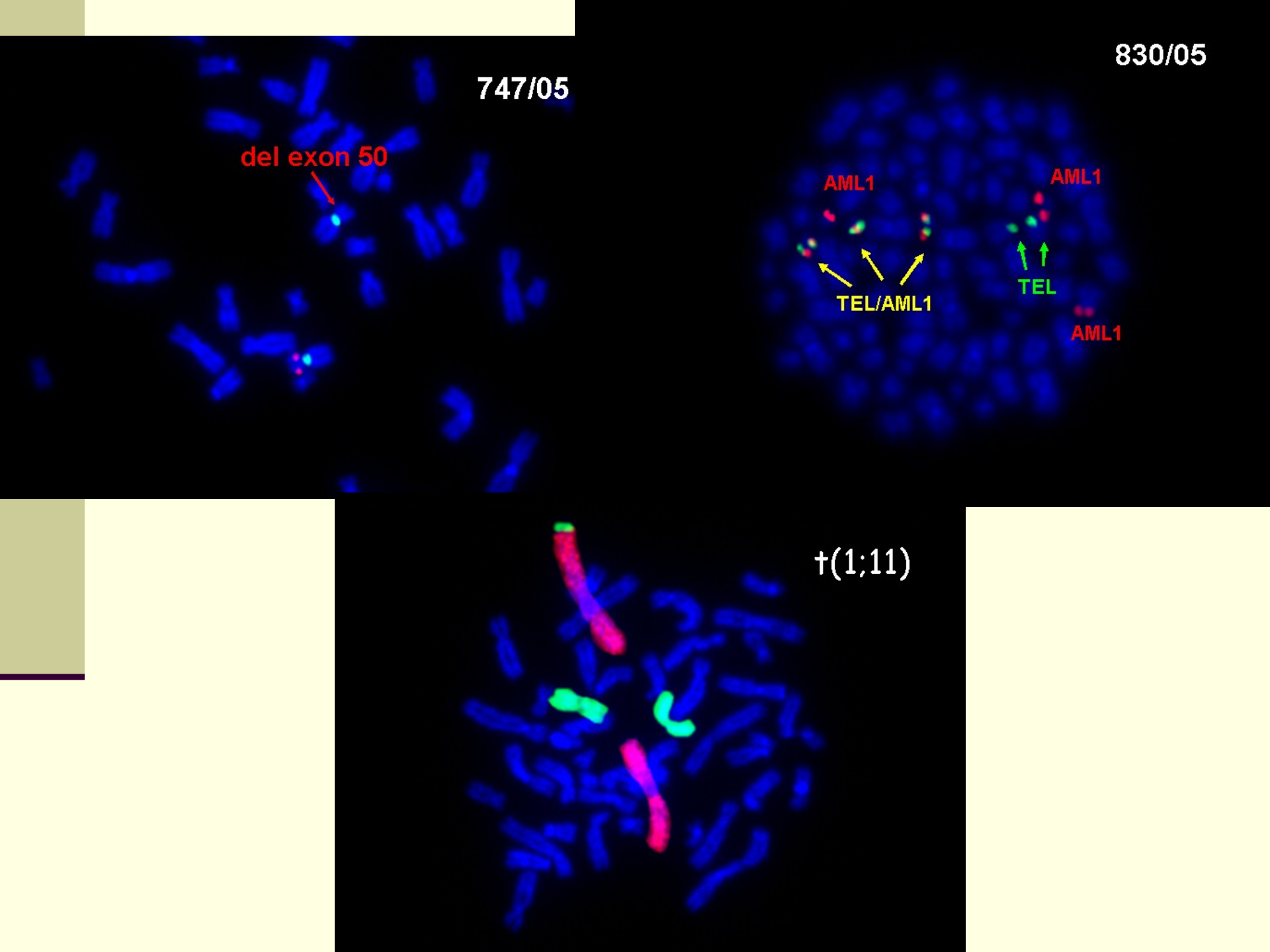
AML1

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Advantages and disadvantages of FISH

- advantages
 - does not require the presence of mitoses (mostly)
 - quick assessment of big amount of cells

- disadvantages
 - does not provide whole genomic view

SKY

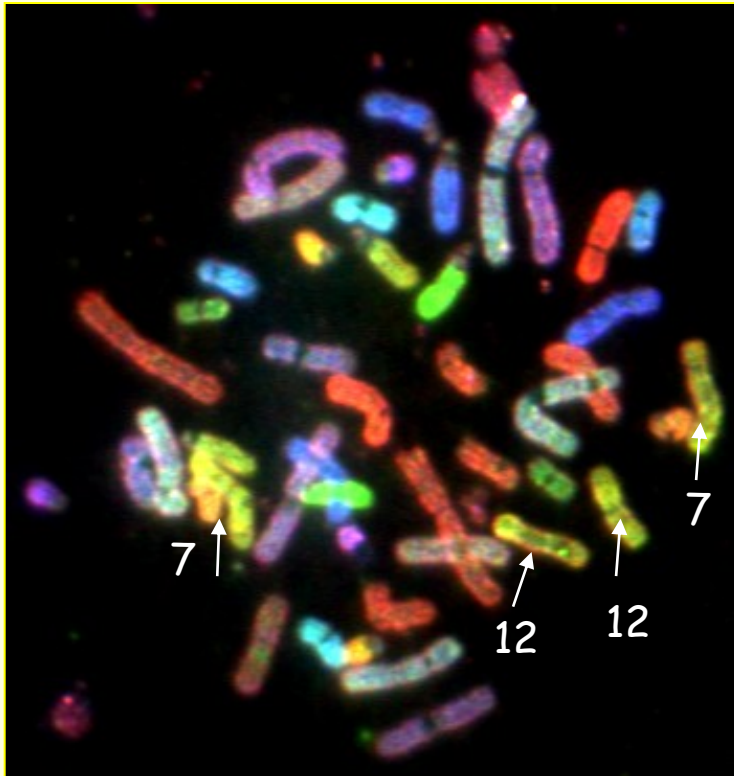
spectral caryotyping

- mikroskop equipped with 2 fluorescent filters (SKY, DAPI)
- fluorochromes (FITC Rhodamin TexasRed Cy5 Cy5.5) scanned by one filter, based on a wave length each chromosome pair is coloured → pseudocoloures

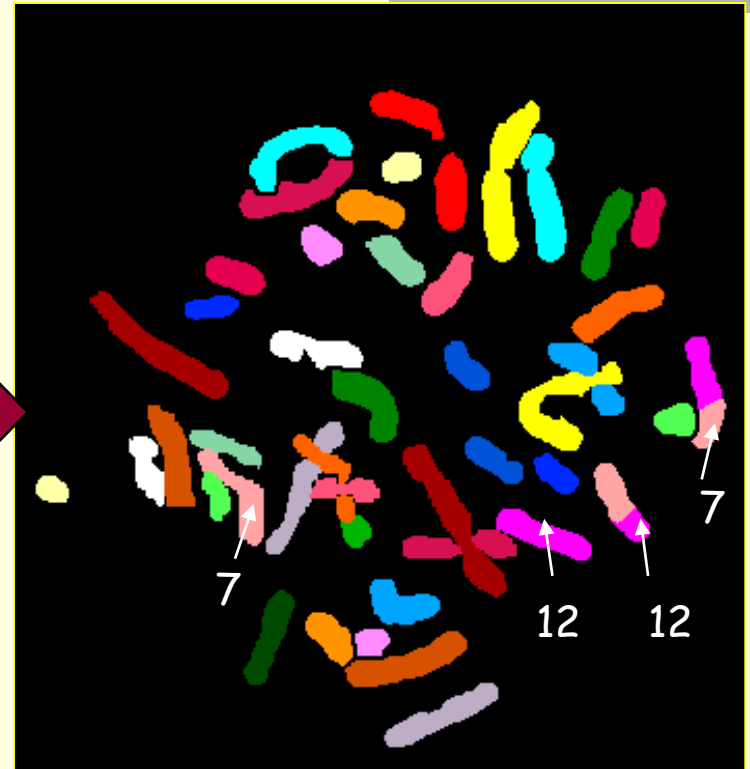


Image Acquisition with SkyVision™

Picture analyse using SkyView



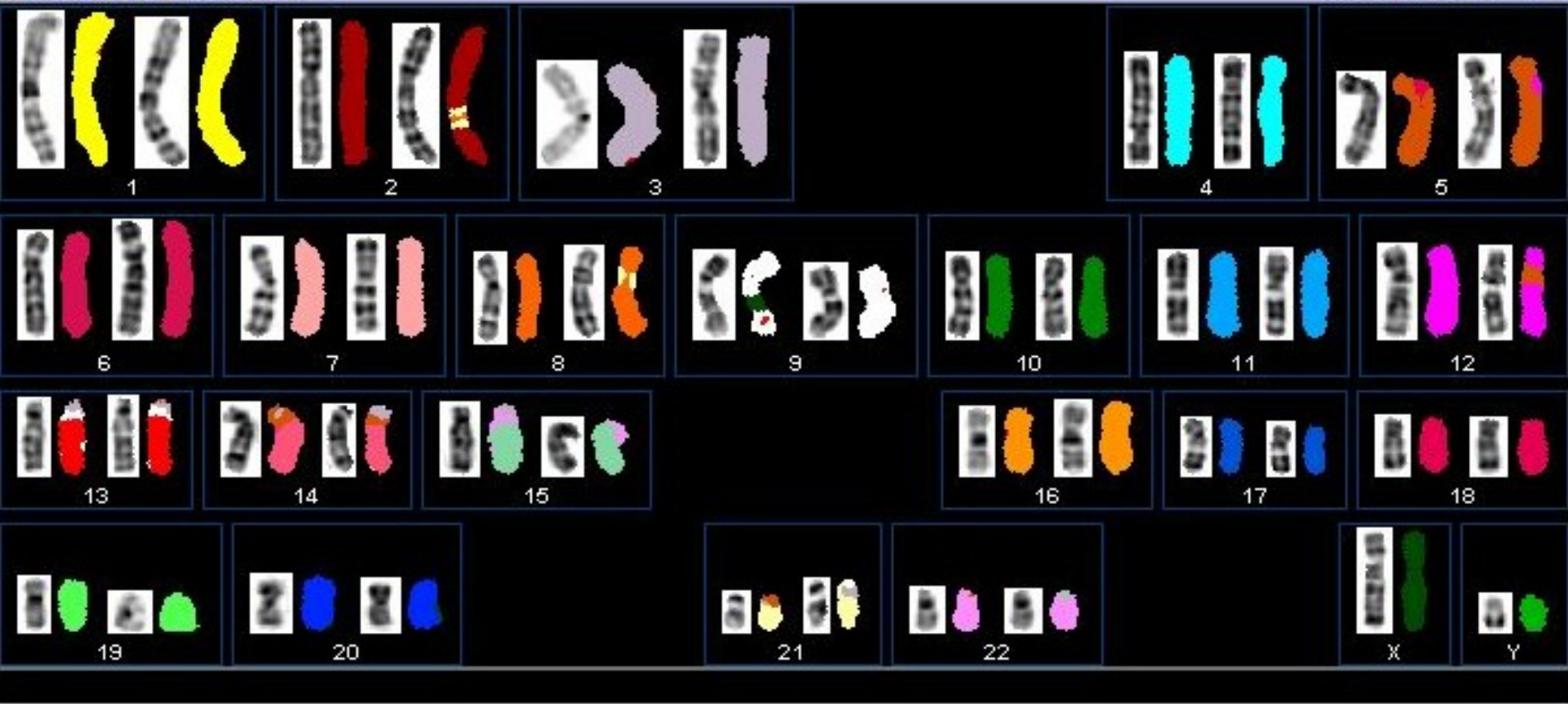
Display Image



Classified Image

The objective of the SkyView spectral karyotyping software is to automatically classify and karyotype chromosomes in the Display image, thereby overcoming the ambiguity inherent in the display colors.

Karyotype Table



0%

Chromosomes: 46

Out of image

88%

Advantages and disadvantages of SKY

- advantages
 - detects balanced rearrangements
 - detects aberations in one step
 - kryptic translocations and insertions
 - marker chromosomes
 - redundant material with unknown origin
 - komplex rearrangements
- disadvantages
 - need of quality mitoses
 - succesful hybridisation
 - expensive method

CGH

comparative genomic hybridization

- a modification of FISH technique to measure DNA gains or losses throughout the entire genome
- enables detection of unbalanced chromosomal changes (gains or losses) throughout an entire genome in one hybridization reaction
- is based on comparison of two genomes

Conventional FISH

normal DNA → select DNA → make probe → label abnormal target → abnormal target identified

Comparative genomic hybridization

normal DNA → no DNA selection → make probe (entire genome) → quantify on normal target → abnormal genome quantified

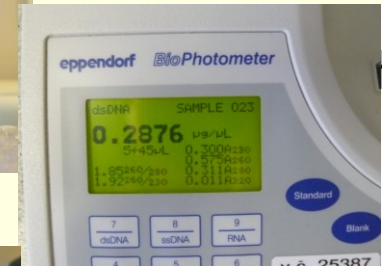
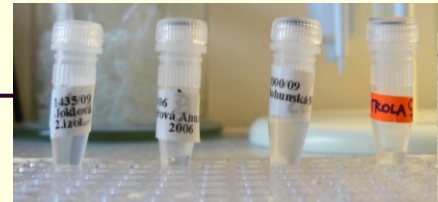
CGH requirements

Materials :

- Good quality DNA isolated from
 - peripheral blood
 - bone marrow
 - solid tumour
 - amniocytes

Equipment :

- Fluorescent microscope (filters DAPI, SpGreen, SpRed)
- Sensitive CCD camera
- Computer with software for CGH analysis and data interpretation (LUCIA CGH Advanced Statistics, Laboratory Imaging Ltd., Prague, Czech Republic)



CGH principle

1. Genomic DNA is isolated and quantitated

Test Sample

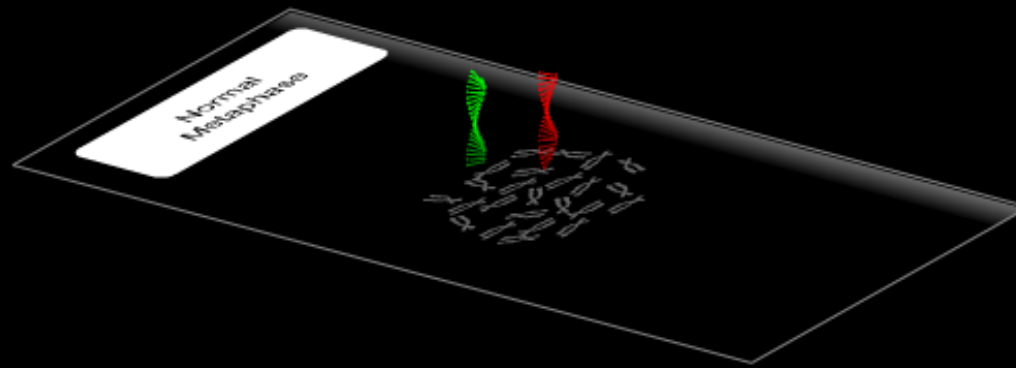
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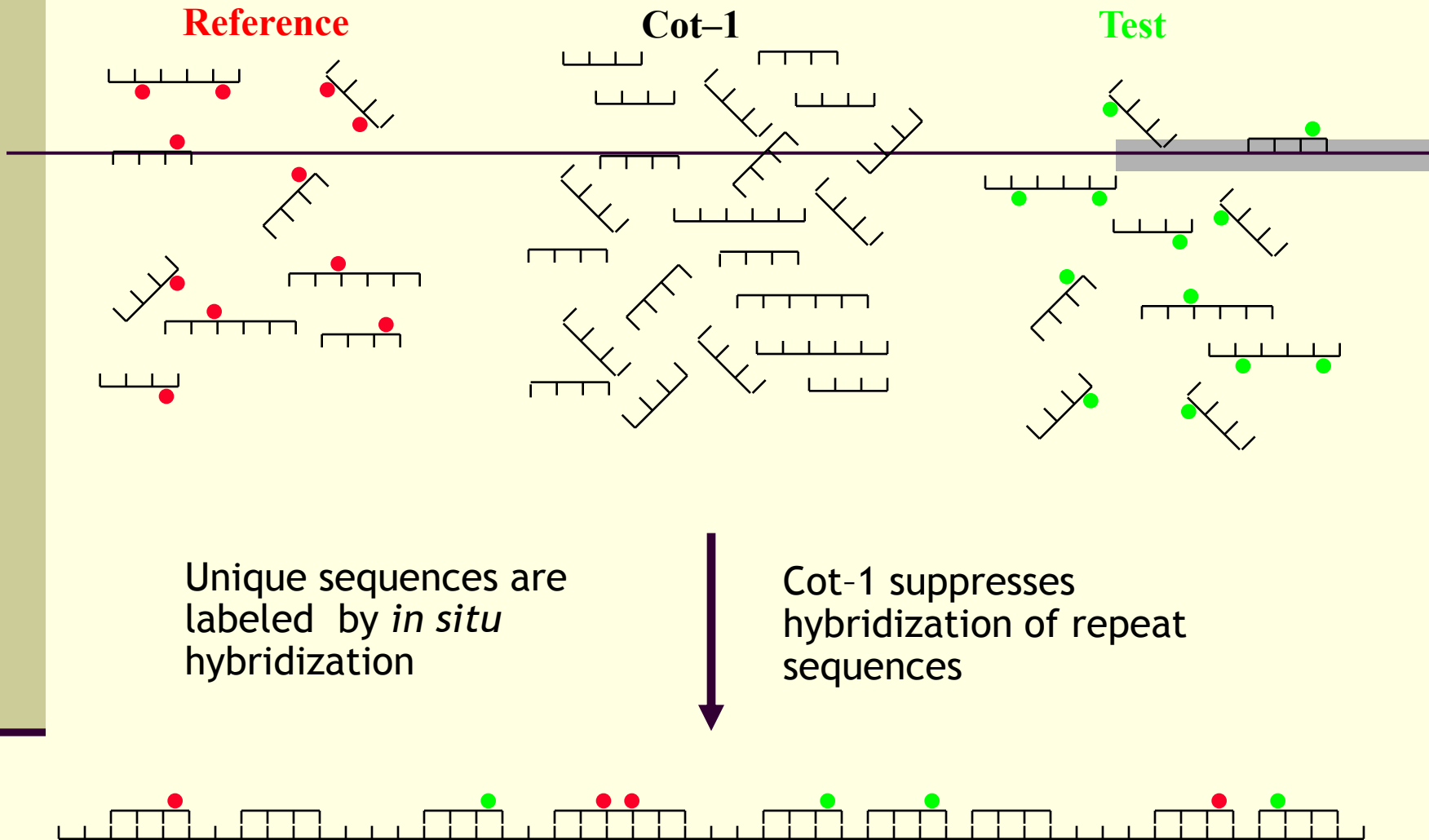
2. Genomic DNA is labeled with Cy3 or Cy5



CGH principle

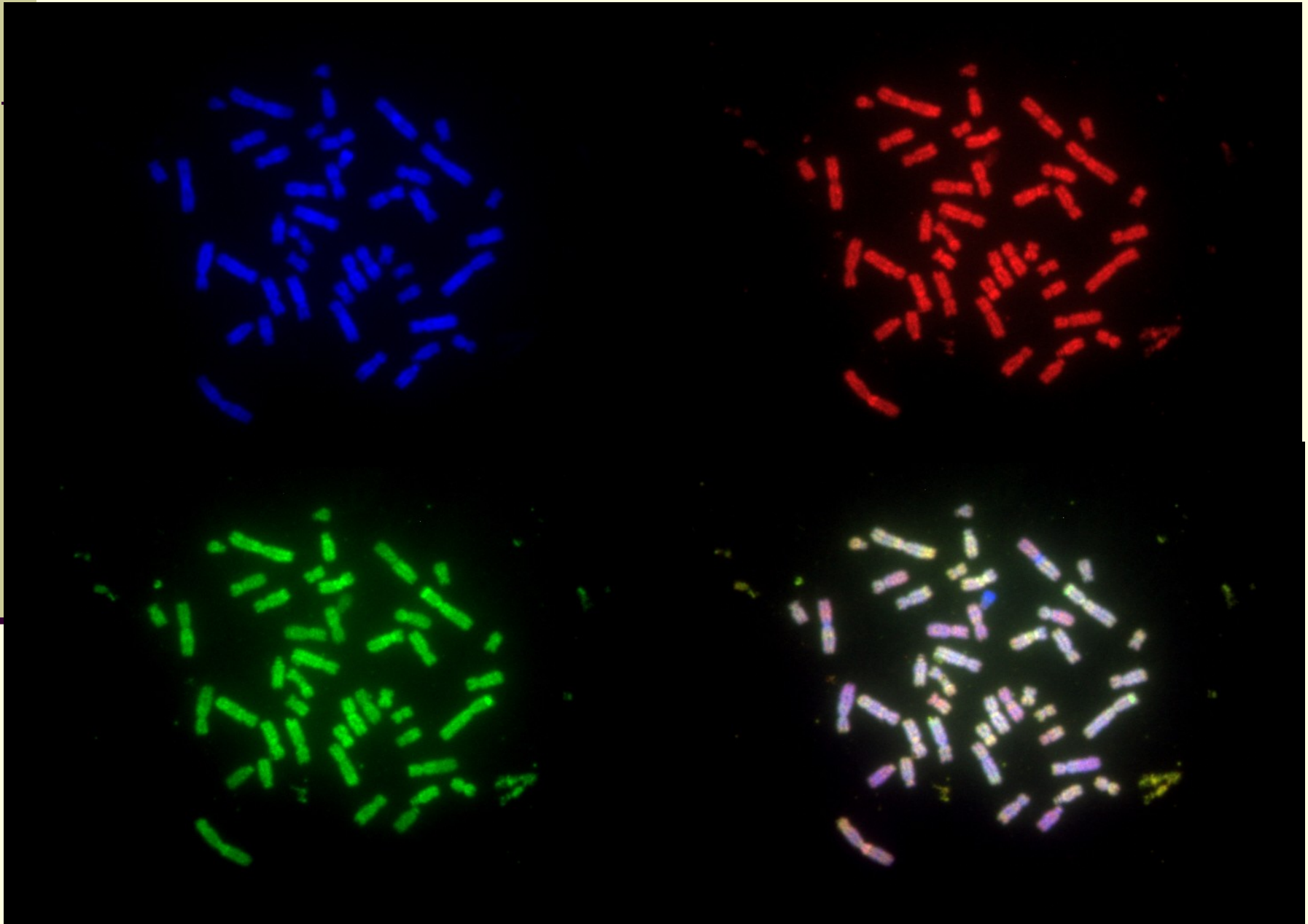
3. Labeled DNA is digested into smaller products that allow optimal hybridization





Relative brightness depends on amount of labeled DNA with appropriate complementary sequences, i.e. on the DNA copy number at this locus

Mitoses scanning, CCD camera filters for B, G, R



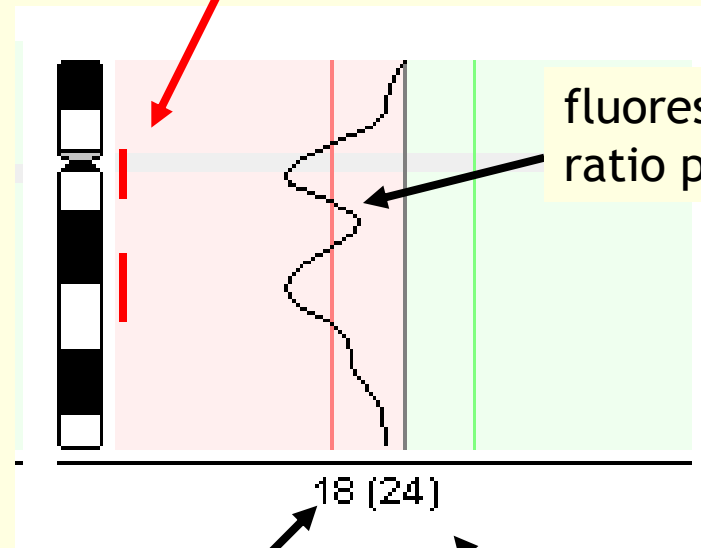
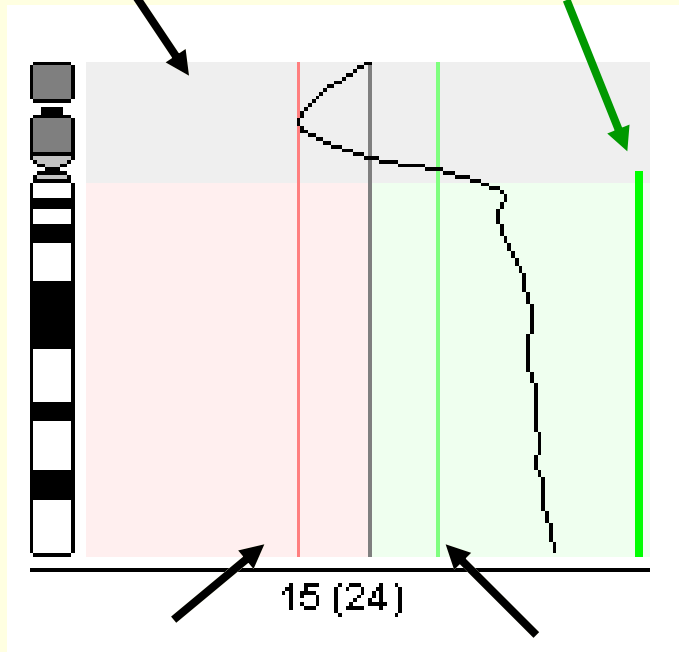
Identification of aberrations

Florescent ratio profile is compared to the fixed tresholds (15-20% from ratio 1). The ratio profile that deviates 15 % - 20 % from ratio 1.0 is typically regarded as aberrant.

heterochromatin

gain

loss



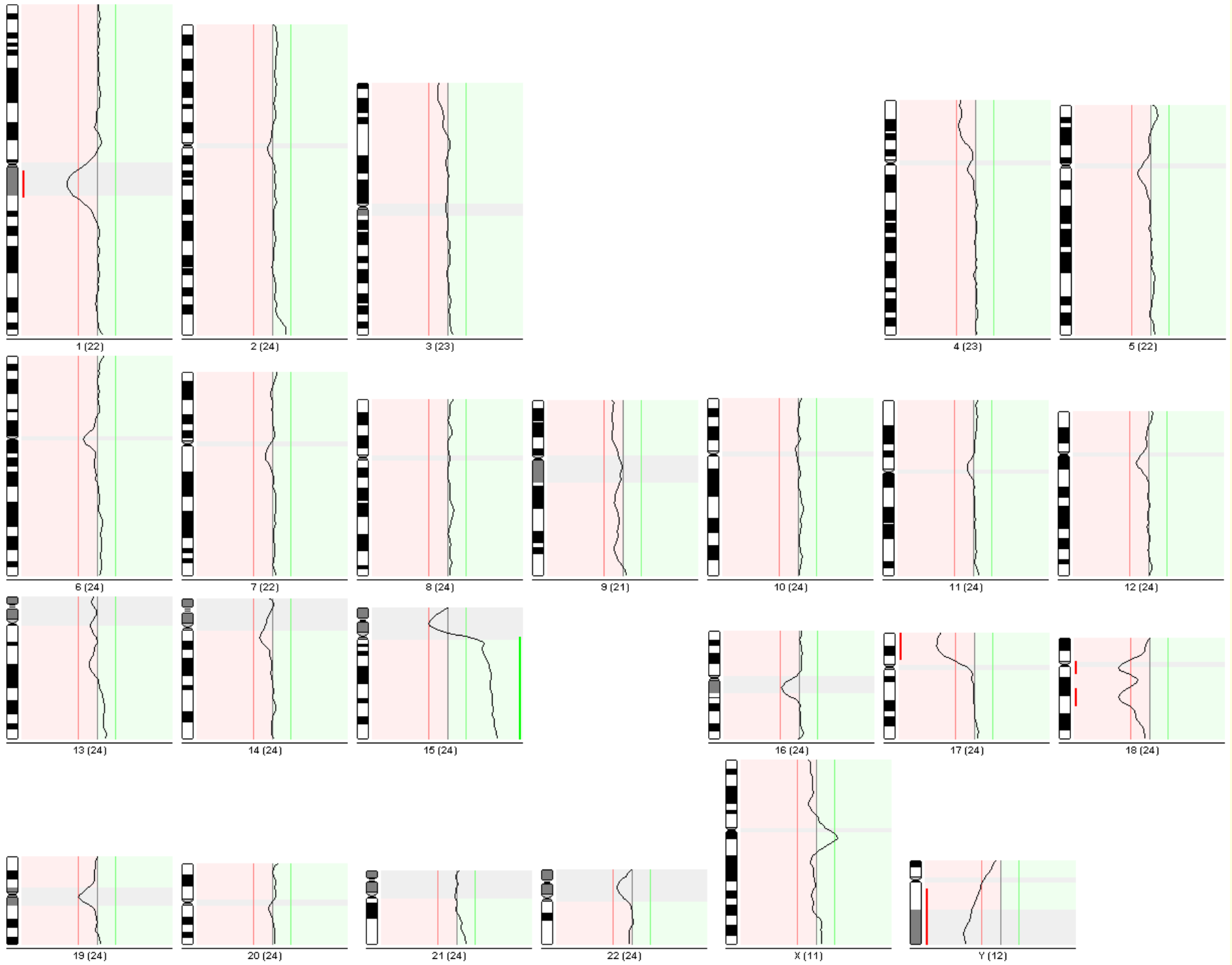
treshold 0.8

treshold 1.2

chromosome number

number of
chromosomes in
analysis

Minimally 10 metaphases should be processed.



Advantages of CGH

- detects and quantifies DNA copy number gains and losses throughout an entire genome in a single analysis
- does not require cell culturing and metaphases from test tissue
- is able to identify not only the chromosome from which the additional unknown material is derived, but also to map the region involved to specific bands on the source chromosome
- in combination with whole-genome PCR, can analyze DNA from a single or very few cells

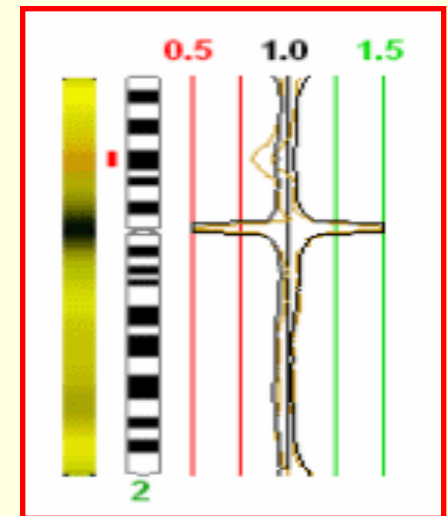
Disadvantages of CGH

- low genomic sensitivity: about 10 Mbp for single copy changes
 - solution: microarrays
- does not detect balanced rearrangements (inversions, balanced translocations)
 - solution: mFISH
- cannot detect overall ploidy changes, e.g. tetraploid tumor
 - solution: use in conjunction with regular FISH
- requires minimally 50 % aberrant cells for reliable results
 - solution: HR-CGH, microarrays

Modifications of CGH

High Resolution Comparative Genomic hybridization (HR-CGH)

- Kirchhoff *et al.*, 1997
- the same principles and laboratory processing as CGH
- different data interpretation based on dynamic standard reference intervals - special software
- genome resolution is about 4 Mbp
- abnormal cell detection limit is about 30 %

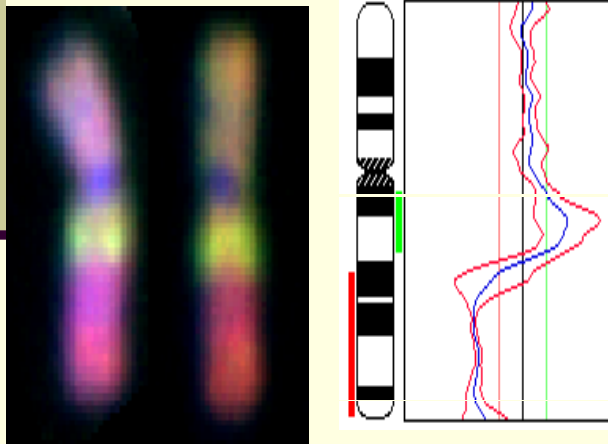


Modifications of CGH

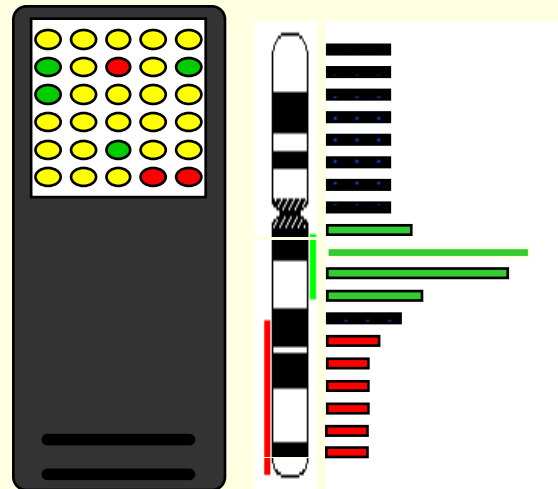
Array-CGH

- Solinas-Toldo *et al.* 1997
- based on principle of CGH
- the chromosomes (CGH) are replaced by separated clones (array-CGH)
- miniaturized array of DNA (genetic material)

CGH

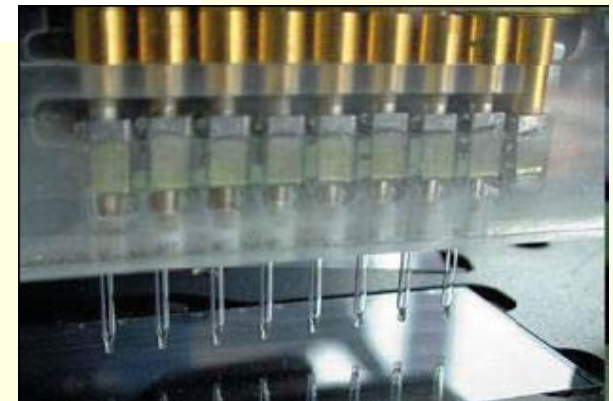
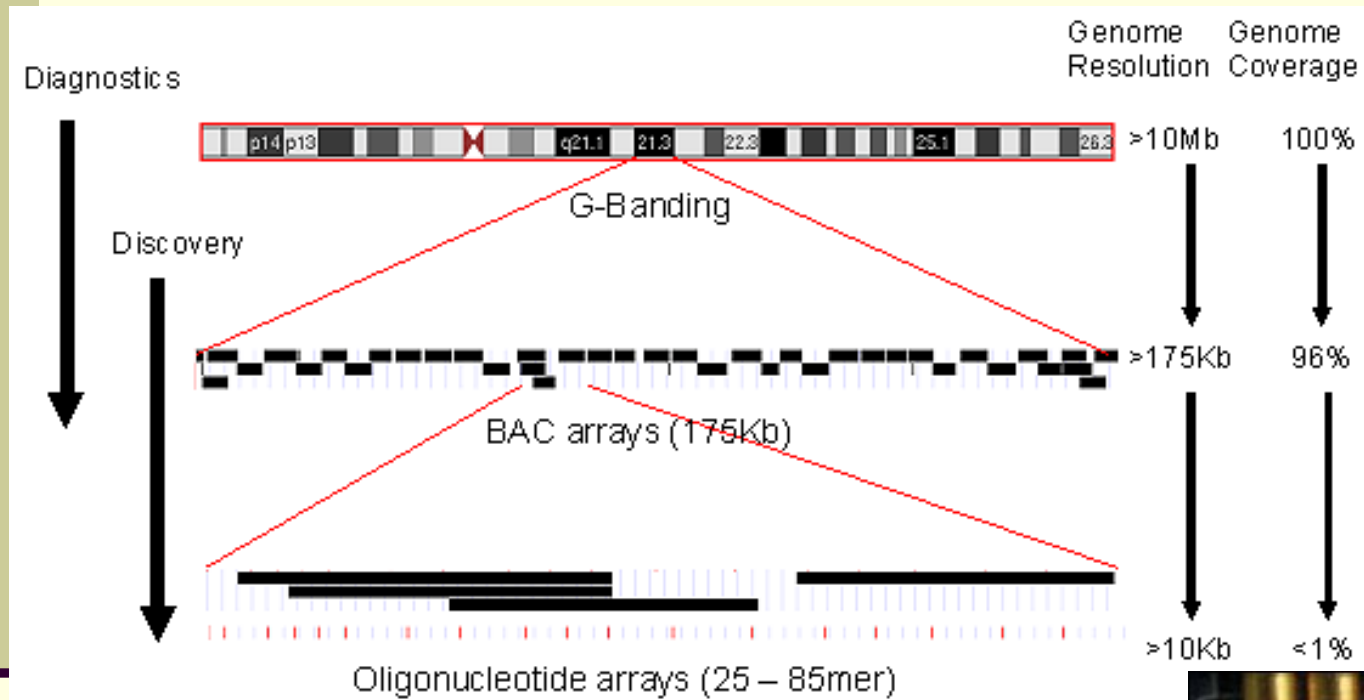


array-CGH

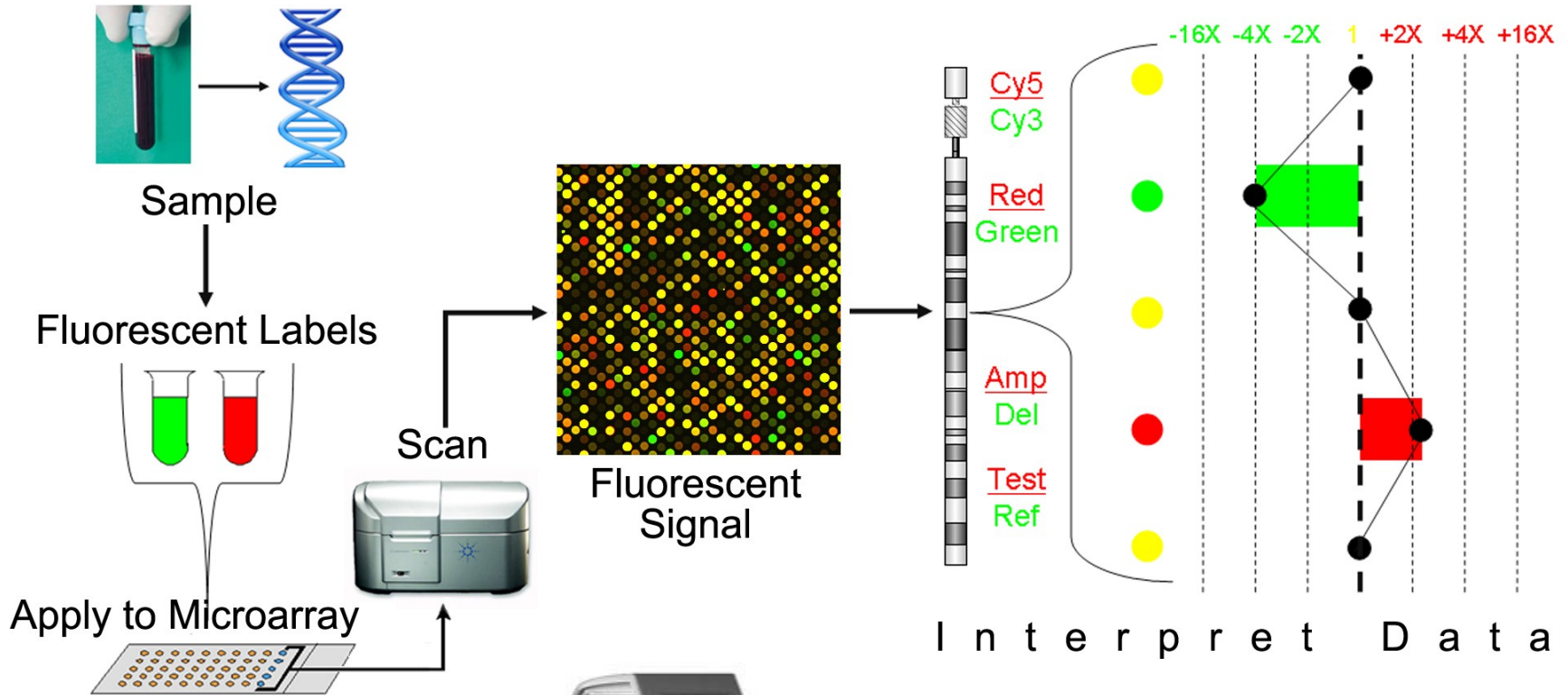


The origin of clones

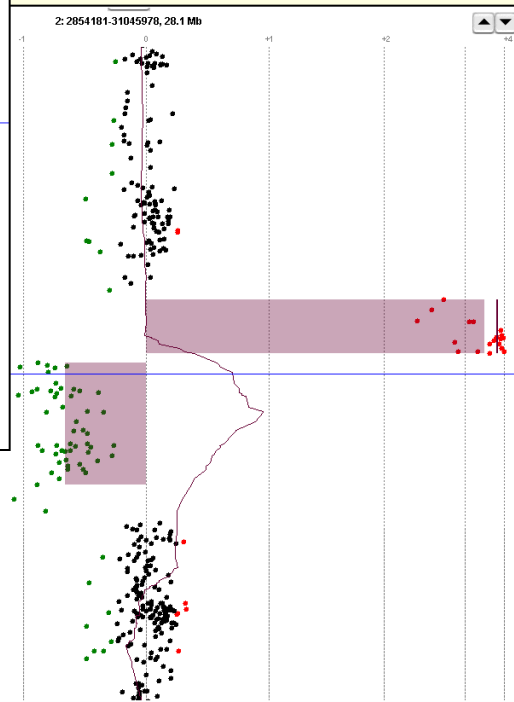
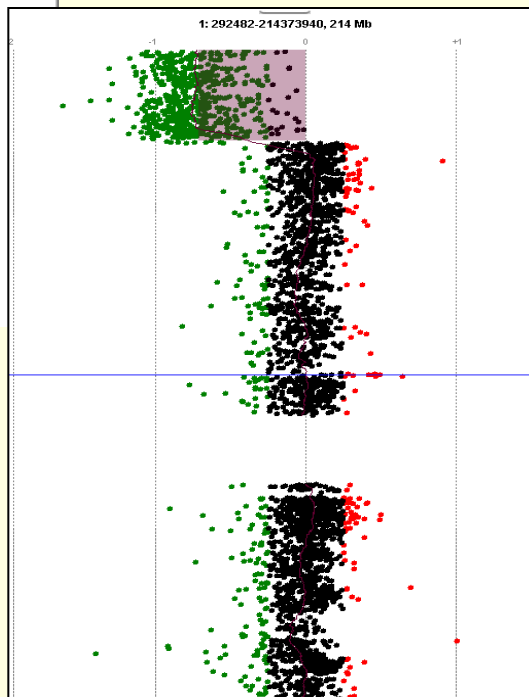
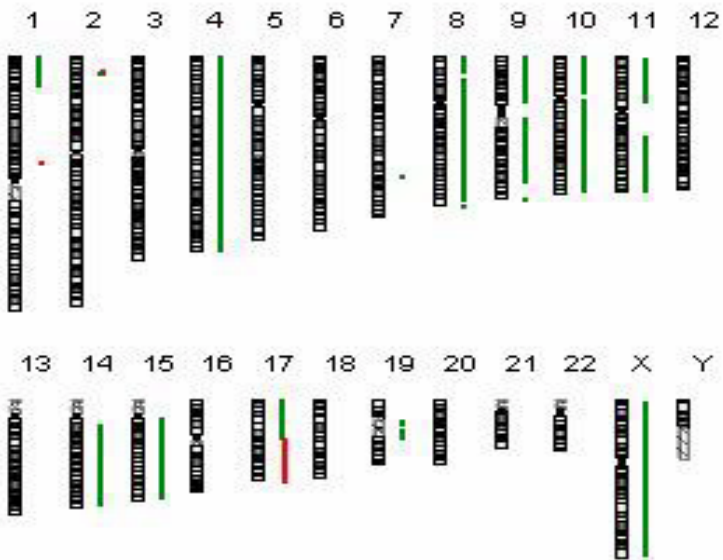
BAC, PAC, c-DNA clones, oligonucleotides



Array-CGH



Genome Overview



Advantages and disadvantages of array-CGH

- advantages
 - detects and quantifies DNA copy number gains and losses throughout an entire genome in a single analysis
 - precise aberration locating
- disadvantages
 - does not detect balanced rearrangements (translocation, inversion)
 - does not detect ploidy changes
 - very expensive method

MLPA

Multiplex Ligation-dependent Probe Amplification

- sensitive method able to detect differences in one nucleotide
- detects changes of copy number in 45 sequences in one reaction
- simple – all the reactions take place in one test tube
- relatively cheap method

Synthetic oligonucleotide
50-60 bp

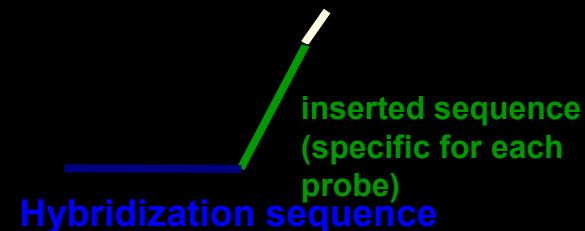
PCR primer Y



Hybridization sequence

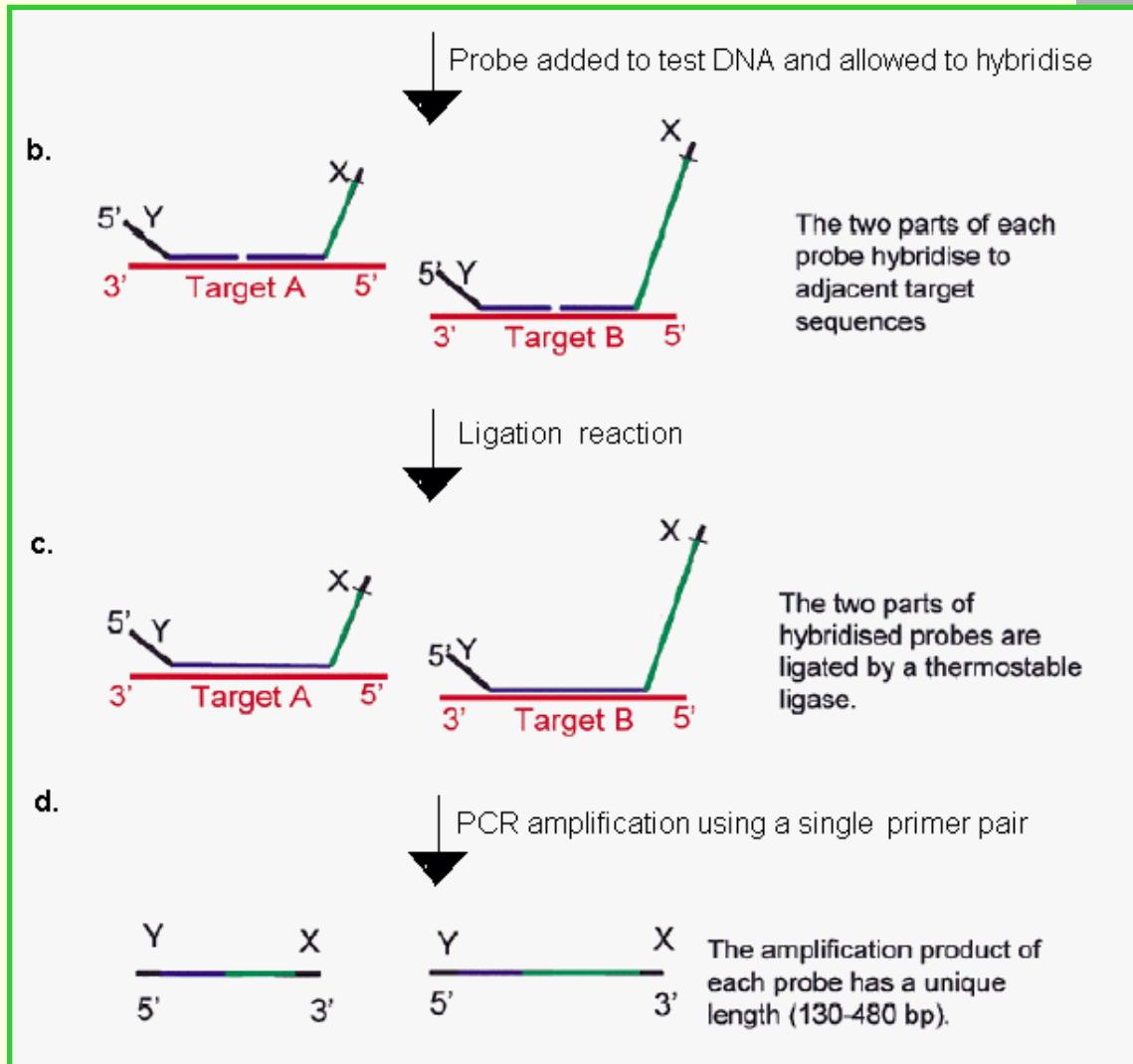
M13-derived oligonucleotide
60-450 bp

PCR primer X

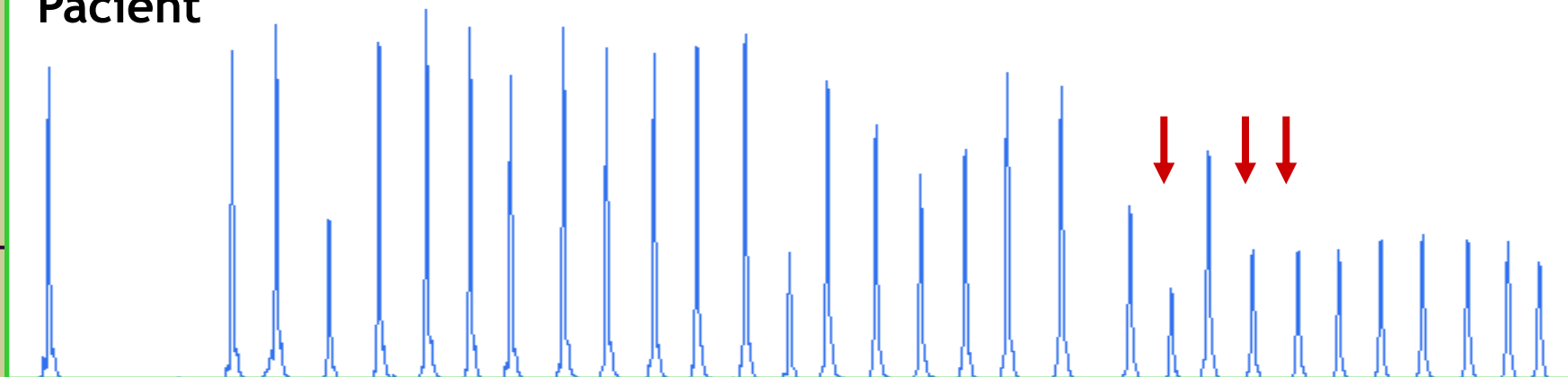


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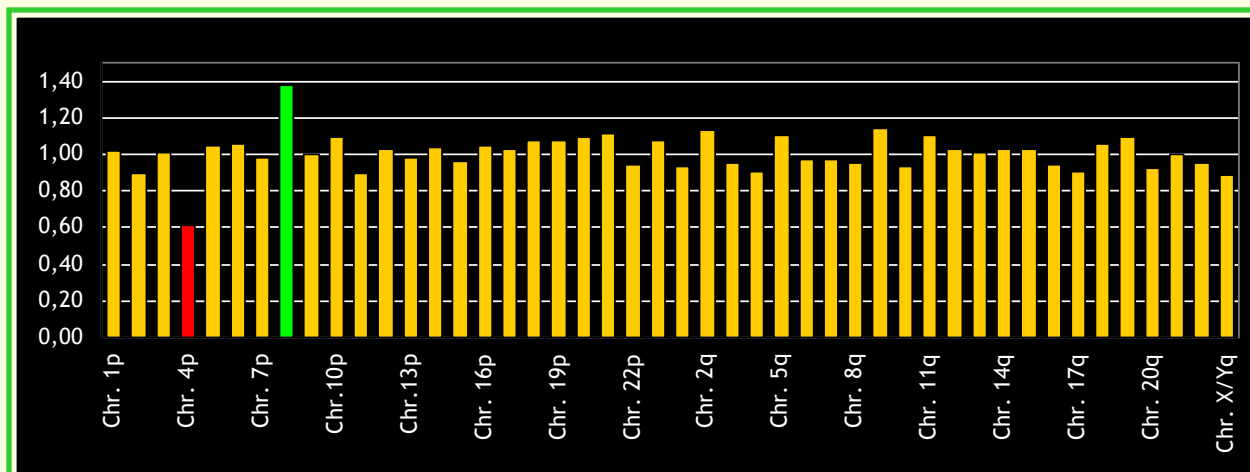
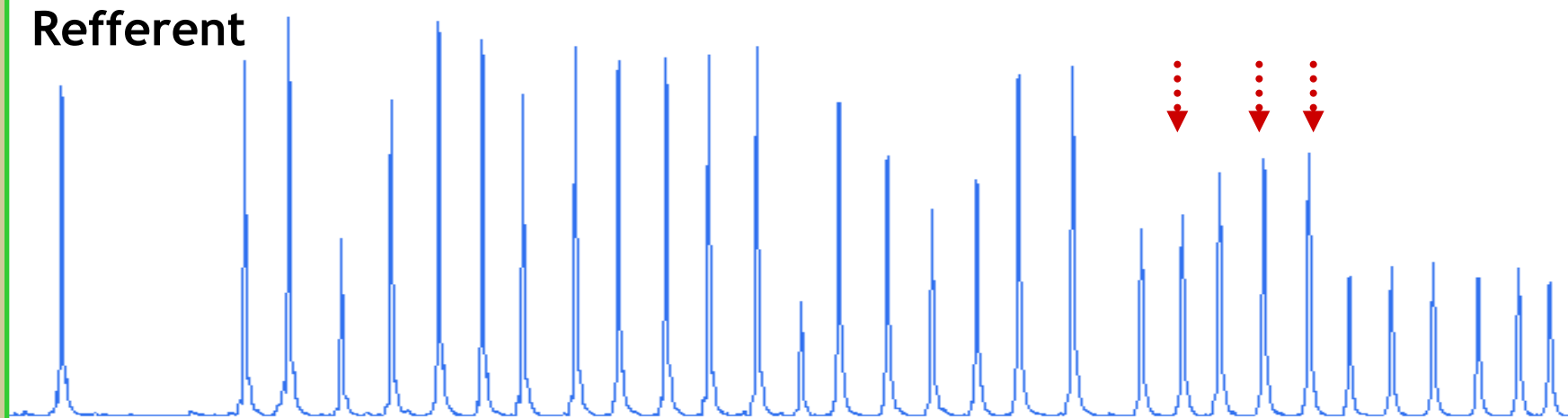
MLPA principle



Patient



Refferent

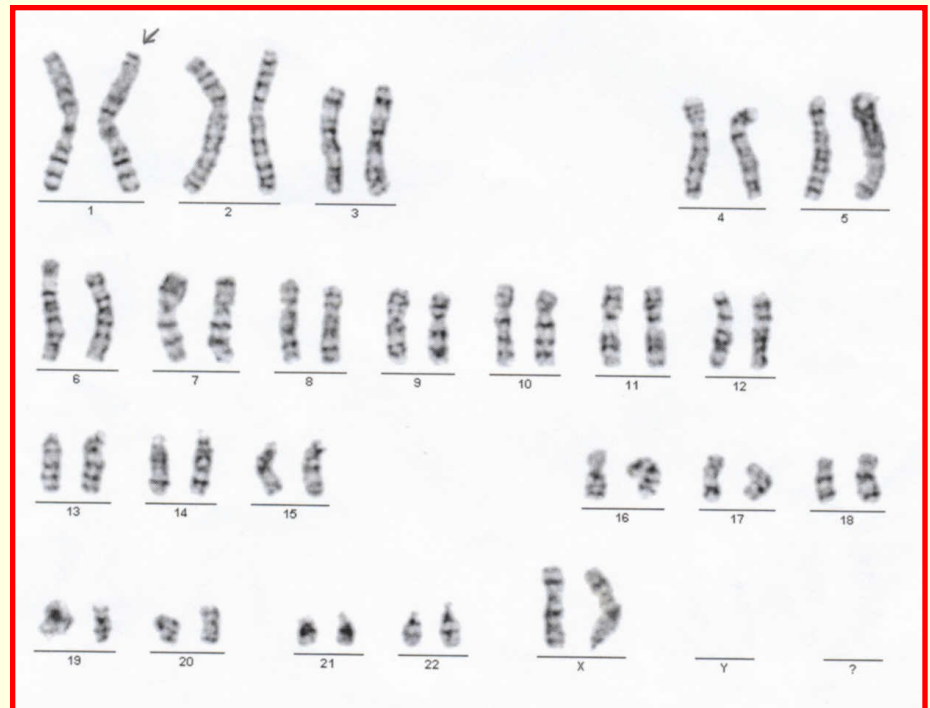


Advantages and disadvantages of MLPA

- advantages
 - sensitive
 - specific
 - multiplex
 - simple
 - cheap
- disadvantages
 - highly sensitive to contamination
 - time difficulty
 - the aberration have to occur in 50% of cells
 - some mutations or polymorphisms can lead to false results

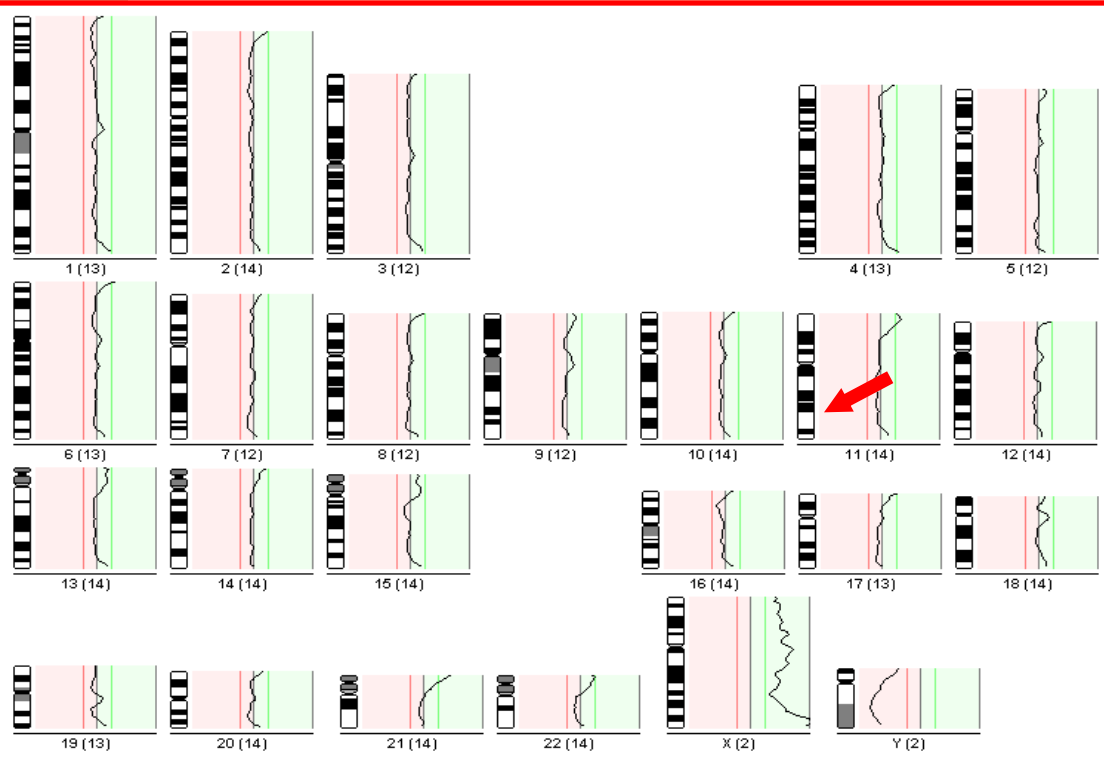
5. Case interpretation 1

- girl, born in 2002
- dg: stigmata – mongoloid eye position, hyperplastic gingival mucose membrane, atypical chest and tummy
- mother 46,XX, inv(9), father 46,XY,add(1)[87]/46,XY[13]

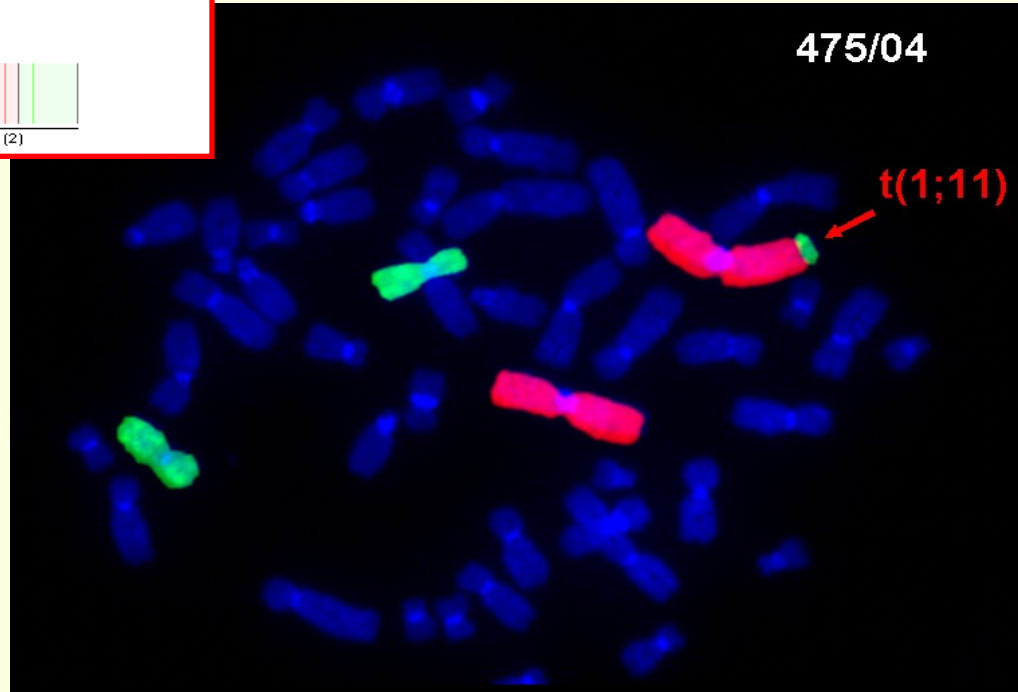


46,XX,add(1)

CGH: rev ish enh (11p15-pter) – unbalanced translocation



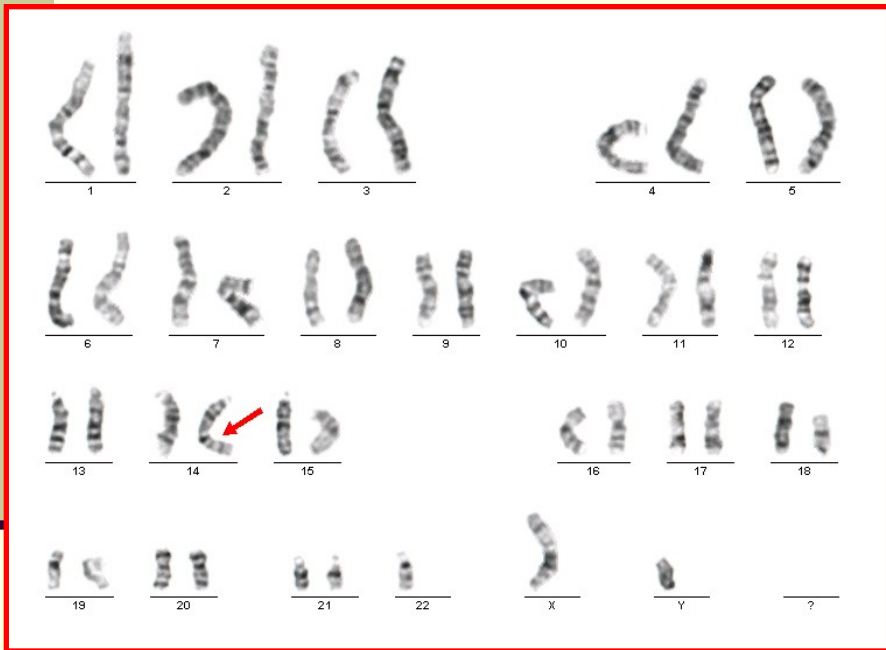
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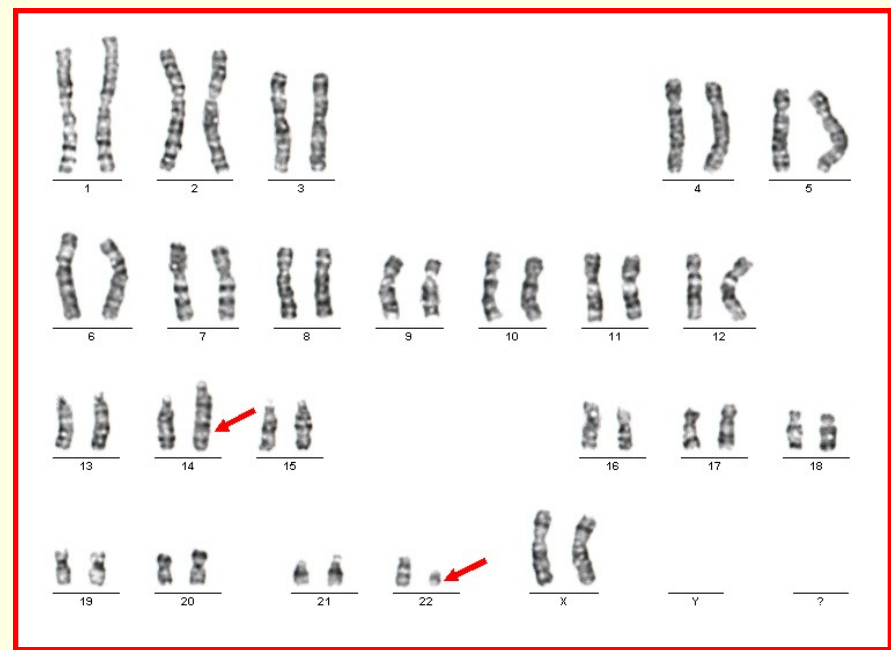
Case interpretation 2

- boy, born in 2004

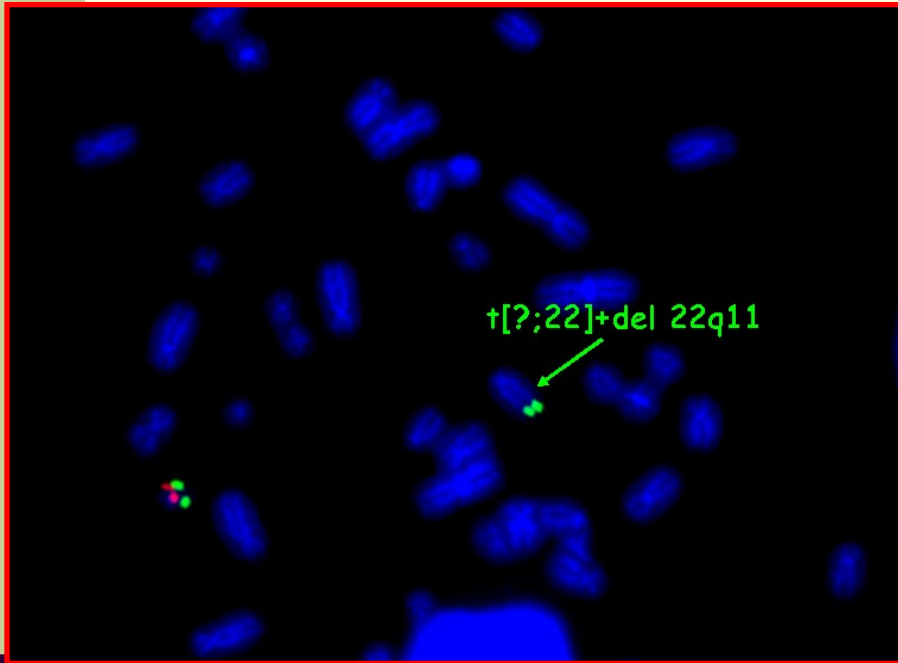
facial dysmorphy, stigmata



45,XY,-22,der(14)



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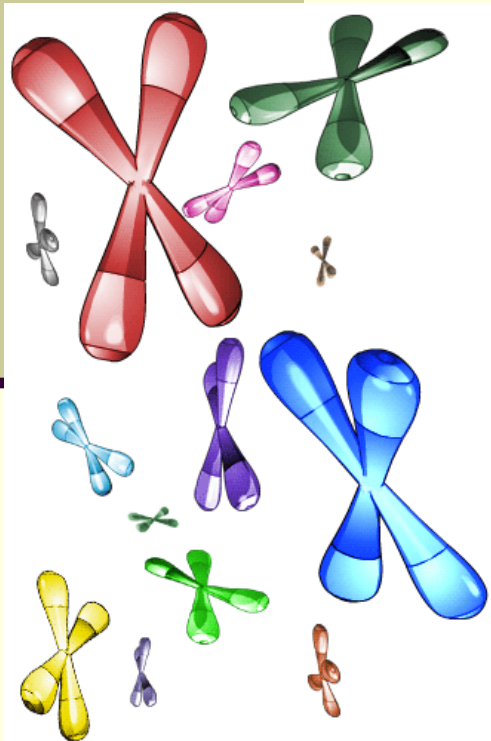


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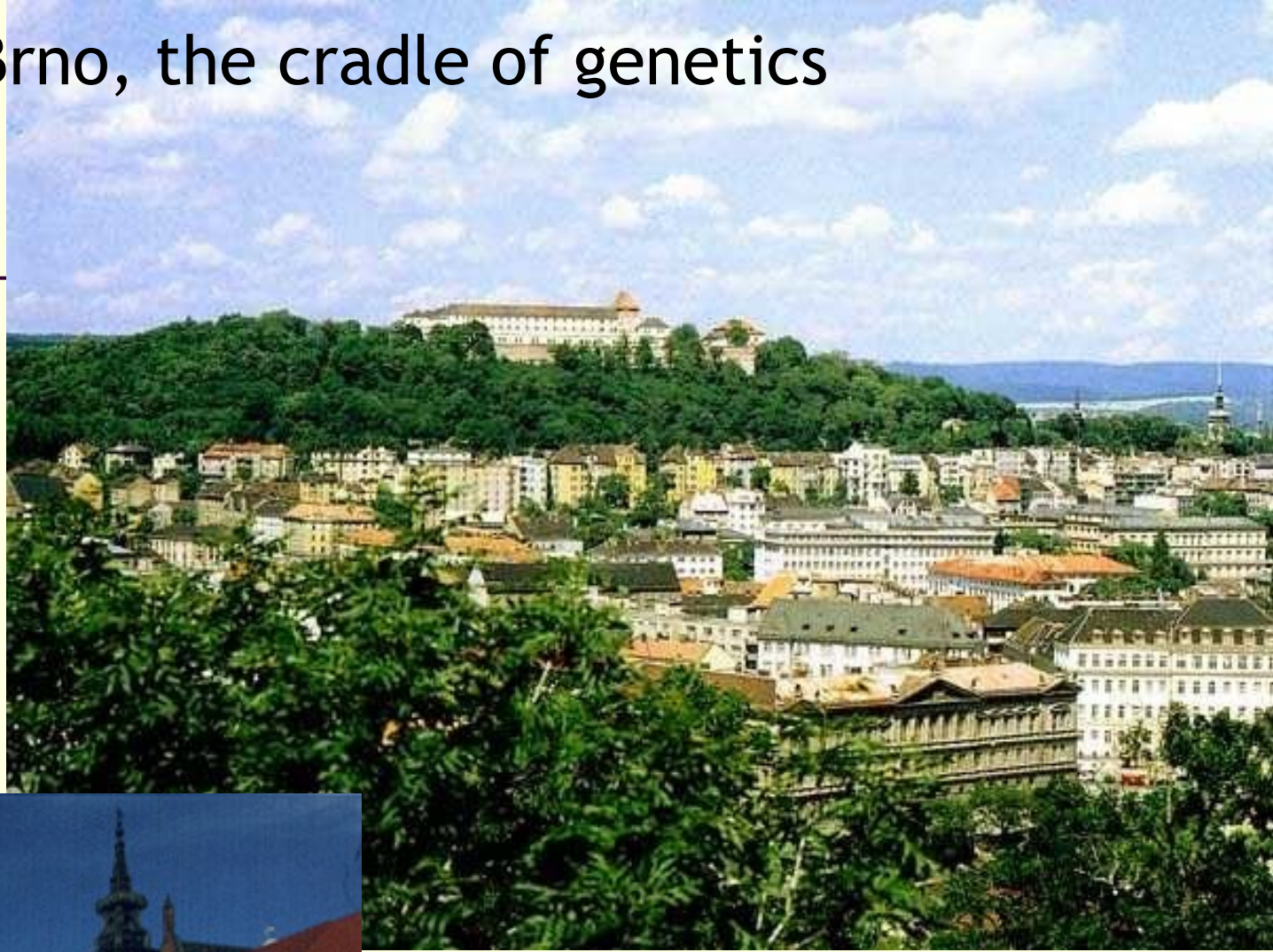
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<http://www.cba.muni.cz/cytogenlab>



Brno, the cradle of genetics



**Augustinian monastery in Brno - place of
G. J. MENDEL s work**

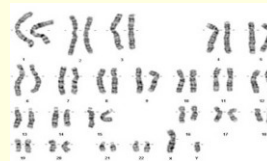
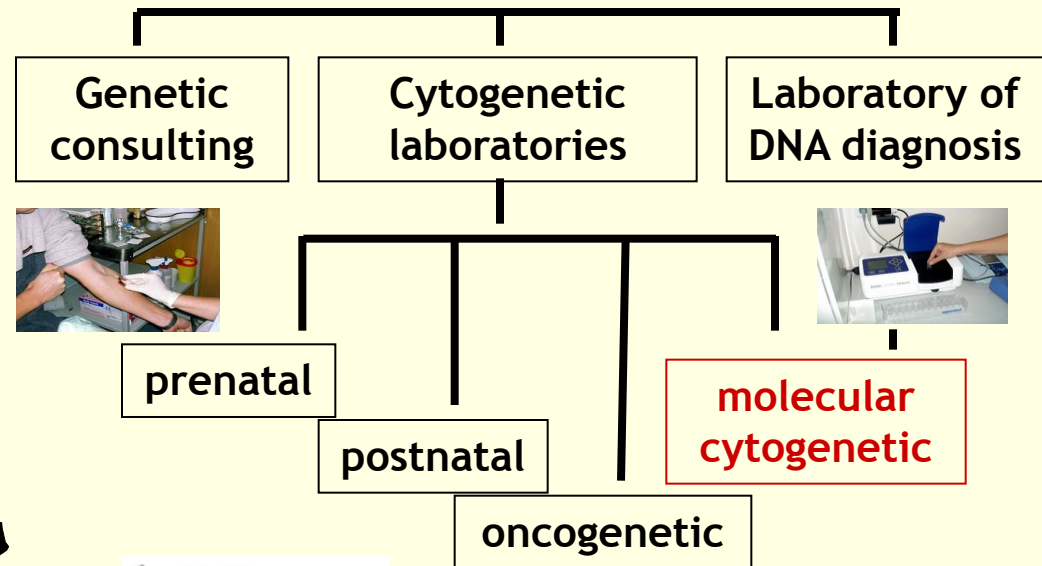
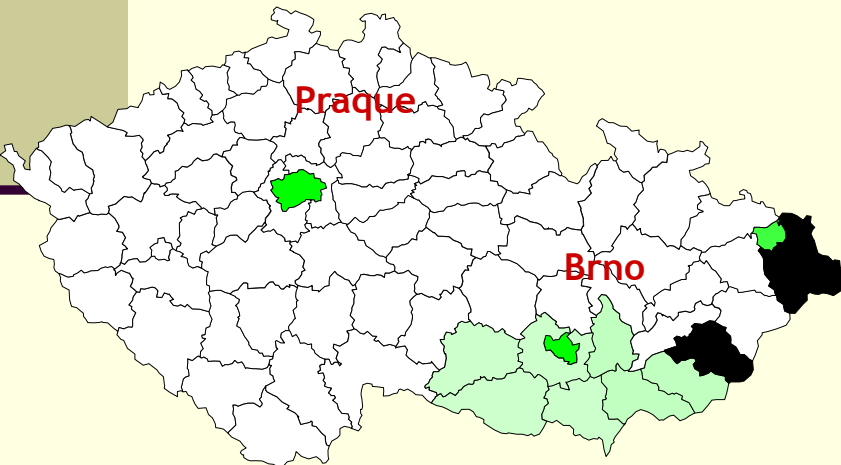
Who are we?

Integrated laboratory of molecular cytogenetics is an integrated clinical and research centre, which is a result of co-operation among:

- Dept. of Genetics and Molecular Biology, Inst. of Experimental Biology, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University
- Dept. of Medical Genetics, University Hospital Brno
- University Research Centre - Czech Myeloma Group Brno

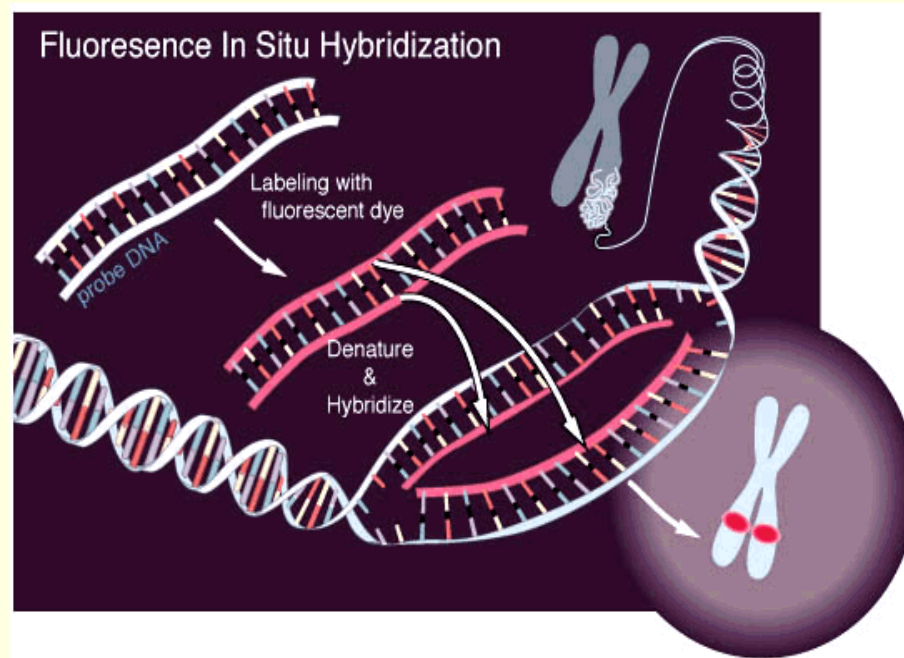


Department of Medical Genetics, University Hospital Brno: the centre for genetic investigation for South Moravia region

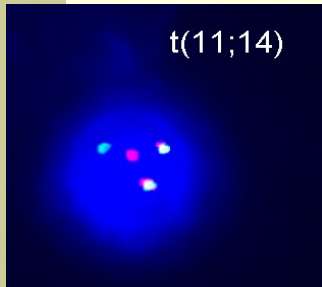


What is our interest?

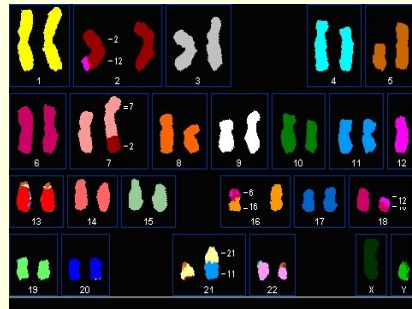
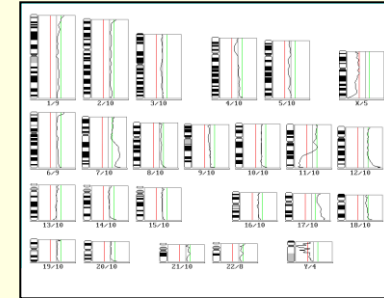
The main interest of the Integrated laboratory is the research of chromosomal aberrations using **molecular cytogenetic techniques**.



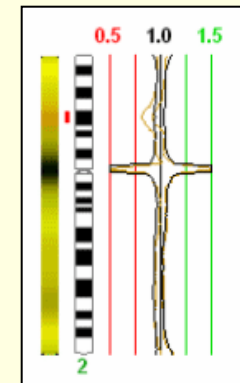
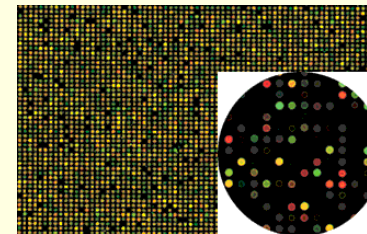
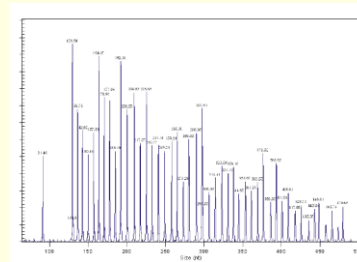
Methods



- Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH)
 - Spectral karyotyping (SKY)
- Comparative genomic hybridization (CGH)
 - High resolution CGH (HR-CGH)



- Array-CGH (*Agilent*)
 - MLPA



The equipment

Classical Cytogenetics, FISH, CGH/HR-CGH

- Microscopes – Olympus BX61
- CCD cameras Voskuhler
- Digital Image Analysis System (LUCIA, LIM Ltd.):
 - LUCIA-KARYO
 - LUCIA-FISH
 - LUCIA-CGH/CGH Advanced Statistics

System for SKY (SKY View – Applied Spectral Imaging Ltd, Israel)

System for array-CGH: Agilent Scanner

System for MLPA: capillary electrophoresis

Beckman Coulter



Molecular cytogenetic investigations at Department. Of Medical Genetics

- **Prenatal cytogenetic diagnosis**
- **Postnatal cytogenetic analyses**
- **Cancer cytogenetic analyses**

Prenatal cytogenetic analyses

- Uncultured and cultured amniotic cells, fetal blood, chorion villi
- I-FISH

AneuVysion Assay Kit (Abbott Vysis)

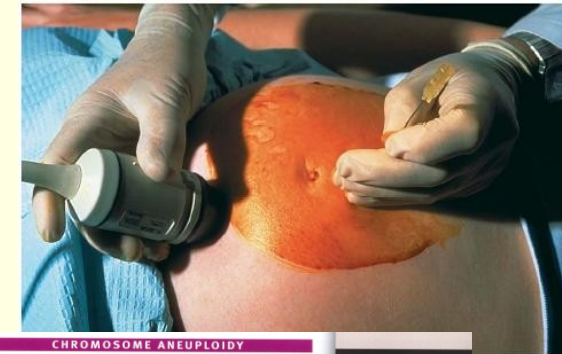
Mix1:

- CEP 18 Sp. Aqua
- CEP X Sp. Green
- CEP Y Sp. Orange

Mix 2:

- LSI 21 Sp. Orange
- LSI 13 Sp. Green

Microdeletion syndromes (DiGeorge)



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CHROMOSOME ANEUPLOIDY

ANEUVYSION[™]
AneuVysion Assay Kit
33-161075 – 10 Assays
35-161075 – 30 Assays
35-161075 – 30 Assays (VD)
(control slides not included)

FDA CLEARED

The AneuVysion Assay, a Cellular Genomics assay utilizing patented fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) technology, is a prenatal test that provides a rapid (24 to 48 hour) method for detection of trisomy 13, 18, 21 (Down Syndrome) and aneuploidy of sex chromosomes X and Y. The FDA clearance for the AneuVysion Assay allows for immediate reporting of test results consistent with ACMG guidelines.

The AneuVysion Assay provides results from uncultured amniocytes within 24 to 48 hours. Rapid detection of common fetal trisomies and sex chromosome aneusomies is especially important in high risk pregnancies and medically indicated situations. These situations may include: positive maternal serum screens, abnormal fetal ultrasound, late gestation pregnancies and other medical indications requiring rapid decision making.

The AneuVysion Assay accurately detects 99.9% of all aneuploid specimens evaluated in the international, 11-site, collaborative clinical study (data on file). In a published review of experience in over 29,000 prenatal cases, the AneuVysion Assay was 99.9% accurate for the detection of aneuploidies in informative cases.

The AneuVysion Assay Kit Includes:
5 DNA probes in a packaged set of two probe mixtures (#1 and #2) that are pre-denatured, pre-mixed in hybridization buffer and ready to apply to the denatured amniocyte specimen slide. In addition, reagents for hybridization washes and a package insert are provided.

Probe Mixture #1 (3 probes)
CEP X: SpectrumGreen DYZ1, alpha satellite DNA (9p11.1-q11.1).
CEP Y: SpectrumOrange DYZ3, alpha satellite DNA (9p11.1-q11.1).
Probe mixture #1 is complete with probes, blocking DNA, fluorophore-labeled total human genomic DNA and hybridization buffer. The fluorophore-labeled total human genomic DNA acts as a counterstain when viewing the probes using single or triple bandpass filters. See FISH Microscope Filter section.

Probe Mixture #2 (2 probes)
LSI 21: SpectrumOrange, loci D21S259, D21S341, D21S342 (21q22.13-q22.2).
LSI 13: SpectrumGreen, spans the Retinoblastoma gene (RB1)(13q14). Probe mixture #2 is complete with probes, blocking DNA and hybridization buffer.

For a complete listing of references, please visit www.vysis.com.

ProbeChek Male Amniocyte Control
30-805010 – 5 Slides
This control slide is prepared from a normal cultured male amniocyte cell line that is harvested, fixed in suspension medium and applied to glass microscope slides using a method optimal for interphase FISH.

ProbeChek Positive Control
30-805017 – 5 Slides
This control slide is prepared from a cultured cell line that is harvested, fixed in suspension medium and applied to glass microscope slides using a method optimal for FISH. The slides (after hybridization with the AneuVysion Assay) will provide a result that shows cells that are aneuploid for chromosomes 13, 18, 21, X and Y. This control provides an excellent training and validation tool for the AneuVysion Assay.

DNA FISH Probes for Prenatal, Postnatal and Preimplantation Genetics

18p11.1-q11.1 CEP 18 alpha satellite SpectrumAqua

18

9p11.1-q11.1 CEP X alpha satellite SpectrumGreen

X

9p11.1-q11.1 CEP Y alpha satellite SpectrumOrange

Y

13q14 LSI 13 SpectrumGreen

13

21q22.13-q22.2 LSI 21 SpectrumOrange

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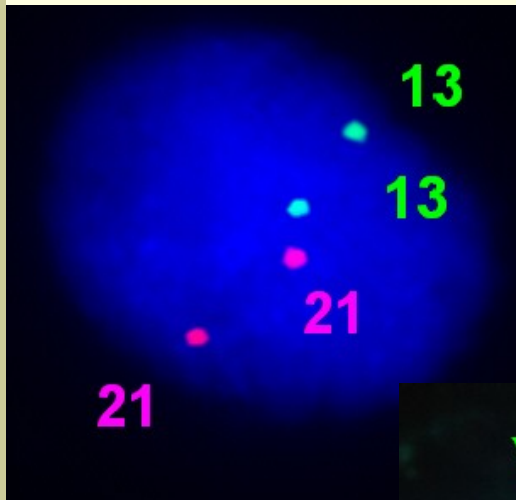
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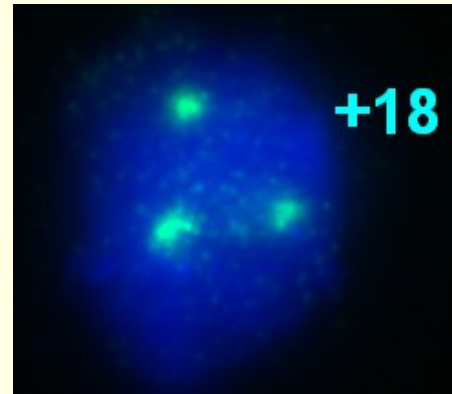
The AneuVysion Assay Kit, FDA cleared *in vitro* diagnostic use.

Direct (uncultured) amniocyte hybrid with the AneuVysion 18/XY probes. The aqua signals indicate three copies of chromosome 18, one green signal indicates copy of chromosome X and one orange signal indicates one copy of chromosome Y.

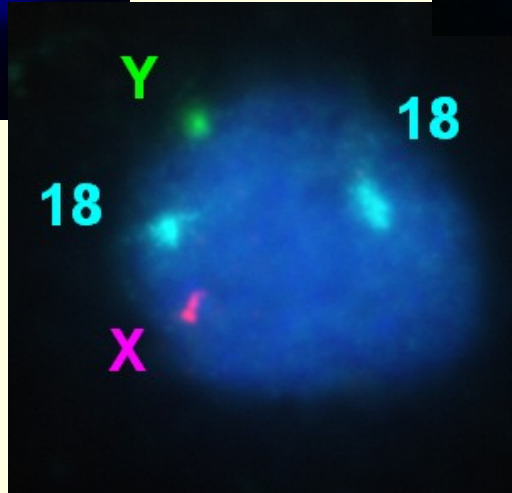
Prenatal cytogenetic analyses



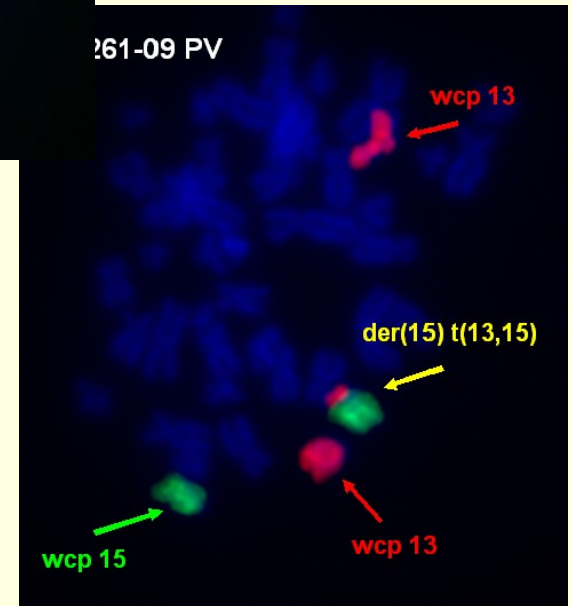
Normal cells



trisomy
of chr. 18



t(13;15)



Postnatal cytogenetic analyses

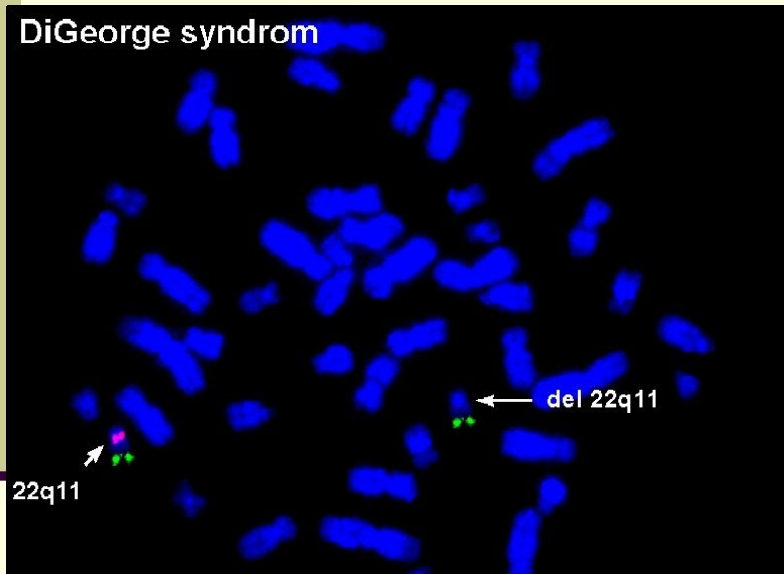
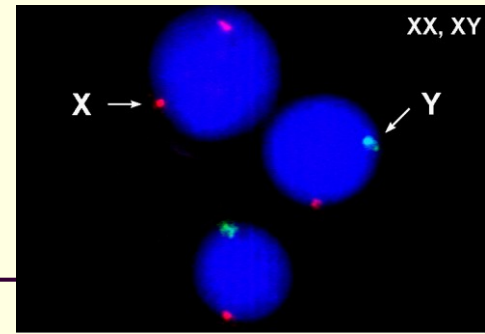
- **Peripheral lymphocytes, buccal swab**
- **FISH, CGH, HR-CGH, array-CGH, MLPA, SKY**



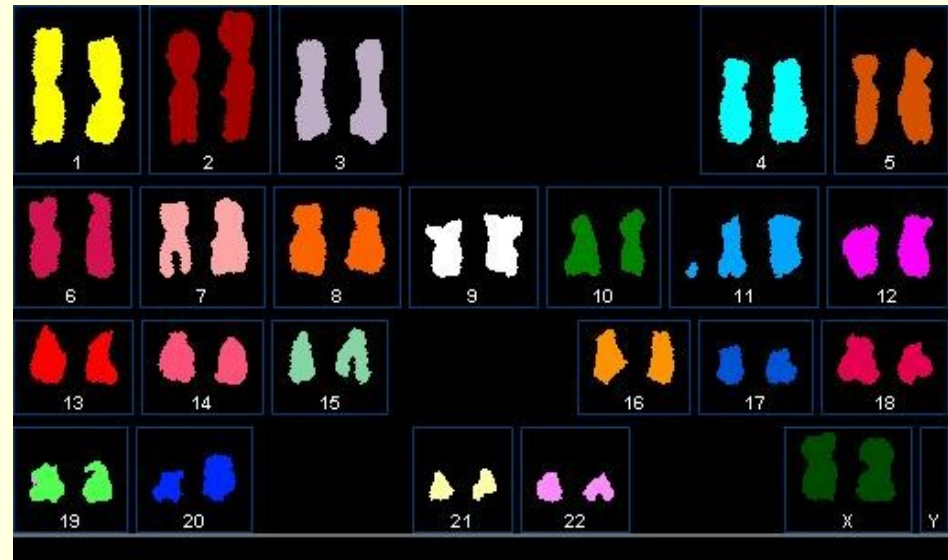
ToTel Vysion Kit, Abbott-Vysis

- **Microdeletion syndromes** – FISH probes, MLPA kits P245, P297
 - DiGeorge syndrome
 - Prader-Willi/Angelman syndrome
 - Williams-Beuren syndrome
 - 1p36 microdeletion syndrome
- **Subtelomeric screening** – MLPA kits P036, P070 (MRC-Holland), ToTel Vysion kit (Vysis)
- **Origin of marker chromosomes** – CGH, SKY, WCP FISH probes
- **Identification and specification of numerical and structural aberrations** – CGH, SKY
- **Detection of gonosomal mosaics** – FISH (X/Y probes) in infertile couples or gonosomal syndromes

Postnatal cytogenetic analyses



FISH: deletion of (22)(q11.2)
(DiGeorge syndrome)

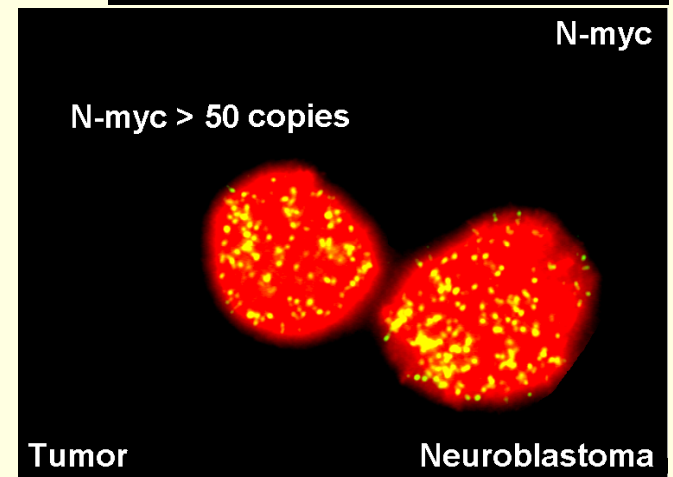
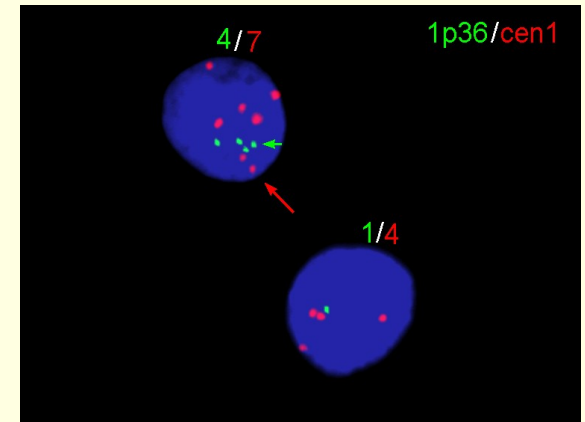


SKY: marker chromosome identification
(chr. 11)

Cancer cytogenetic analyses – solid tumours

- Cultivated and uncultivated solid tumors (tumour prints)
- FISH, CGH, SKY
- Children solid tumours - FISH
 - Neuroblastoma -MYCN amplification, 1p36 deletion, gain 17q, 11q deletion;
 - Medulloblastoma - MYCN, MYCC amplification

CGH, array-CGH: whole genome screening



Cancer cytogenetic analyses – Hematological malignancies

- **Cultivated and uncultivated bone marrow**

- **FISH, CGH, SKY**

CLL – CLL panel (Abbott-Vysis)
+12, RB1, ATM, p53

CML – BCR/ABL, +8

ALL – BCR/ABL, TEL/AML1,
MLL

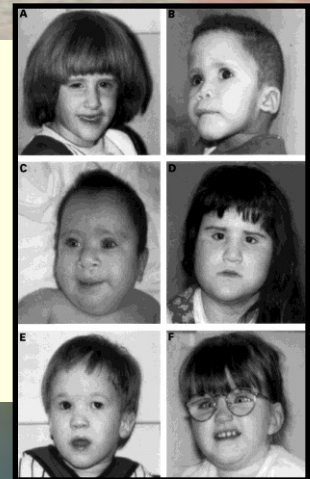
AML – AML1/ETO, PML/RARA,
inv(16), MLL

MDS – del(5q31), del(7q21)

Acute myelogenous leukemia	t(8;21) t(15;17) inv(16),t(16;16)	AML1/ETO PML/RARA CBFB
Acute lymphocytic leukemia	t(9;22) t(12;21) 11q23 del(9)(p21)	BCR/ABL TEL/AML1 MLL p16
Chronic myelogenous leukemia	t(9;22) +8	BCR/ABL
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	+12 del(13)(q14) del(17)(p13.1) 11q23	RB1 p53 MLL
Myelodysplastic syndrome	del(5)(q31) del(5)(q33) del(7)(q31)	EGR1 CSF1R
Non-Hodgkin s lymphoma	t(11;14) t(8;14) t(2;5) 14q32 3q27	IGH/CCND1 IGH/MYC ALK IGH BCL6

Research in the Integrated laboratory of molecular cytogenetics Dept. of medical genetics University Hospital Brno

- **Detection of chromosomal aberrations in patients with mental retardation, stigmata and developmental delay**
- **Analysis of specific chromosomal changes in children embryonal solid tumours (neuroblastoma, brain tumours)**
- **Predictive and prognostic significance of genetic changes in cervical carcinoma (in co-operation with Masaryk Onkological Institute in Brno)**



Research in the Integrated laboratory of molecular cytogenetics

University Research Centre – Czech Myeloma Group

- **Characterization of CHA in multiple myeloma with the accent on finding new CHA with prognostic significance**
- **Prognostic significance of clonal CHA in new treatment methods of MM patients**
- **Molecular diagnostics of multiple myeloma using oligo array-based comparative genomic hybridization (array-CGH)**





Thank you for your attention

