

Embryo Genome Editing

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IVF and Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT)

1. In vitro
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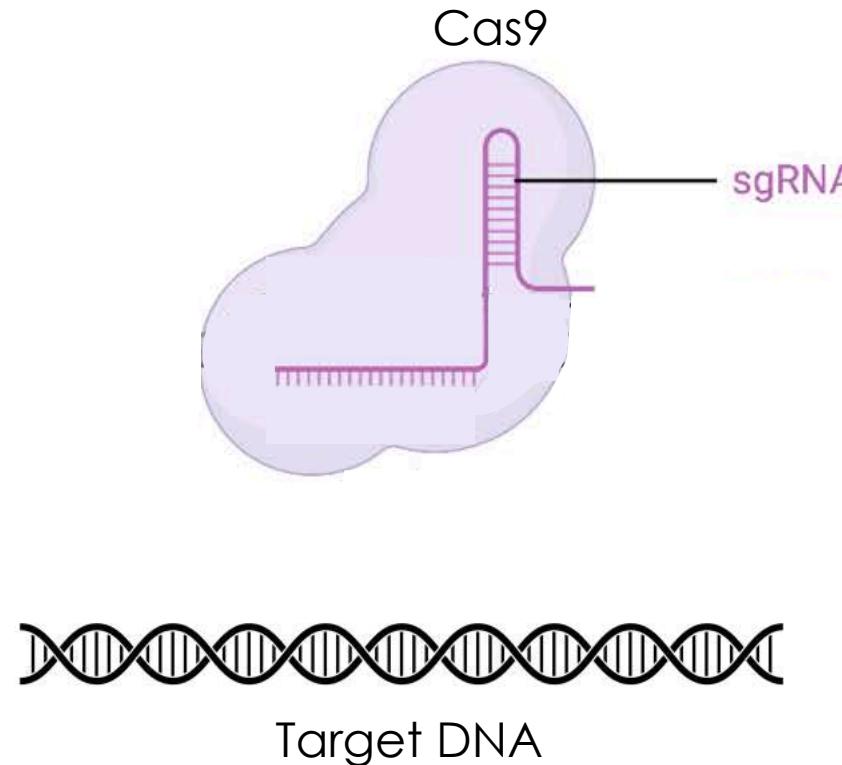
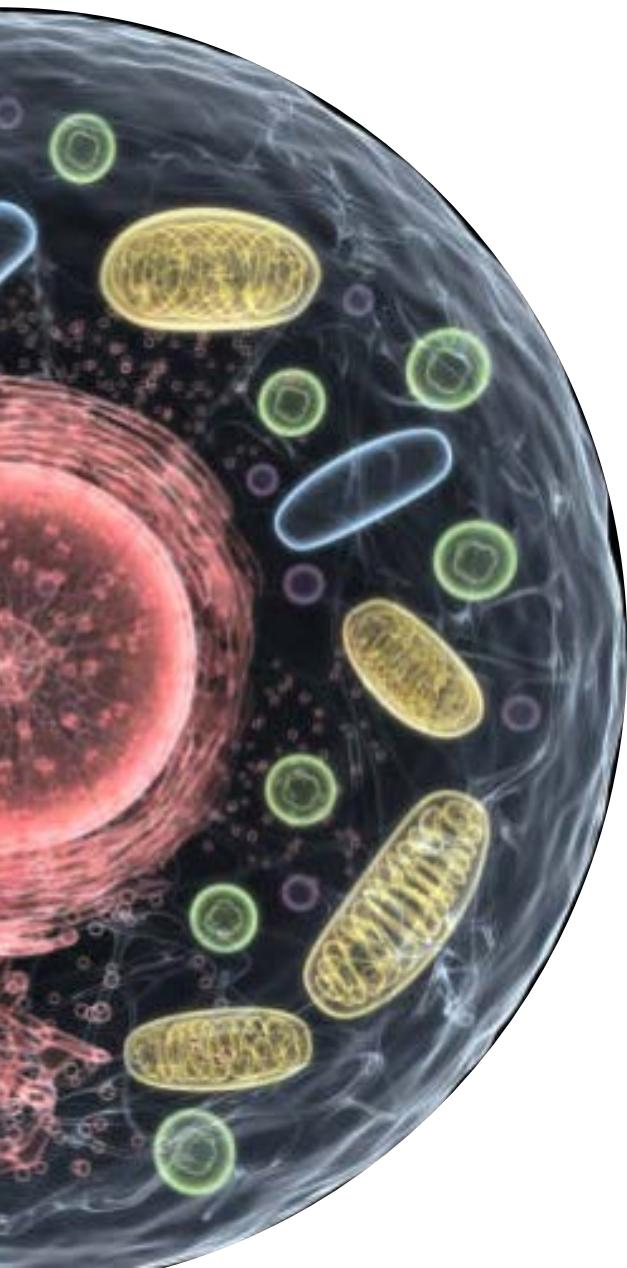


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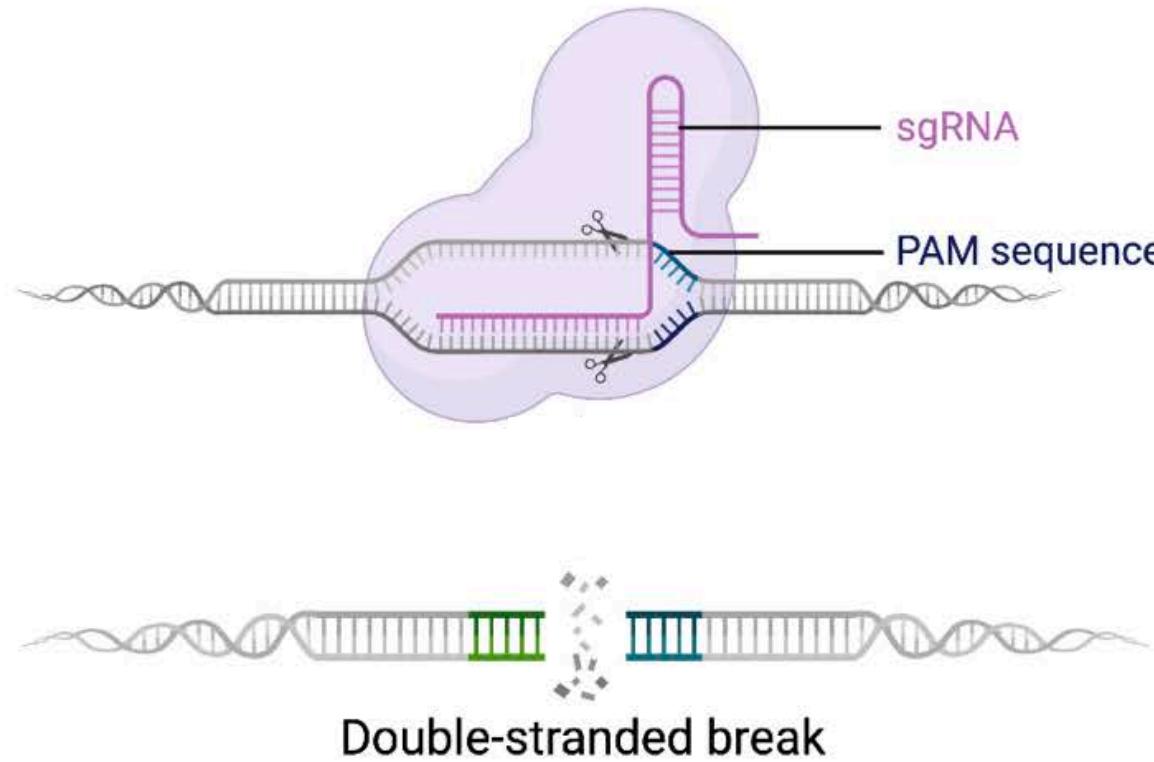
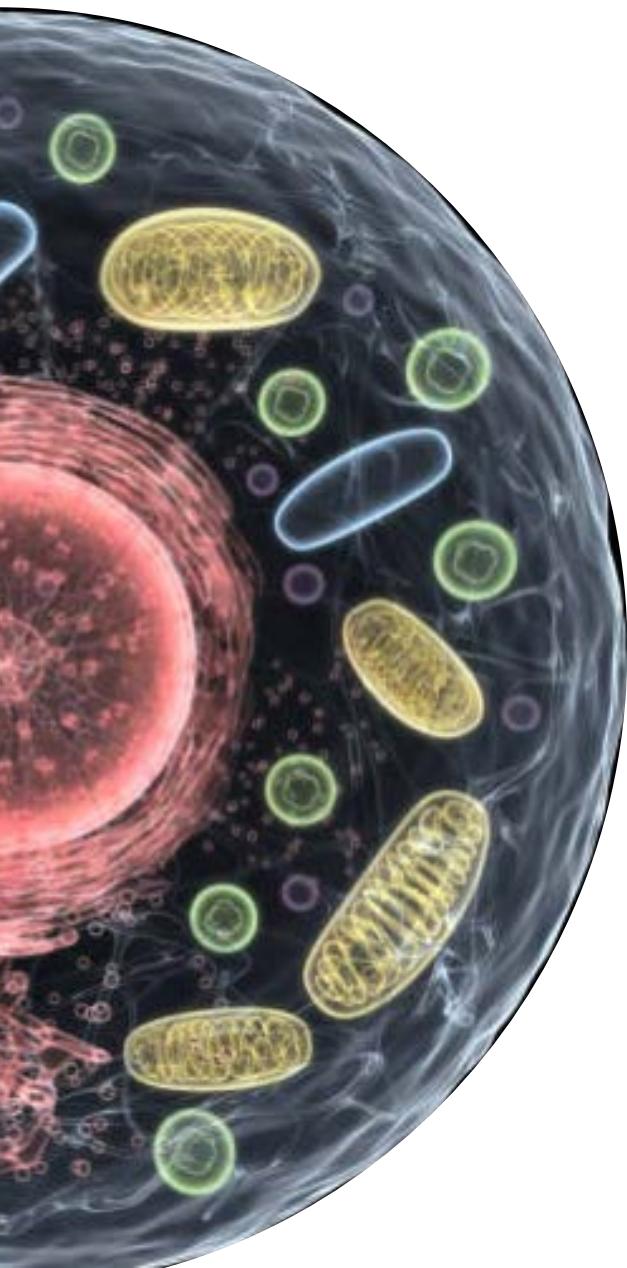
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CRISPR/Cas9 as a Gene Editing Tool



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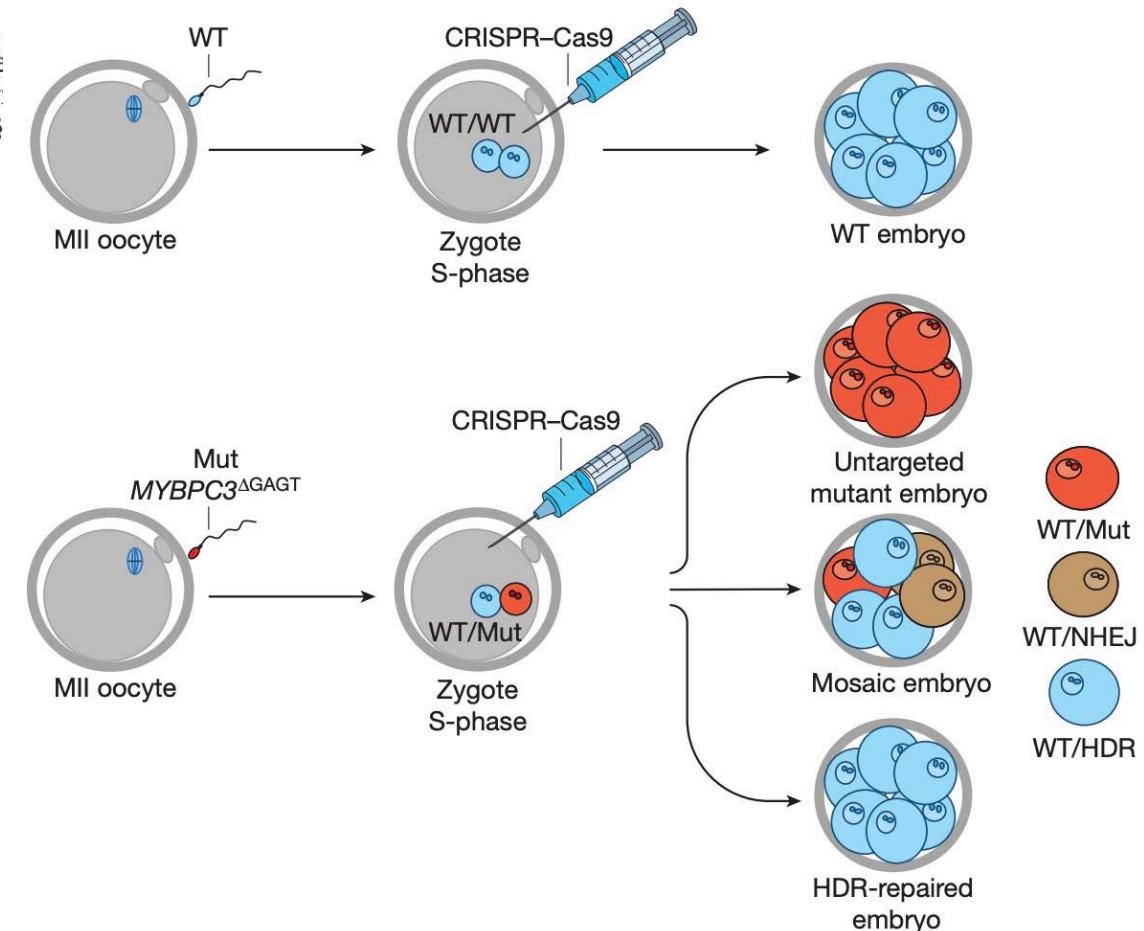
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ARTICLE

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Correction of a pathogenic gene mutation in human embryos

Hong Ma^{1*}, Nuria Martí-Gutierrez^{1*}, Sang-Wook Park^{2*}, Jun Wu^{3*}, Yeonmi Lee¹, Keiichiro Suzuki³, Tomonari Hayama¹, Riffat Ahmed¹, Hayley Darby¹, Crystal Van Dyken¹, Ying Li¹, Eunju Kang¹, A.-Re Sang-Tae Kim², Jianhui Gong^{5,6,7,8}, Ying Gu^{5,6,7}, Xun Xu^{5,6,7}, David Battaglia^{1,9}, Sacha A. Krieg⁹, Dav Don P. Wolf¹, Stephen B. Heitner¹⁰, Juan Carlos Izpisua Belmonte^{3§}, Paula Amato^{1,9§}, Jin-Soo Kim^{2,4§} Shoukhrat Mitalipov^{1,10§}



BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS ARISING

Inter-homologue repair in fertilized human eggs?

Dieter Egli^{1*}, Michael V. Zuccaro², Michael Kosicki³,
George M. Church⁴, Allan Bradley³ & Maria Jasin^{5*}

ARISING FROM H. Ma et al. *Nature* **548**, 413–419 (2017); <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature23305>

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Doubts raised about CRISPR gene-editing study in human embryos

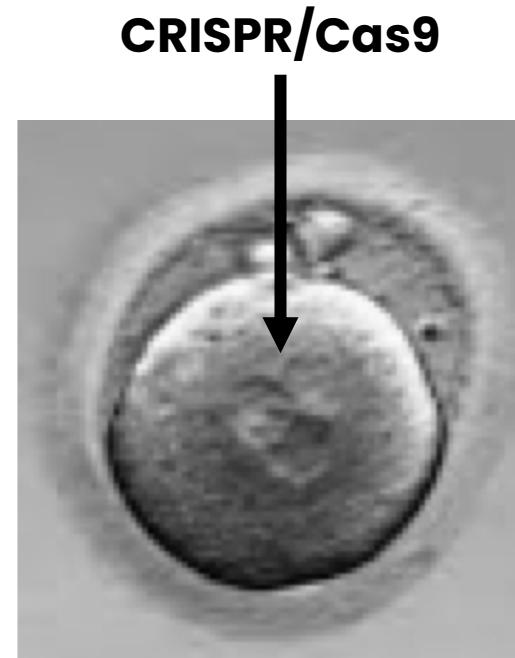
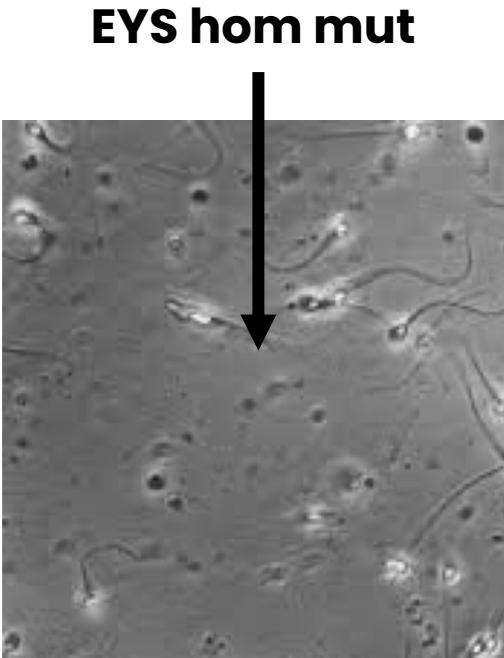
Alternative explanations challenge whether technique actually fixed a genetic mutation as claimed.

Ewen Callaway

31 August 2017

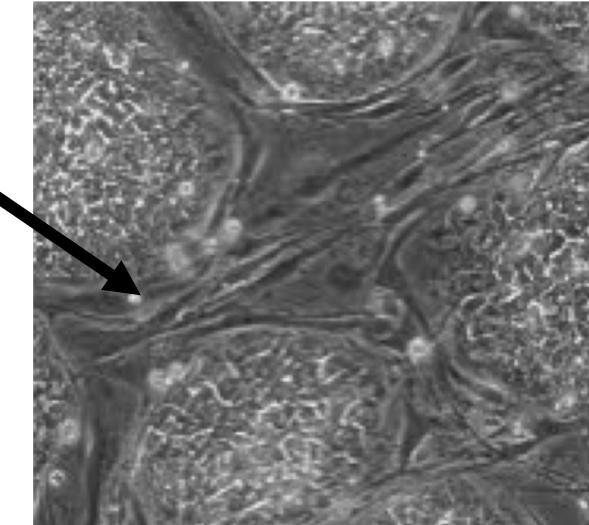
*"The critique levelled by Egli et al. offers no new results but instead relies on alternative explanations of our results based on **pure speculation**," Mitalipov said in a statement.*

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**Embryo Biopsy
and PGT**

**Embryonic
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Derivation
and PGT**



SNP Array PGT for Aneuploidy

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Validation of concurrent preimplantation genetic testing for polygenic and monogenic disorders, structural rearrangements, and whole and segmental chromosome aneuploidy with a single universal platform

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ABSTRACT

Preimplantation genetic testing (PGT) has been successfully applied to reduce the risk of miscarriage, improve IVF success rates, and prevent inheritance of monogenic disease and unbalanced translocations. The present study presents a new method capable of simultaneous testing of aneuploidy (PGT-A), structural rearrangements (PGT-SR), and monogenic (PGT-M) disorders using a single platform. Using positive controls to establish performance characteristics, this study expands PGT to include monogenic disorders. A reference database was established for two common monogenic disorders, T1D and PKU. Positive control samples from the Human Phenotype Database (HPDB) and T1DBASE were used to estimate the detection rate for type 1 diabetes (0.71 for T1D) and PKU (0.71 for PKU). The detection rate for type 1 diabetes and PKU was 0.71 for hypothyroidism and 0.71 for polygenic disorders in the present study. This study demonstrates the feasibility of using a single PGT platform to detect disease in humans.

1. Introduction

Preimplantation genetic testing (PGT) has been successfully used to reduce miscarriage and increase success rates following in vitro fertilization (IVF). These improvements in the treatment of infertility have been made possible through a process that involves characterization of chromosomal aneuploidy (PGT-A), which has been validated by several randomized controlled trials (Forman et al., 2013; Scott et al., 2013; Yang et al., 2012). PGT has also been used to successfully prevent inheritance of monogenic disorders (PGT-M) for more than 3 decades (Handyside et al., 1992), and in patients which carry a balanced translocation (PGT-SR) (Jewes et al., 2018). Methods for expanding PGT beyond aneuploidy and single locus screening have yet to be established. While the World Health Organization estimates that approximately 1% of newborns possess a monogenic

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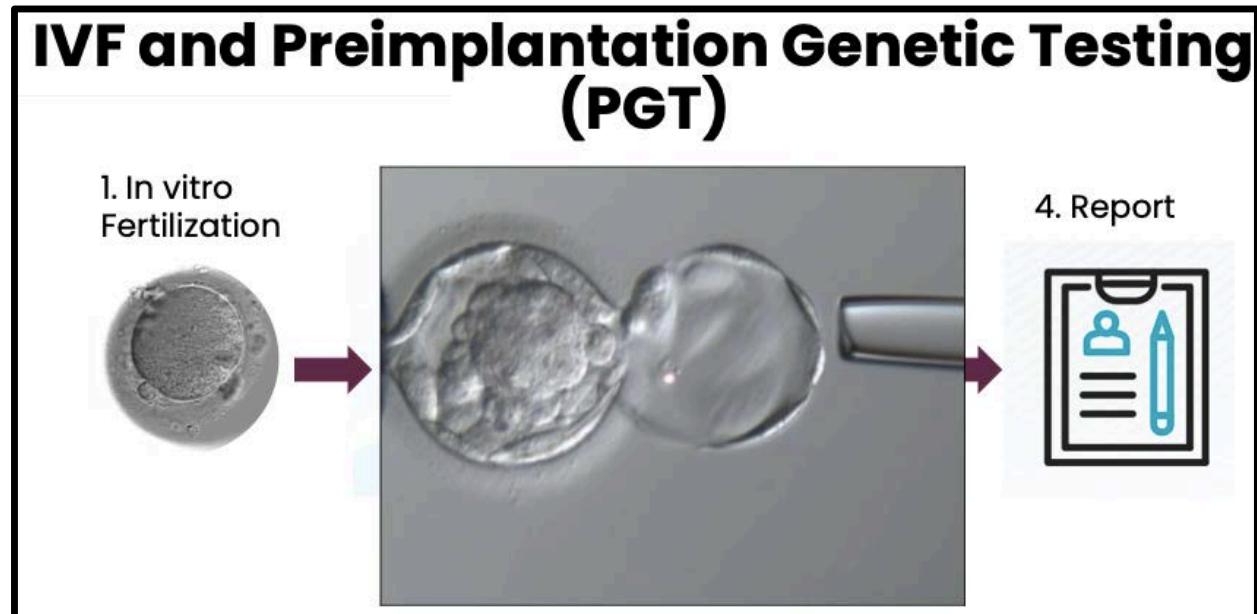
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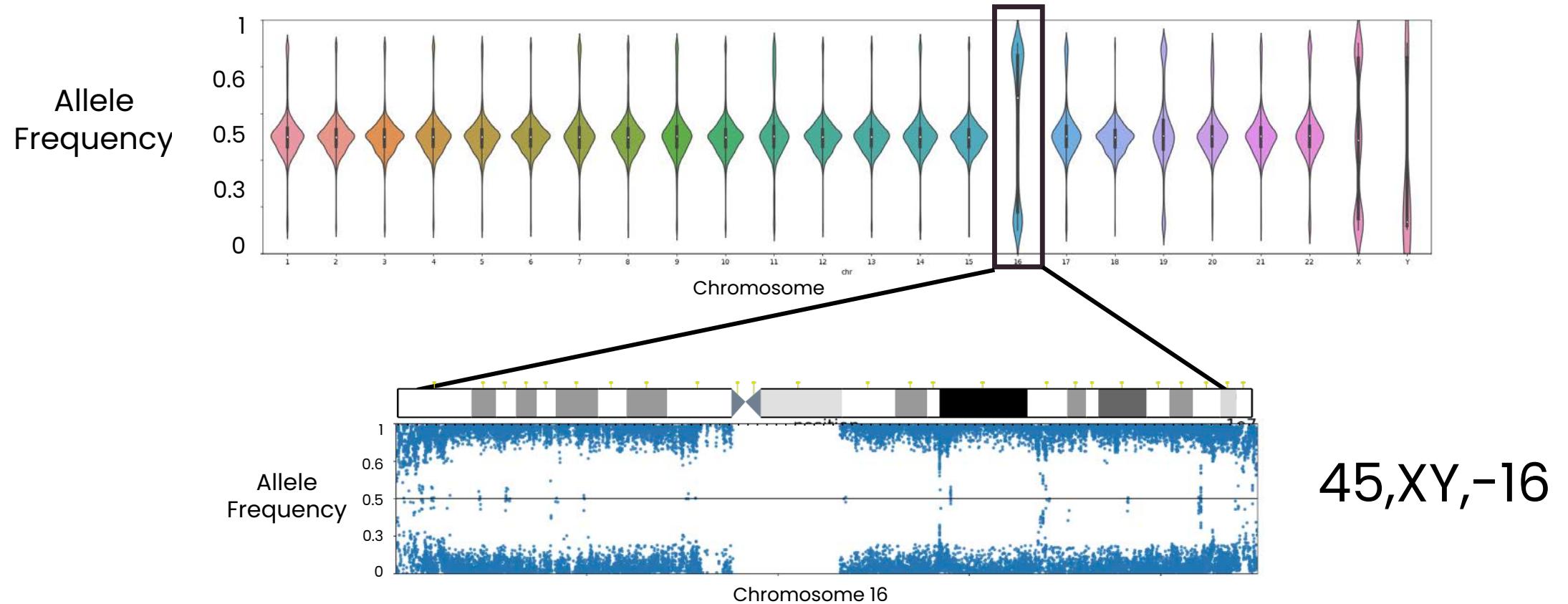
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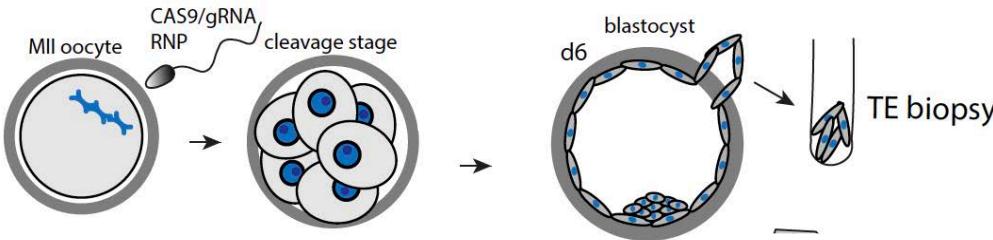
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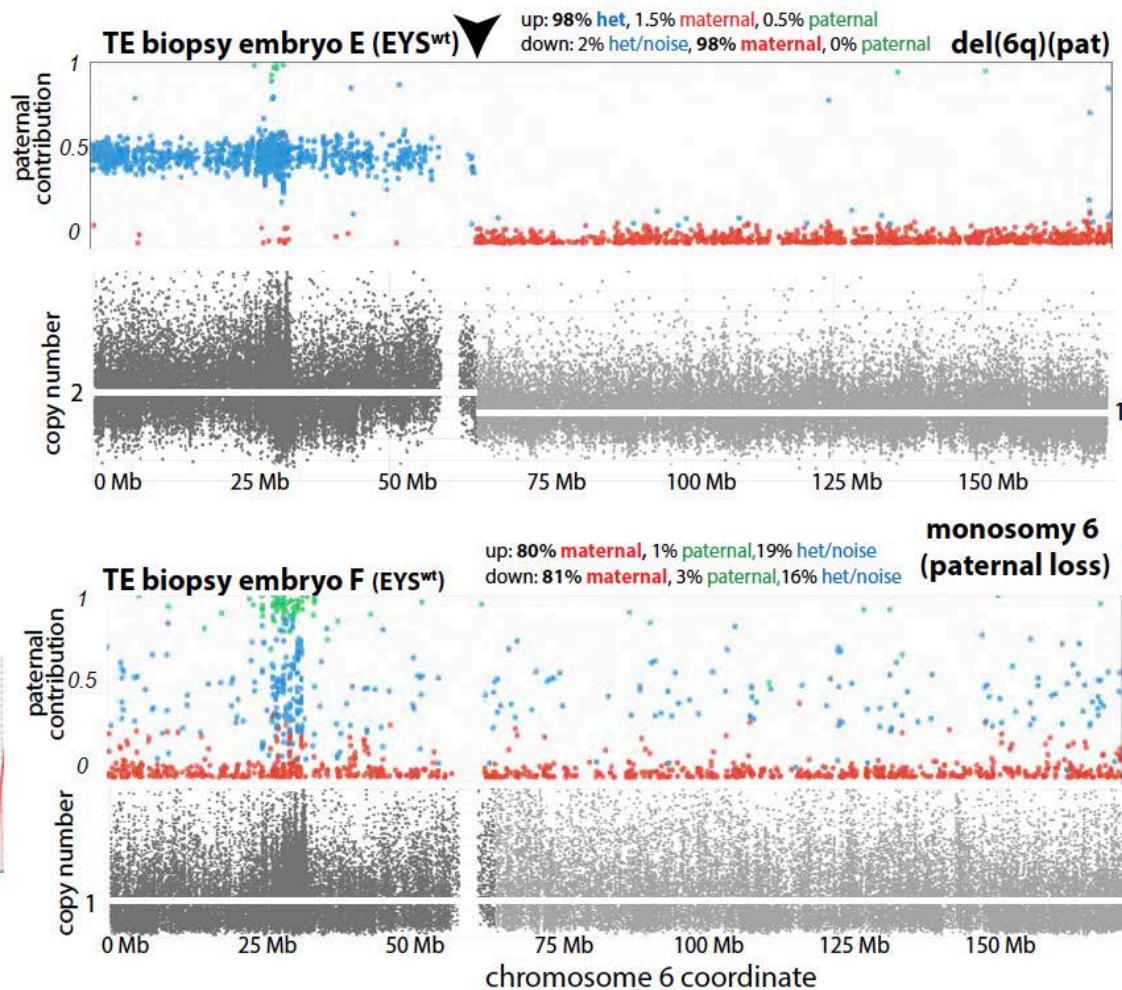
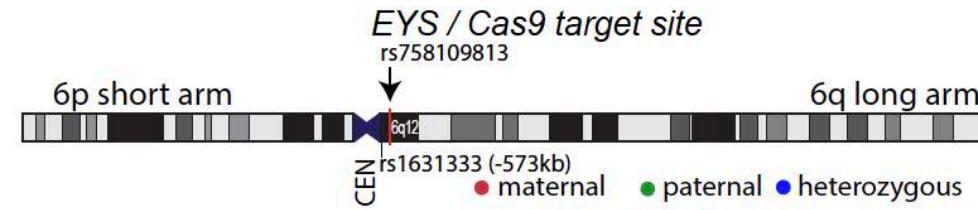
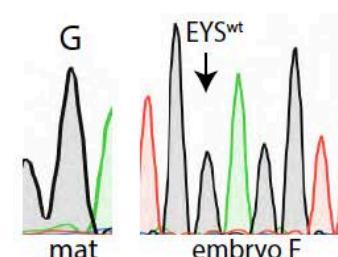
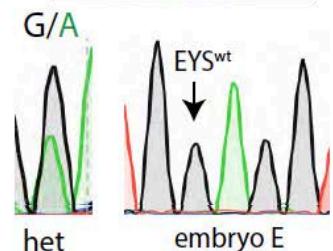


High-Throughput SNP Array PGT



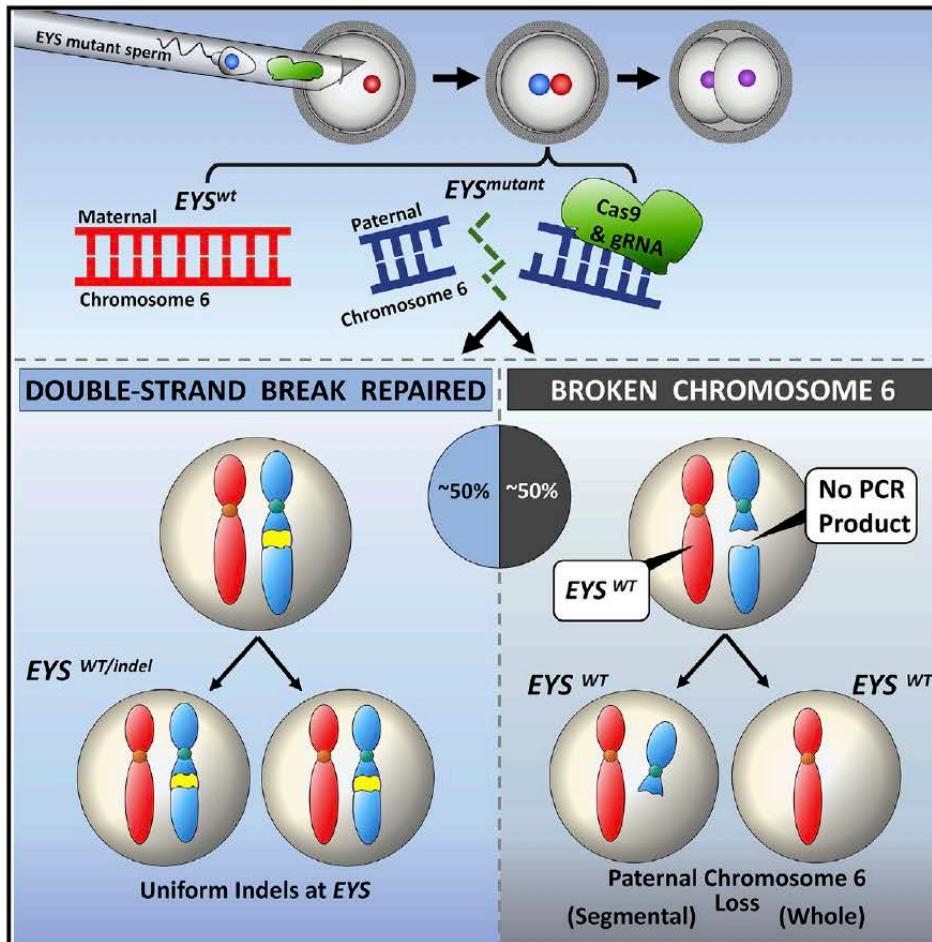


CRISPR/Cas9 system was eliminating part of or entire chromosomes!!



Allele-Specific Chromosome Removal after Cas9 Cleavage in Human Embryos

Graphical Abstract



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In Brief

CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing in early human embryos leads to frequent loss of the targeted chromosome, indicating that human germline gene editing would pose a substantial risk for aneuploidy and other adverse genetic consequences

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Frequent loss of heterozygosity in CRISPR-Cas9–edited early human embryos

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Assessment of genome editing outcomes in human preimplantation embryos subjected to CRISPR-Cas9 – most loss of heterozygosity (LOH) events are caused by DNA repair deficiency

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Genomic Prediction Technology Uncovers New CRISPR Safety Concerns in Human Embryos

Company's high-resolution preimplantation genetic testing platform enables discovery of unexpected - and unintended - CRISPR changes to human embryonic DNA.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Crispr Gene Editing Can Lead to Big Mistakes in Human Embryos

Columbia University study of Crispr technology found it made unwanted chromosomal changes in human embryos

The New York Times

Crispr Gene Editing Can Cause Unwanted Changes in Human Embryos, Study Finds

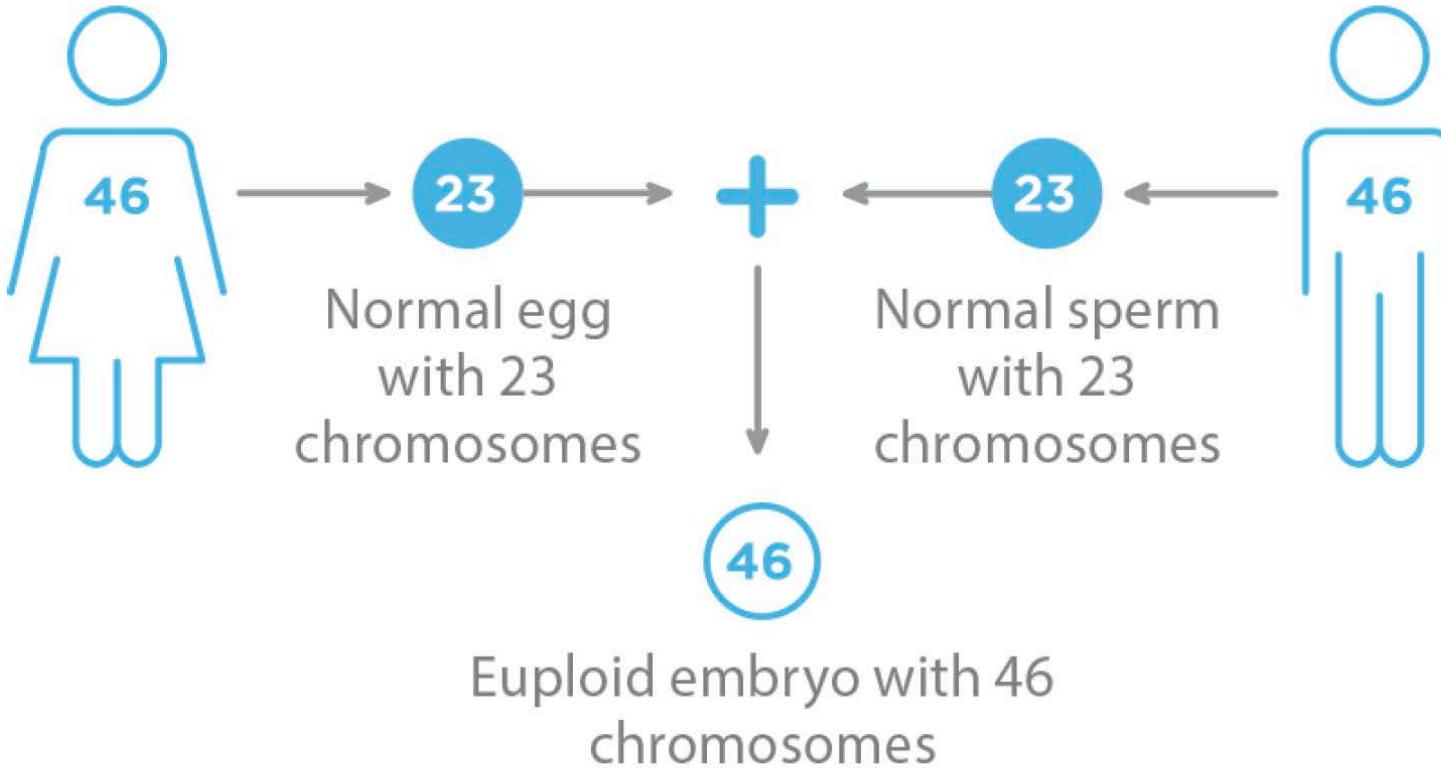
Instead of addressing genetic mutations, the Crispr machinery prompted cells to lose entire chromosomes.

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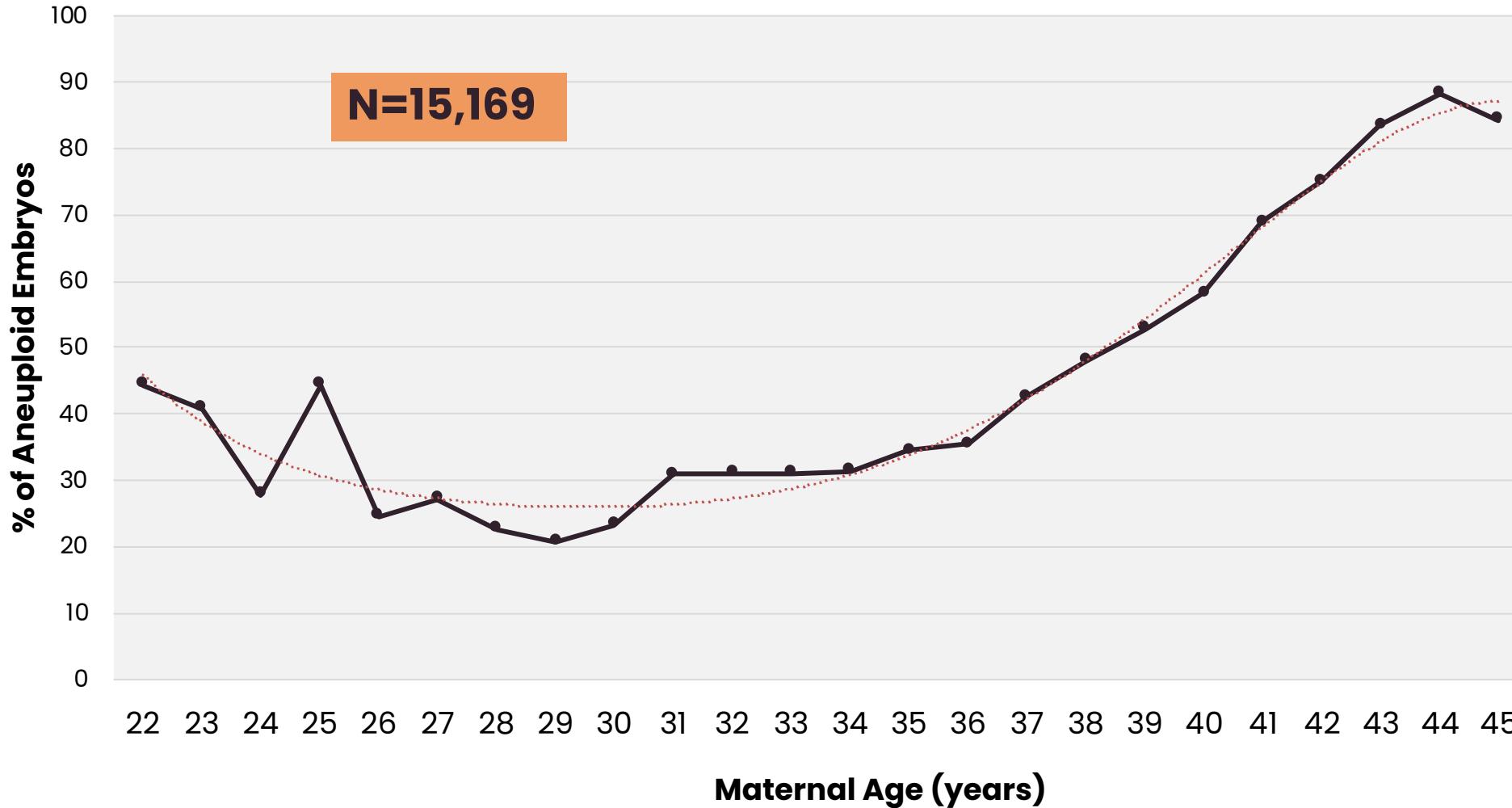
In Embryos, Crispr Can Cut Out Whole Chromosomes—That's Bad

The DNA-cutting tool has been hailed as a way to fix genetic glitches. But a new study suggests it can remove more than scientists bargained for.

Aneuploidy is the Most Common Genetic Abnormality in Humans

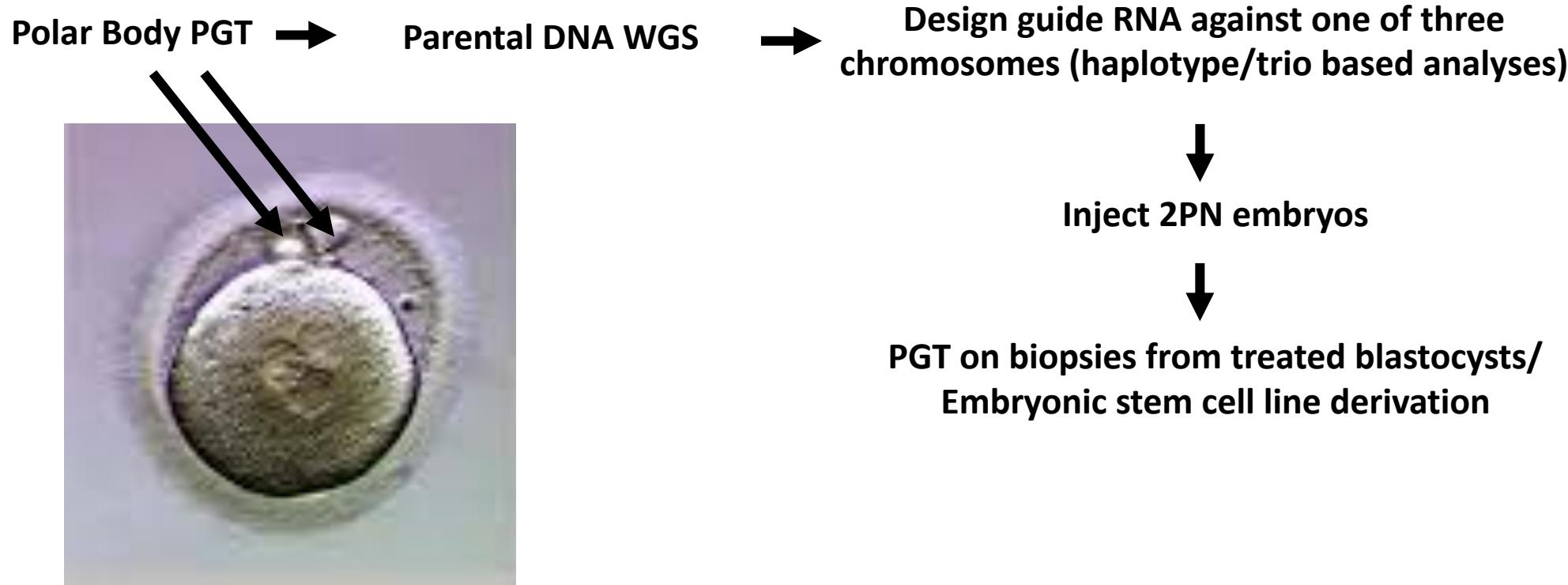


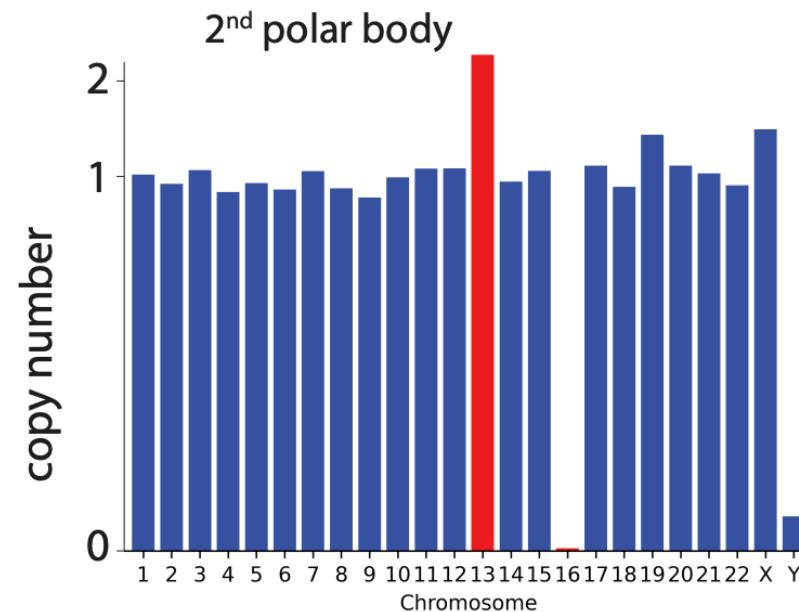
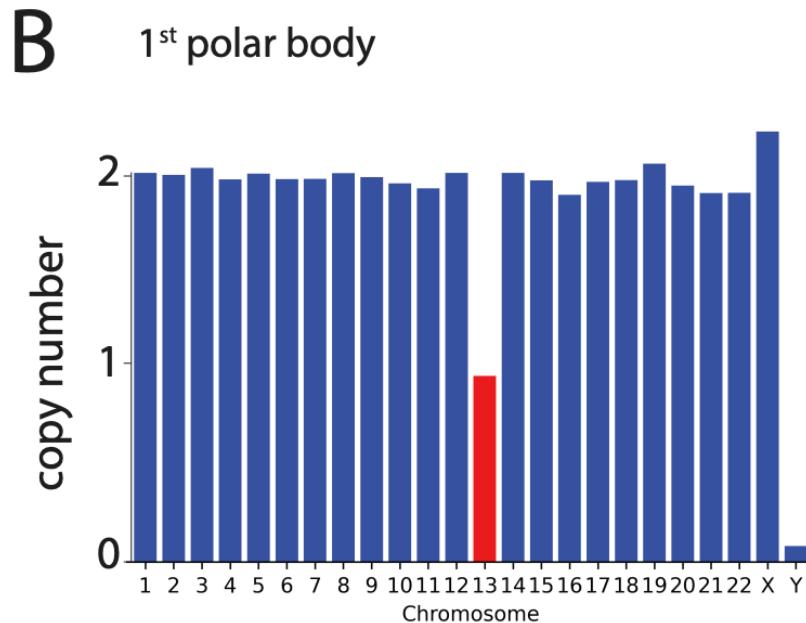
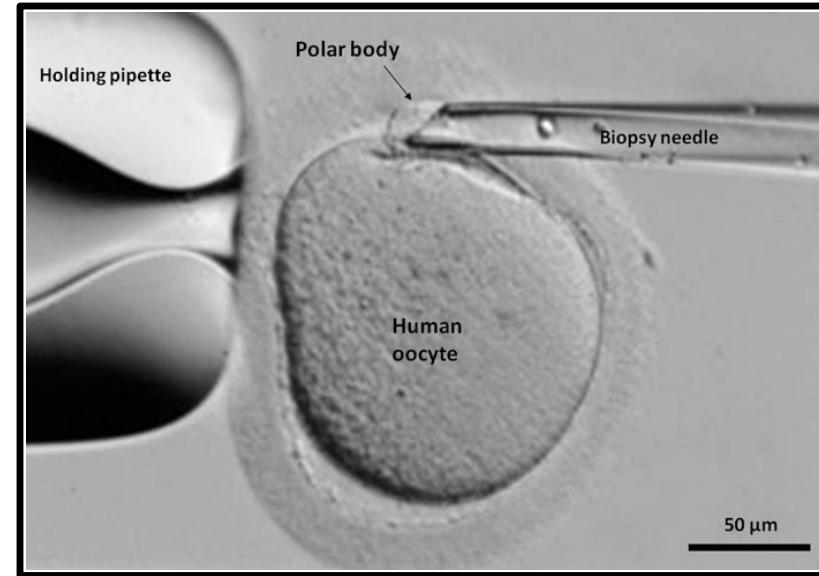
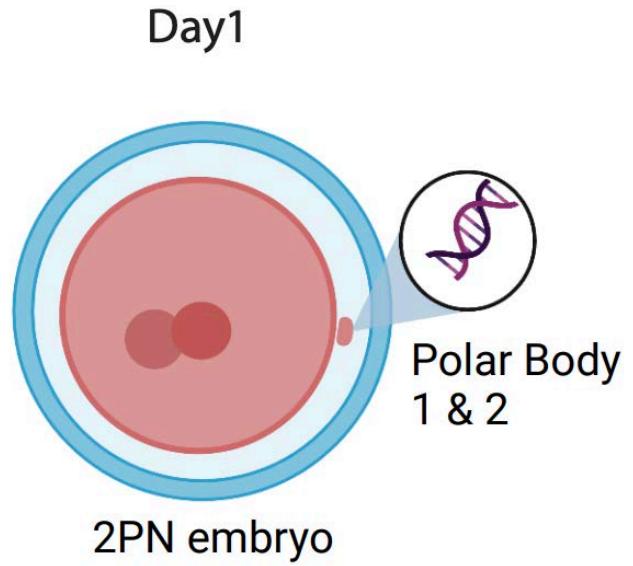
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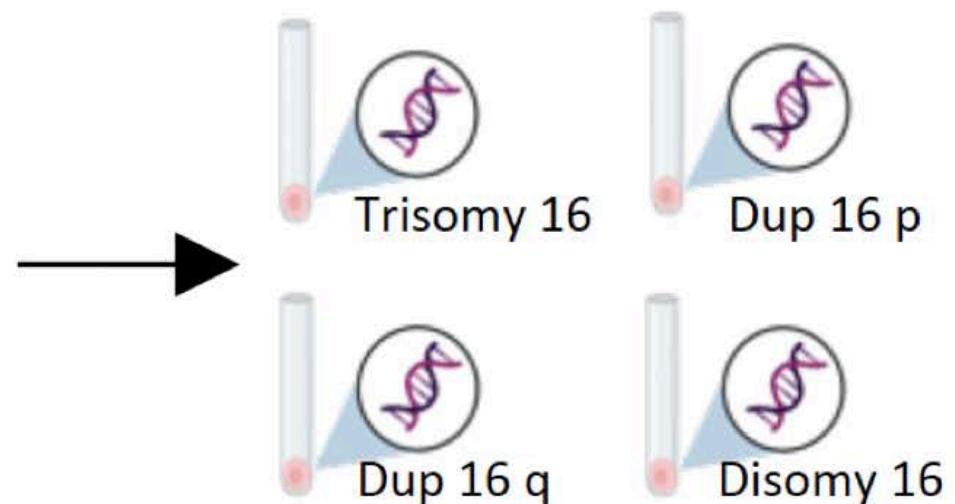
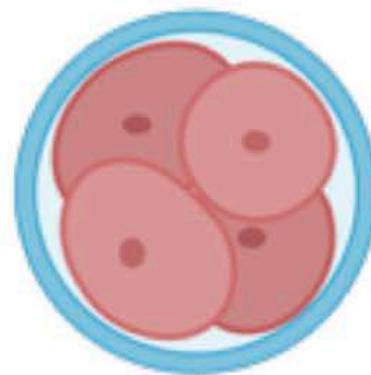
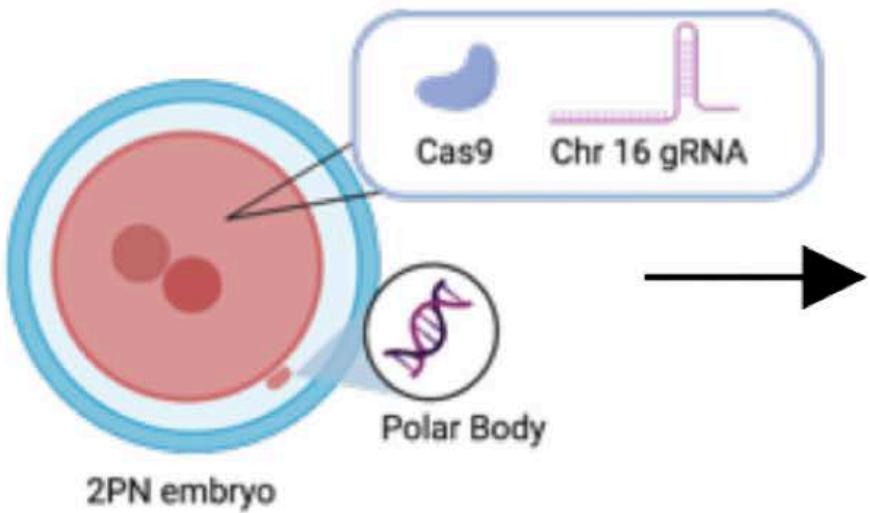


“New Technologies for Diagnosis and Treatment of Gynecologic Diseases”

Correction of aneuploidy







First Report of Aneuploidy Correction in a Human Embryo

Turocy et al. 2022. BioRxiv

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DNA Double Strand Breaks cause chromosome loss through sister chromatid tethering in human embryos

 Jenna Turocy,  Diego Marin, Shuangyi Xu, Jia Xu, Alex Robles, Nathan Treff,  Dieter Egli

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AP

Lab tests show risks of using CRISPR gene editing on embryos

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE October 29, 2020

The new work suggests that gene editing might hold promise for correcting disorders caused by an extra copy of a chromosome, such as Down syndrome.



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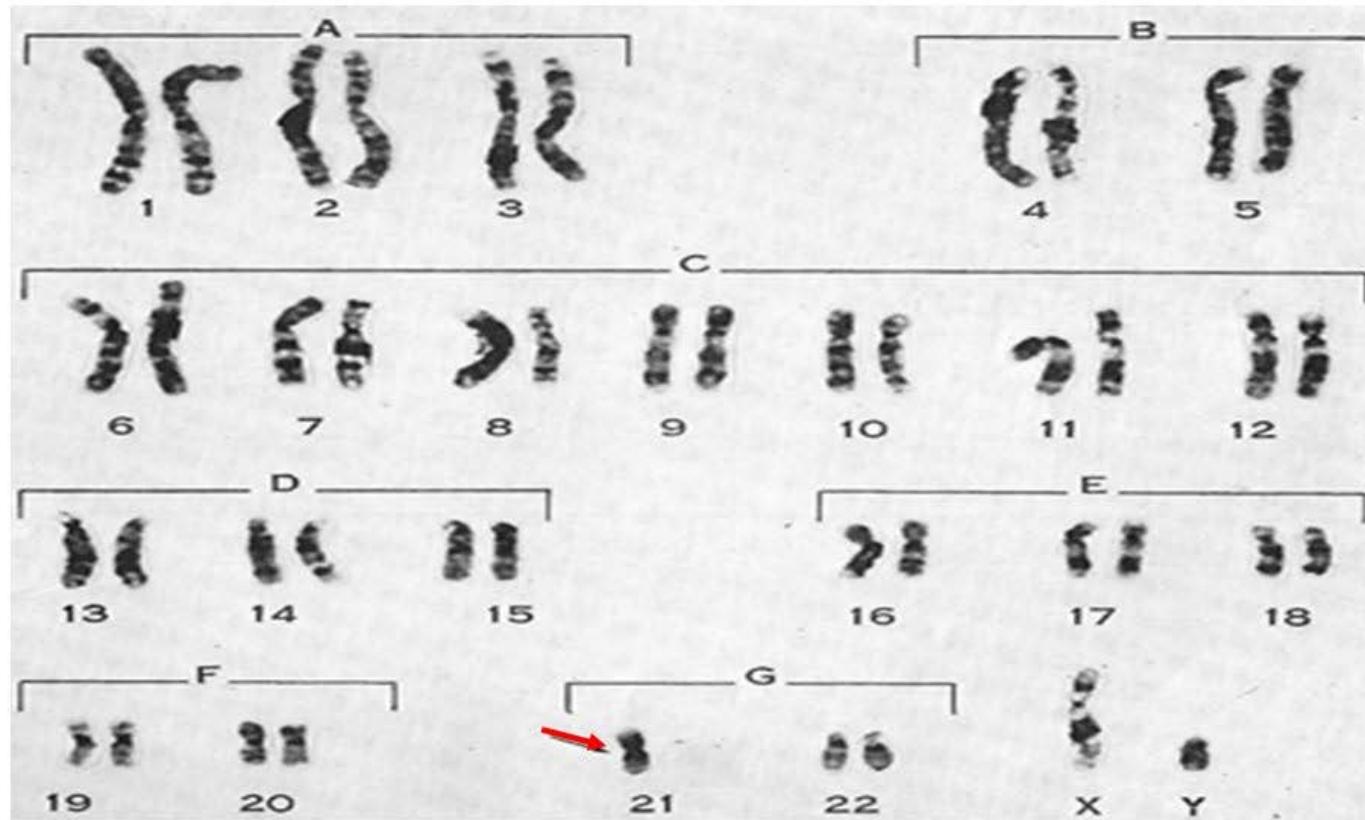
Trisomic rescue via allele-specific multiple chromosome cleavage using CRISPR-Gas9 in trisomy 21 cells

Ryotaro Hashizume  ^{a,b,*}, Sachiko Wakita ^a, Hirofumi Sawada  ^c, Shin-ichiro Takebayashi  ^d, Yasuji Kitabatake  ^e, Yoshitaka Miyagawa  ^f, Yoshifumi S Hirokawa ^g, Hiroshi Imai  ^{b,h} and Hiroki Kurahashi  ⁱ

Possible germline genome editing case

Structural abnormalities-cont'd

❖ Robertsonian translocation (centric fusion): Normal carrier



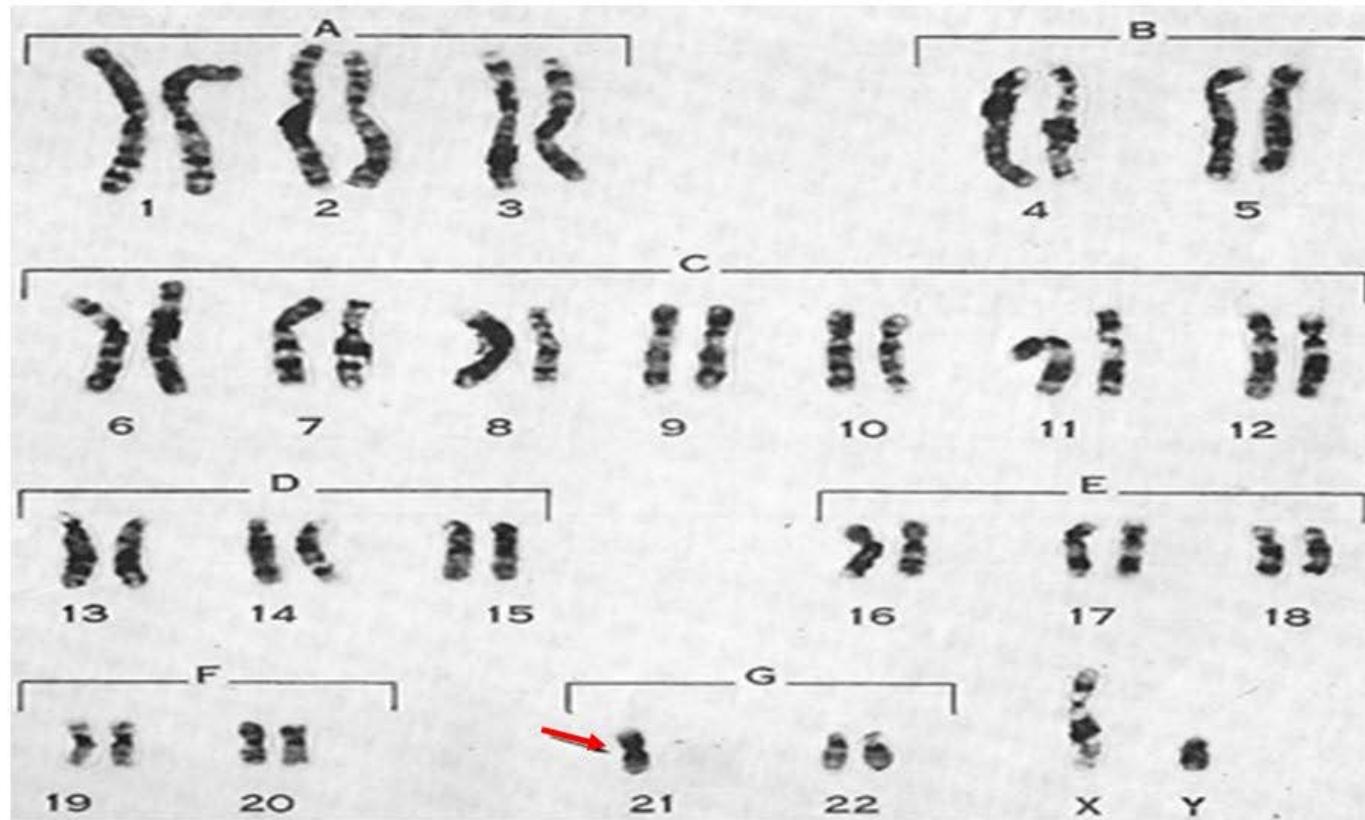
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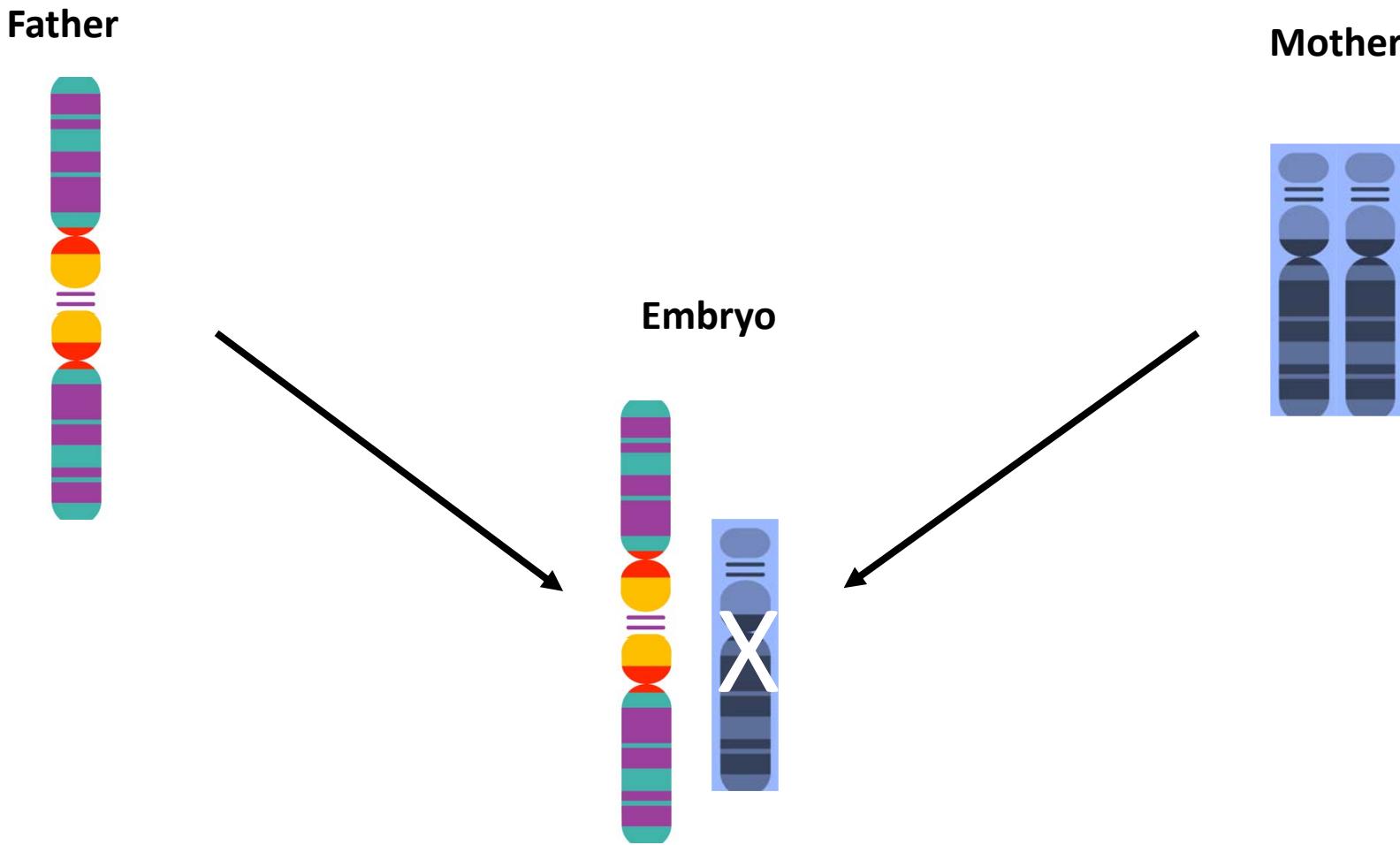
t(21;21) carrier sperm analyses

 REPROGENETICS	REPROGENETICS CLIA ID # 31D1054821 3 Regent Street, suite 301, Livingston NJ 07039 Tel. 973-4365001, Fax 973-9921324, PGDteam@embryos.net Numerical Chromosome anomalies in sperm Report		
Patient name:	Procedure ID:		
Reason for referral: 45,XY,der(21;21)(q10;q10)	Age:	Date specimen produced: 12/11/2008	
Physician referring:	Center Name:	Center code:	
Date specimen received: 12/12/2008	Date reported: 12/23/2008	Billing code:	
TEST: Standard test: Single cell fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) analysis. The FISH analysis included probes specific for chromosomes #13 (13q14, RB1), #18 (alpha satellite, D18Z1), #21 (21q22.13-21q22.2, loci D21S341, D21S342, D21S339, EGR, D21S338), X (p11.1-q11.1, DXZ1) and Y (p11.1-q11.1, DYZ3).			

RESULTS:

Sperm type	No of Sperm.	% of Sperm
Total Counted with results:	500	
Sperm cells with no results:	0	
X/Y Ratio *		
X-bearing sperm	250	50.2 %
Y-bearing sperm	248	49.8 %
Normal sperm		
Normal sperm	0	0 %
Abnormal sperm		
Abnormal sperm	500	100 %
Nullisomy X/Y	1	0.2 %
Nullisomy 13	2	0.4 %
Nullisomy 18	2	0.4 %
Nullisomy 21	252	50.4 %
Disomy 13	2	0.4 %
Disomy 18	2	0.4 %
Disomy 21	248	49.6 %
Disomy X	1	0.2 %

Chromosome 21 removal in the preimplantation embryo





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Timing of CRISPR/Cas9 activity

New Results

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Delayed indel formation after Cas9 cleavage promotes mosaicism and aneuploidy in human embryos

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Allele Specific Chromosome Removal by CRISPR/Cas9 to Correct Trisomy 18

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The Future of IVF, Genome Editing, and Preimplantation Genetics: *Curing Disease before Pregnancy*

Whole genome sequencing and germline editing to prevent Monogenic, Polygenic, and Aneuploidy Disorders

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