



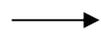
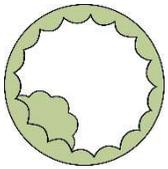
PREIMPLANTATION GENETIC TESTING FOR ANEUPLOIDIES: WHAT TO DO WITH MOSAIC EMBRYOS

Mònica Parriego, Lluc Coll and Silvia García

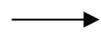
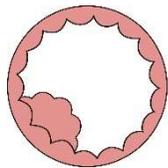


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Embryo categories according chromosomal status



euploid



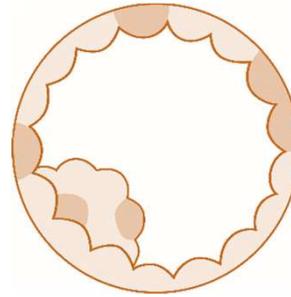
aneuploid

PGT-A 2.0: analysis of multiple cells + high sensitive techniques

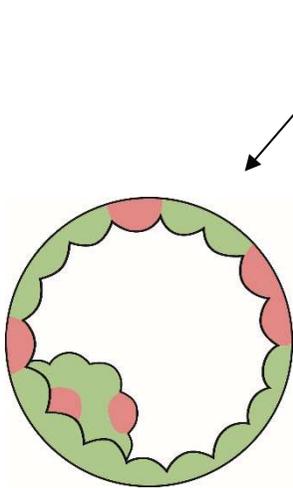


mosaic

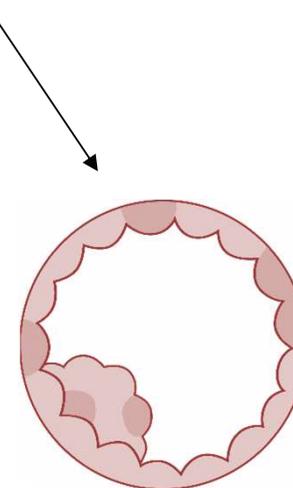
Mosaicism: definition. Types.



Mosaic embryo: 2 or more distinct cell lines

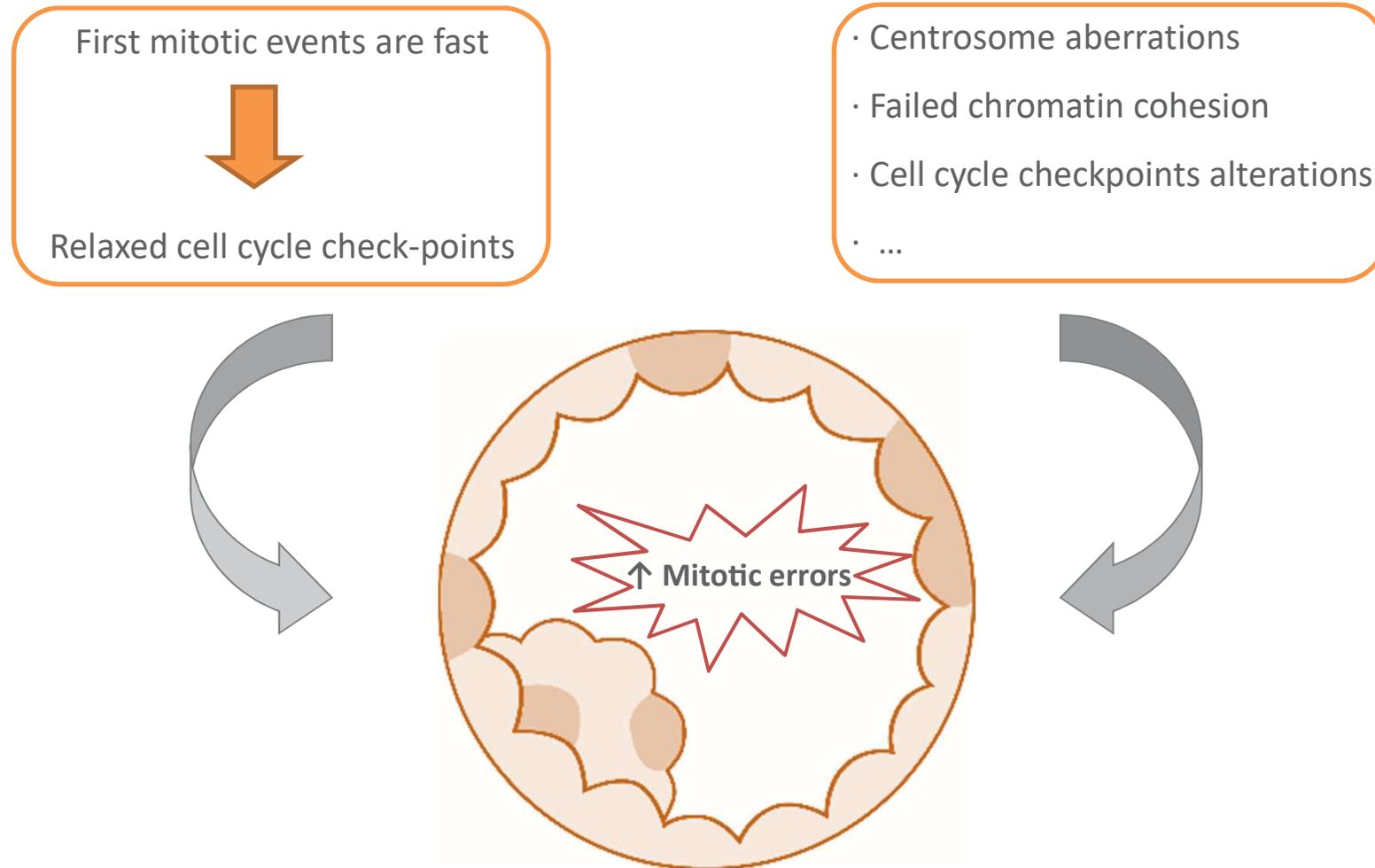


Aneuploid-euploid mosaic



Aneuploid-aneuploid mosaic

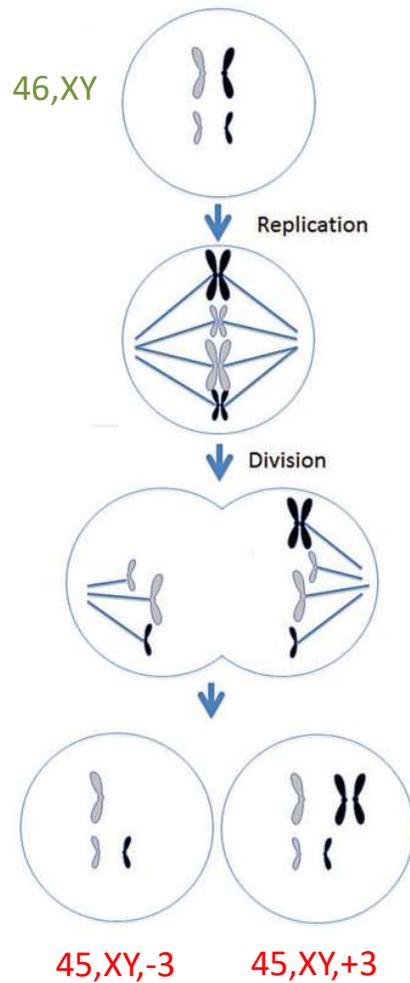
Mosaicism: molecular causes



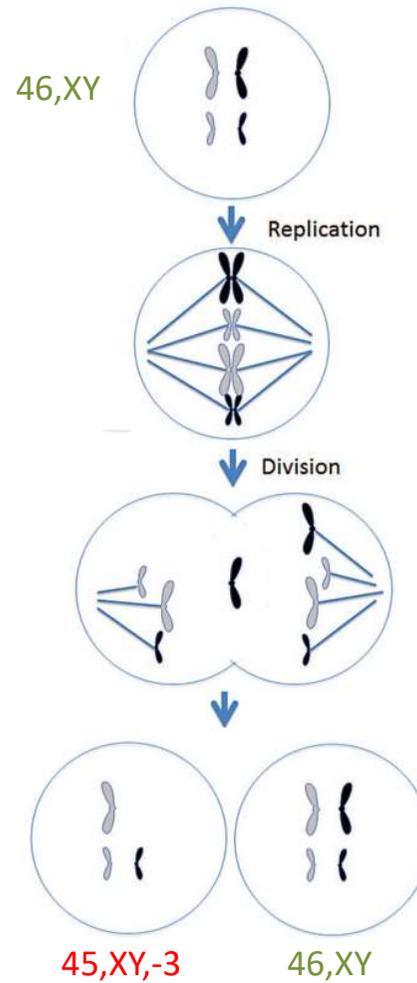
Mosaicism: origin

(Taylor et al., 2014)

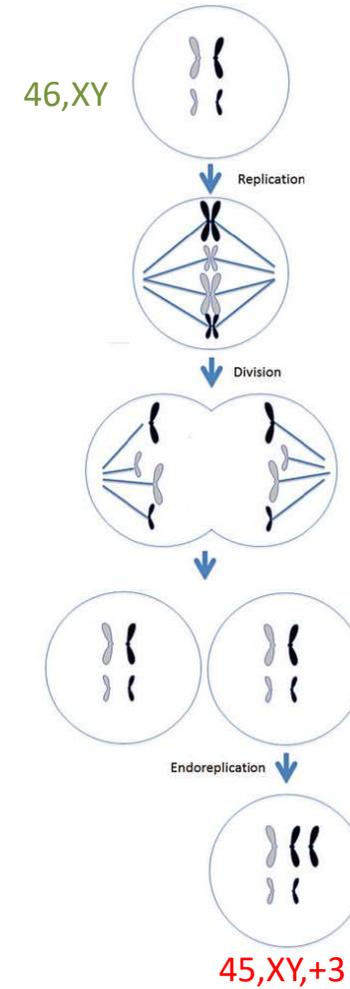
Mitotic non-disjunction



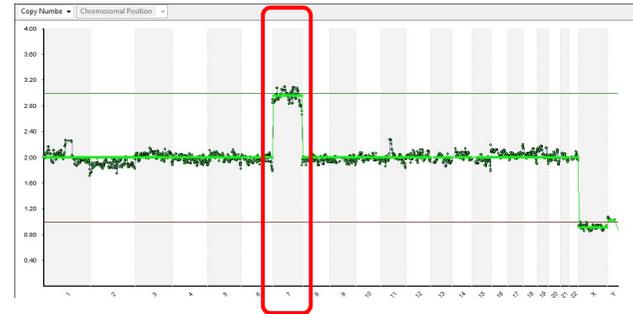
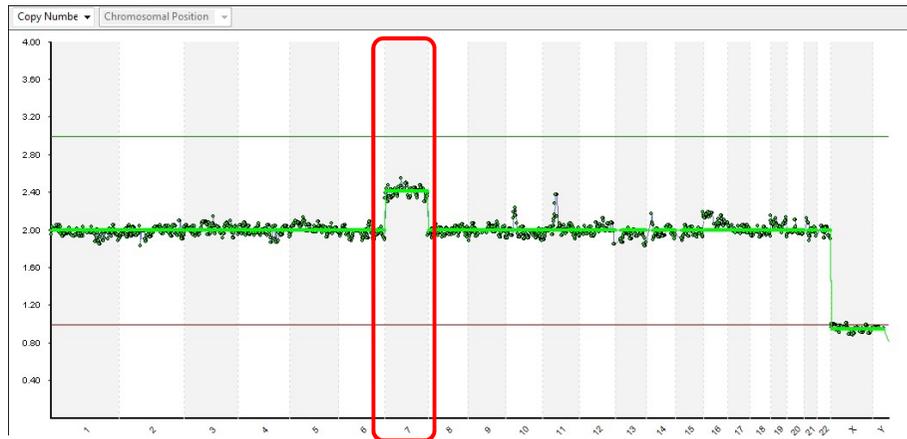
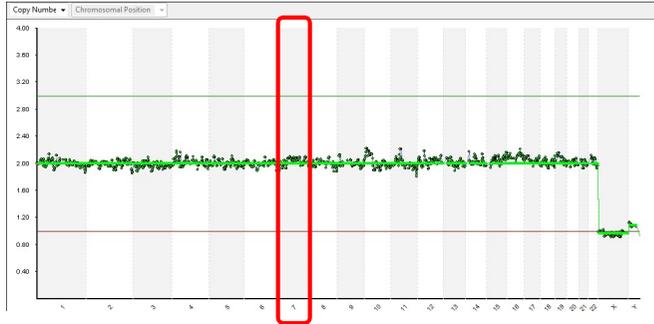
Anaphase lag



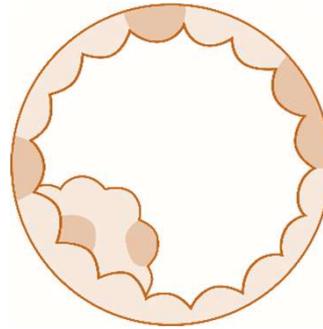
Endoreduplication



Mosaicism: how is it detected?



Mosaicism: incidence



What is the incidence of embryonic mosaicism?

Mosaicism: incidence



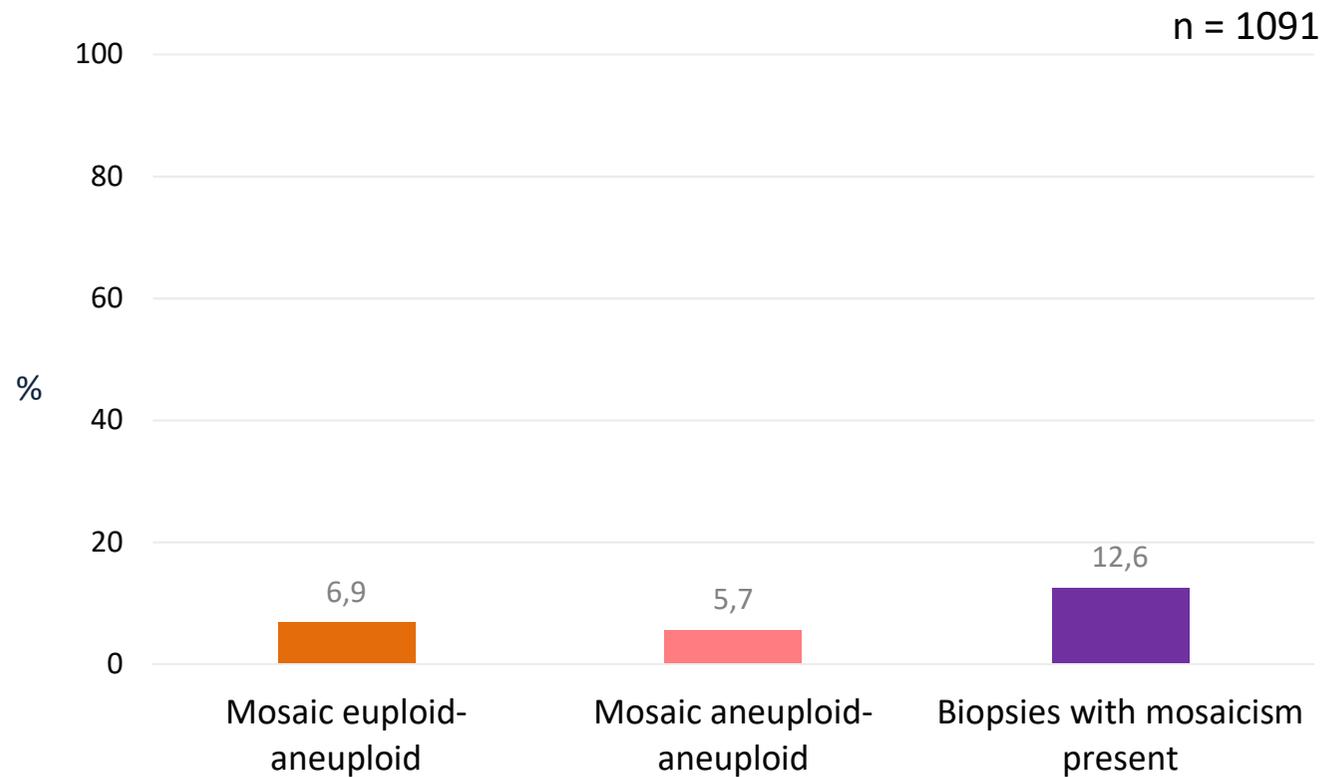
PUBLICATION	N	METHODOLOGY	CUT-OFF	MOSAICISM INCIDENCE (%)
Fragouli <i>et al.</i> , 2011	52	FISH/CGH/aCGH	NA	32,4
Capalbo <i>et al.</i> , 2013	70	FISH/aCGH	NA	18,6
Novik <i>et al.</i> , 2014	551	FISH/aCGH	Log ratios	28,3
Greco <i>et al.</i> , 2015	3802	aCGH	35-50%	4,8
Ruttanajit <i>et al.</i> , 2016	399	NGS	10-90%	13,0
Munné <i>et al.</i> , 2017	29195	NGS	20-80%	21,81
Fragouli <i>et al.</i> , 2017	150	NGS	>0 - <100%	29,3
Sachdev <i>et al.</i> , 2017	1492	NGS	20-80 %	17-47
Nakhuda <i>et al.</i> , 2018	1547	NGS	20-80%	30,1
Lorenzi <i>et al.</i> , 2018	655	NGS	20-80%	26
Xu <i>et al.</i> , 2018	4423	NGS	25-80%	6,6
Morin <i>et al.</i> , 2018	13465	NGS	NA	3,6
Lin <i>et al.</i> , 2018	1872	NGS	NA	20
McReynolds <i>et al.</i> , 2018	27755	NGS	NA	2,3
Brezina <i>et al.</i> , 2018	21212	NGS	NA	3,6



Mosaicism: incidence

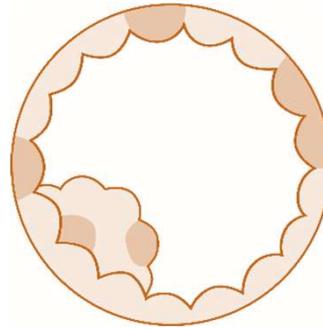


- Single-step media + Time-lapse culture (low O₂ concentration)
- hr-NGS (VeriSeq® Illumina®)
- Dexeus' mosaicism threshold: 30-70%



(Dexeus, unpublished data)

Mosaicism: incidence



Mosaicism = Intrinsic ?

Intrinsic factors and mosaicism incidence



First cleavages guided by maternal products

- Female age
- Ovarian reserve
- BMI
- Infertility reason

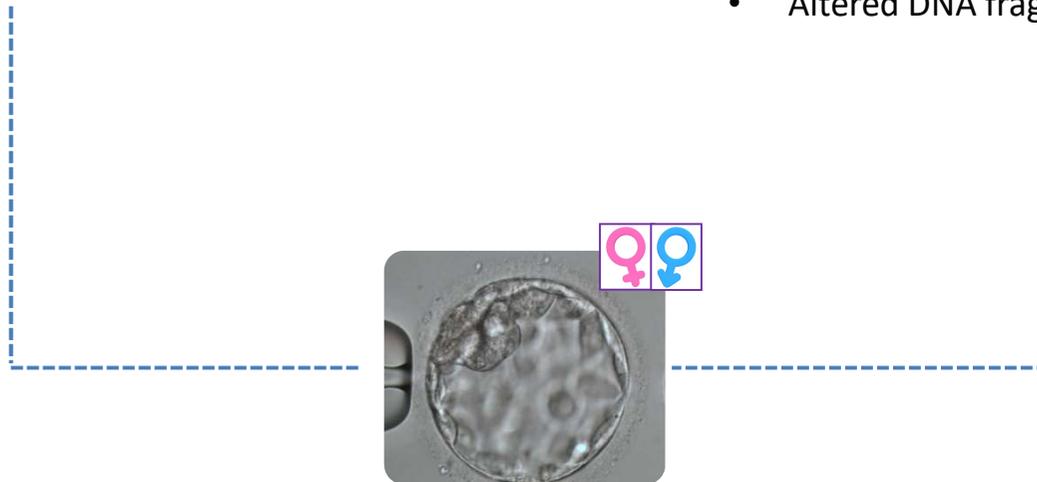


Centrosome provided by sperm

- Seminal parameters
- Male age
- Infertility reason

DNA damage

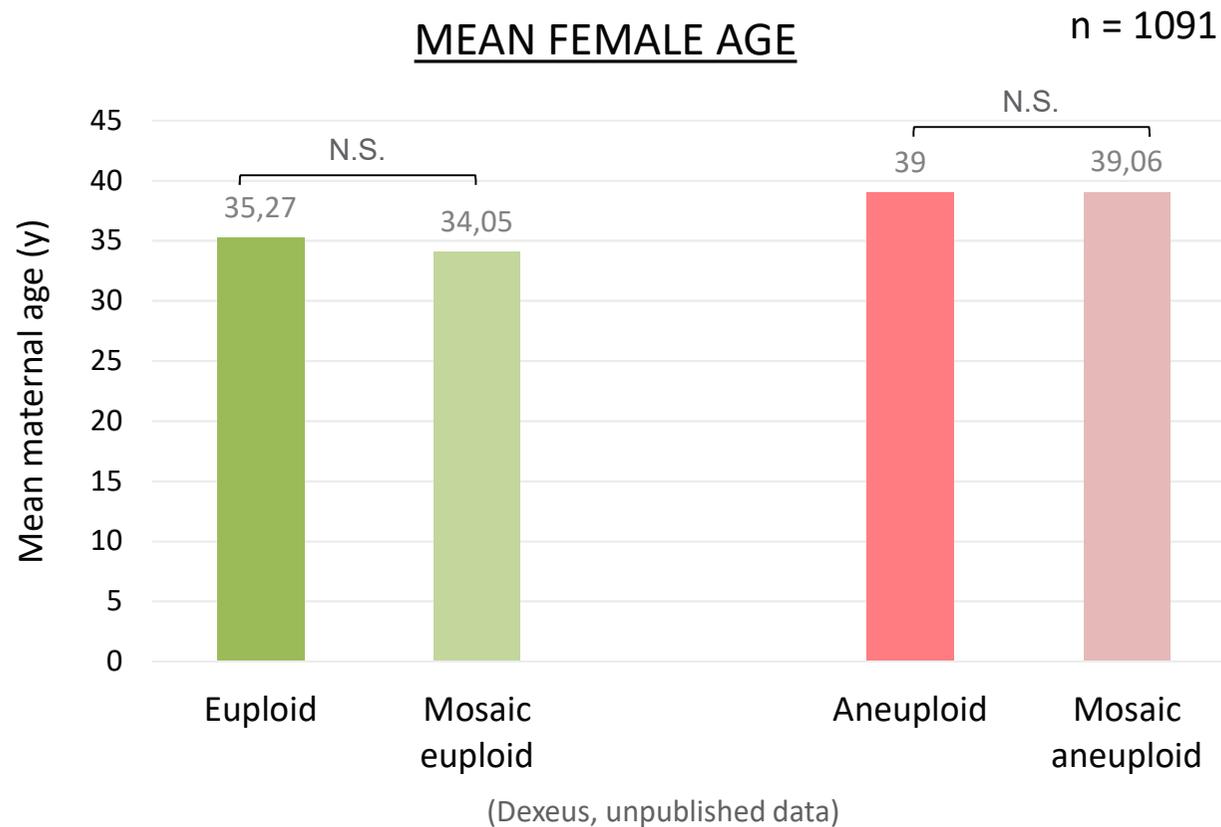
- Altered DNA fragmentation



Intrinsic factors and mosaicism incidence



Patient factor 

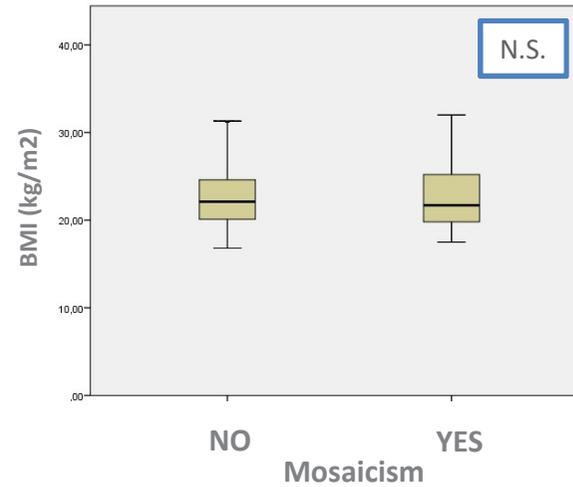
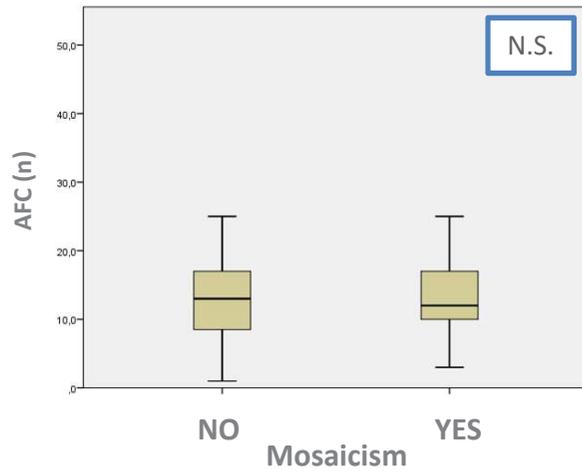


- There is no correlation between female age and level of mosaicism (Minasi *et al*, ESHRE 2018).

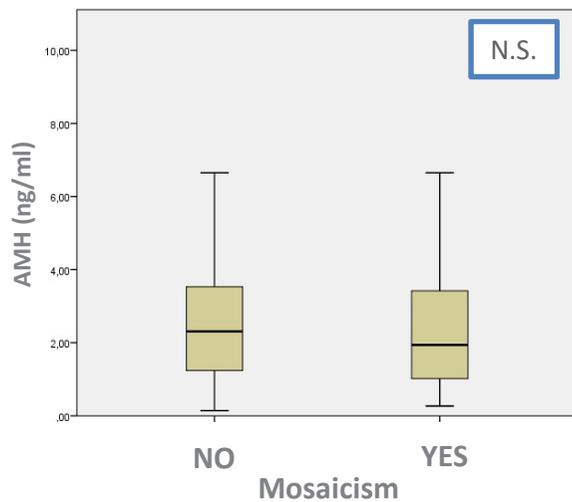
Intrinsic factors and mosaicism incidence



Patient factor 



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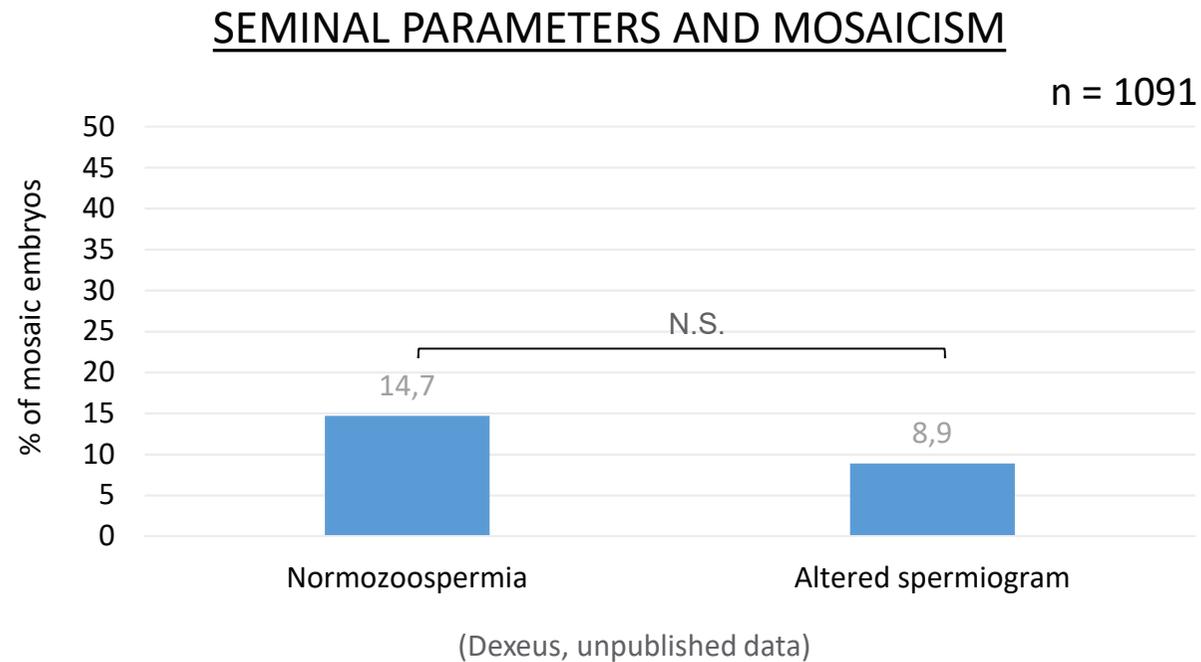
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➤ There is no correlation between female characteristics and level of mosaicism (Minasi *et al*, 2018).

Intrinsic factors and mosaicism incidence



Patient factor 



- There is no correlation between seminal parameters and level of mosaicism (Minasi *et al*, 2018).

Patient factor



ALTERED DNA FRAGMENTATION

[Int J Radiat Biol.](#) 2011 Mar;87(3):320-9. doi: 10.3109/09553002.2011.530334. Epub 2010 Nov 19.

Structural chromosomal aberrations, aneuploidy, and mosaicism in early cleavage mouse embryos derived from spermatozoa exposed to γ -rays.

[Tateno H¹](#), [Kusakabe H](#), [Kamiguchi Y](#).

CONCLUSIONS:

Mouse sperm DNA is highly vulnerable to γ -rays. The structural chromosomal aberrations of sperm origin are unstable in their behaviour and structure during cleavage, and therefore cause secondary aneuploidy and mosaicism in the early cleavage embryos.

Intrinsic factors and mosaicism incidence



Reason for infertility

- 200 cycles from the same IVF laboratory.
- 655 blastocysts biopsied by the same embryologist and analyzed by NGS.
- Mosaicism threshold: 20-80%

ANALYZED FACTOR		EUPLOID	ANEUPLOID	MOSAICISM	P-VALUE
Maternal age	Maternal age <30	108 (57.8%)	26 (13.9%)	53 (28.3%)	NS (0.124)
	Maternal age 30-34	47 (55.3%)	18 (21.2%)	20 (23.5%)	
	Maternal age 35-39	71 (32.3%)	82 (37.3%)	67 (30.4%)	
	Maternal age >40	23 (14.1%)	107 (65.6%)	33 (20.3%)	
PGT-A indication	Advanced maternal age (≥ 38 y/o)	42 (19.2%)	129 (58.9%)	48 (21.9%)	NS (0.325)
	Recurrent pregnancy loss (≥ 2 miscarriages)	16 (36.4%)	16 (36.3%)	12 (27.3%)	
	Repeated implantation failure	27 (39.1%)	21 (30.5%)	21 (30.4%)	
	Time to pregnancy	155 (54.4%)	49 (17.2%)	81 (28.4%)	
Presence of male factor	Male factor	63 (34.3%)	72 (39.1%)	49 (26.6%)	NS (0.799)
	No male factor	163 (41.4%)	130 (33.0%)	101 (25.6%)	
day of biopsy	Day 5 biopsy	47 (44.7%)	28 (26.7%)	30 (28.6%)	NS (0.939)
	Day 6 biopsy	130 (38.6%)	112 (33.2%)	95 (28.2%)	
Type of OS	Low-dose of gonadotropins	149 (45.7%)	84 (25.8%)	93(28.5%)	NS (0.246)
	High-dose of gonadotropins	96 (32.5%)	127 (41.3%)	72 (24.4%)	
OS length	≤ 10 days of OS	179 (42.2%)	131 (30.9%)	114 (26.9%)	NS (0.793)
	> 10 days of OS	66 (33.5%)	80 (40.6%)	51 (25.9%)	

(Lorenzi *et al.*, ASRM poster 2018)

All analyzed factors have no significant impact on the results of mosaic embryos formation.

Mosaicism: incidence

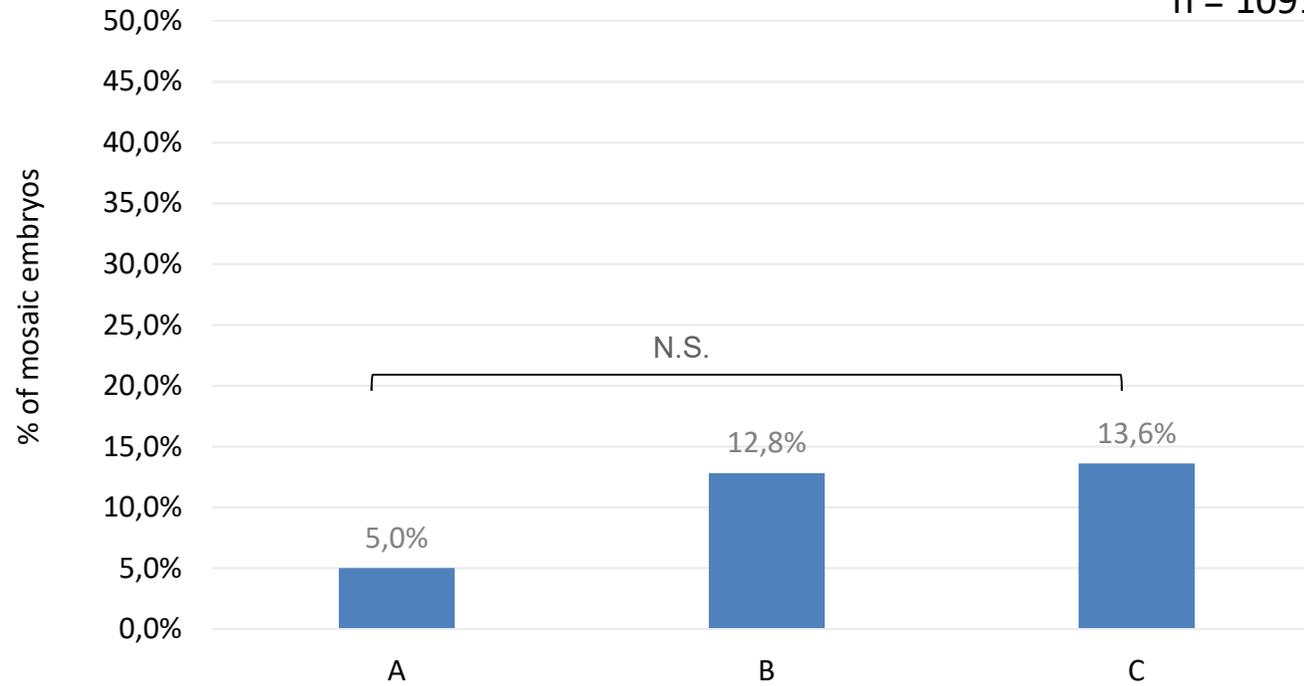


Embryo factor



EMBRYO QUALITY AND MOSAICISM

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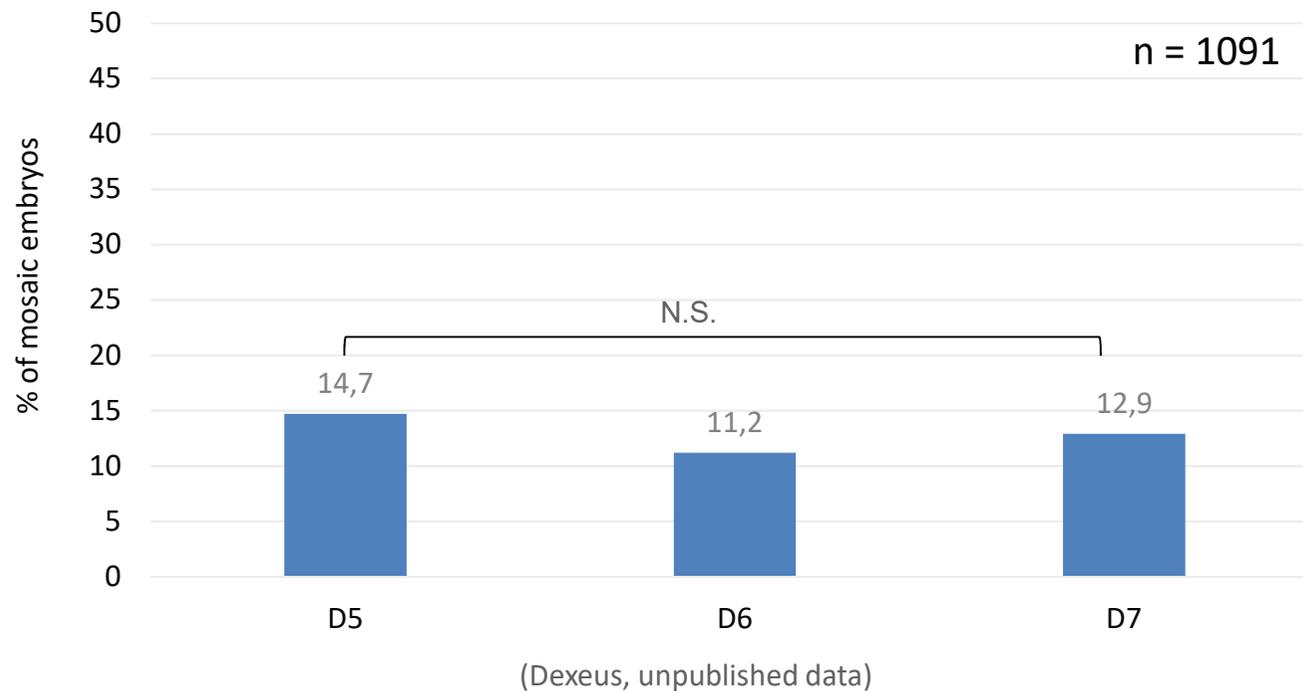
Mosaicism: incidence



Embryo factor



DAY OF BLASTOCYST FORMATION AND MOSAICISM

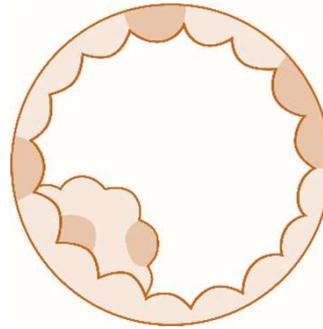


- There is no correlation between embryo quality and level of mosaicism (Minasi et al, ESHRE 2018).

Intrinsic factors and mosaicism:

- Maternal age: X
- Female characteristics (AMH, AFC, BMI): X
- Paternal age: X
- Sperm quality: X
- Reason for PGT-A: X
- Blastocyst morphology: X
- Day of blastocyst formation: X

Mosaicism: incidence



Mosaicism = Intrinsic + ?

Mosaicism: incidence



- 1492 blastocysts, 192 cycles from 9 different IVF clinics.
- Embryos derived from oocyte donors.
- Analyzed by NGS at a single reference genetic laboratory.
- Significant differences in mosaicism and aneuploidy rates between centers.
- Proportion of embryos with mosaicism: 17-47% depending on the clinic.

No. Cycles per Center (a-i)	Avg Donor Age	Avg No. Biopsy per Patient	Euploid (%) ^b	Aneuploid(%) ^b	Mosaic (%) ^b
a-16	24.00±2.31	7.06±2.86	44.95±28.11	32.11±26.90	22.94±13.58
b-23	25.27±2.35	6.55±3.53	52.08±27.70	18.06±18.98	29.86±26.63
c-12	22.92±1.44	7.75±3.14	43.68±20.17	39.08±19.18	17.24±12.20
d-41	25.50±2.44	7.30±3.83	56.29±25.07	26.22±22.86	17.48±18.73
e-14	24.00±2.04	10.43±4.11	50.35±21.62	17.48±10.69	32.17±19.79
f-19	25.42±3.02	9.21±5.48	38.82±20.88	27.65±19.82	33.53±15.07
g-18	25.41±3.10	8.53±4.52	47.92±24.64	18.06±21.02	34.03±21.67
h-36	26.14±2.58	8.03±4.74	45.49±23.29	26.74±17.13	27.78±26.31
i-13	25.31±2.36	5.31±2.56	37.31±22.20	14.93±12.18	47.76±21.26
p	0.005	0.055	0.169	0.018	< 0.001

(Sachdev *et al.*, ASRM 2016)



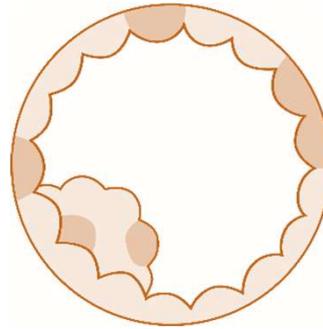
O-058 Evidence that differences between embryology laboratories can influence the rate of mitotic errors, leading to increased chromosomal mosaicism, with significant implications for IVF success rates

D. Wells¹, S. Alfarawati², S. Taylor², N. Kubikova², K. Spath², K. Turner³,
C. Hickman⁴, E. Fragouli²

- 623 blastocysts derived from 7 different IVF clinics.
- Analyzed by NGS at a single reference genetic laboratory.
- Similar aneuploidy rates between clinics (meiotic error unaffected).
- Proportion of embryos with mosaicism: 32-60% depending on the clinic.

Variation in laboratory procedures could be responsible for the observed differences between centers.

Mosaicism: incidence



Mosaicism = Intrinsic + (Iatrogenic + Artifactual)

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Highly variable in
different IVF settings.
Diagnostic platform.
Diagnostic criteria.



Almost impossible to determine
“the real incidence of mosaicism” in the human blastocyst

Iatrogenic mosaicism: incidence



Iatrogenic: Mosaicism induced by the performance of an IVF cycle.

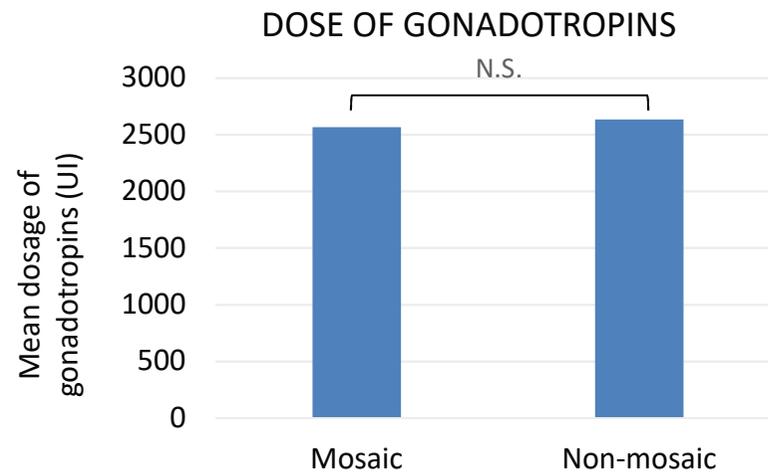
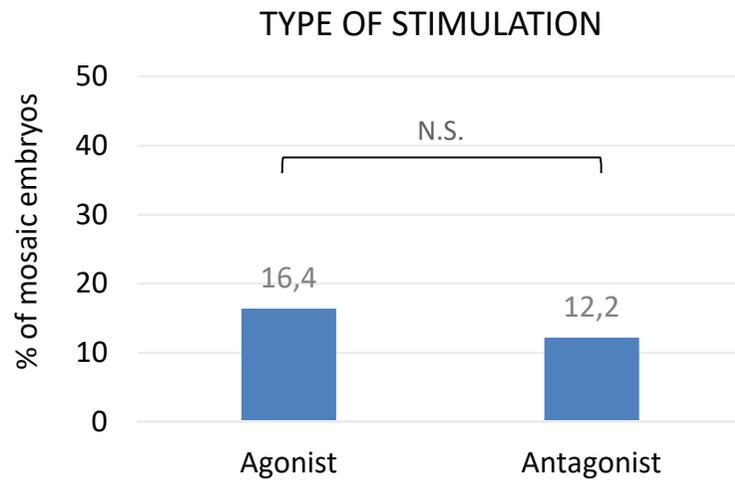
- Altered gamete maturation
 - Ovarian stimulation.
- Culture conditions:
 - Culture type: sequential culture vs single-step media & uninterrupted vs standard culture.
 - Composition of the commercial media.
 - Oxygen concentration: Low vs standard.
- IVF laboratory quality standards.





OVARIAN STIMULATION

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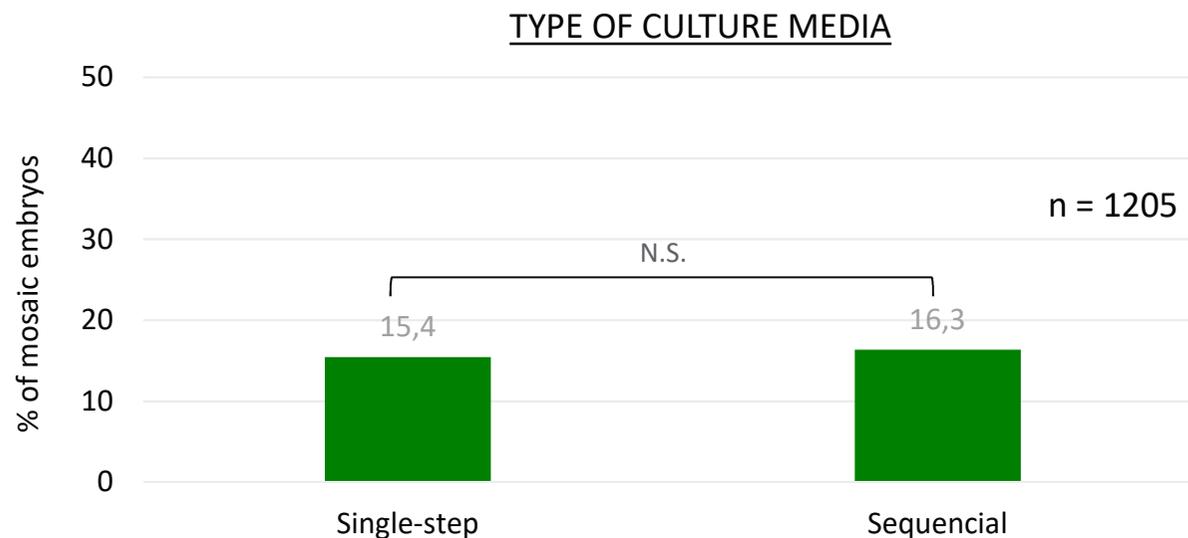


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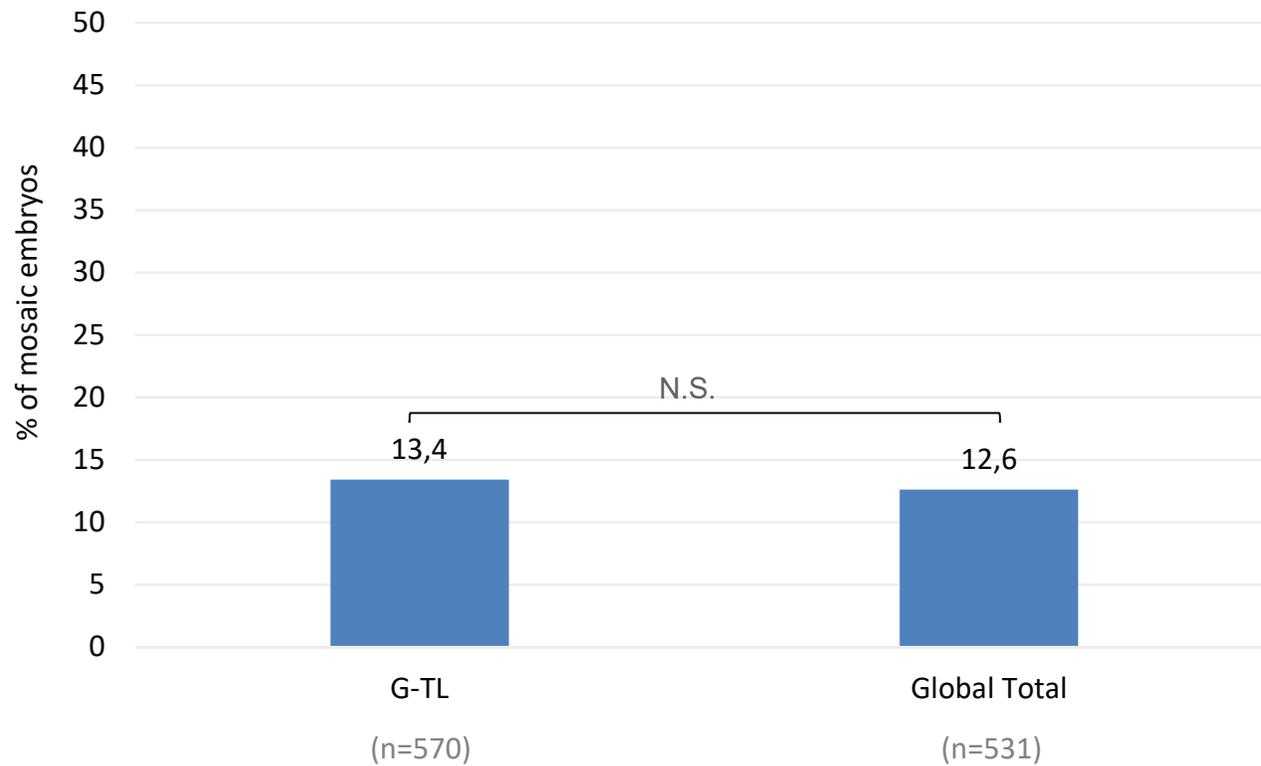
O-117 Time-lapse and NGS evaluation of human embryos cultured in single medium versus sequential media: a prospective randomized pilot study

Z. Yang¹, Y. Kuang², X. Zhang³, Y. Meng³, L. Tang⁴, Q. Lyu², L. Su⁵, S. Zhang⁶, J. Lin¹

- Low O₂ concentration culture.
- Prospective randomized study. Sibling MII oocytes distributed in single or sequential medium.



DIFFERENT COMERCIAL SINGLE-STEP MEDIA



(Dexeus, unpublished data)



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CHROMOSOMAL MOSAICISM IS IMPACTED BY COMPROMISED EMBRYO CULTURE CONDITIONS.

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- Warmed vitrified zygotes were cultured to the blastocyst stage utilizing 5 % O₂ and appropriate CO₂ or 20 % O₂ and reduced CO₂.
- Significant increase in the incidence of mosaicism for embryos cultured under compromised conditions.
- The majority of mitotic errors observed were anaphase lag.

There is an impact of compromised culture conditions on mitotic cell division and chromosome segregation.



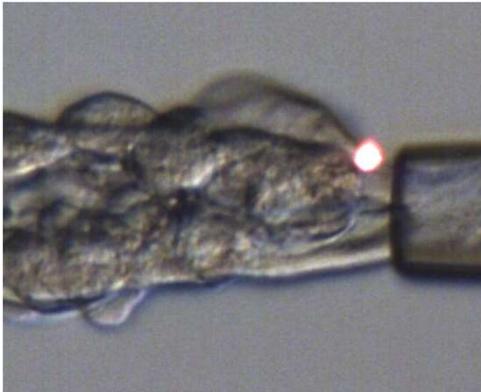
- Artifactual or false mosaicism
 - Biopsy procedure
 - DNA contamination
 - Whole-genome amplification
 - Bioinformatics

- Diagnostic platform/ Diagnostic criteria/ Diagnostic experience

Mosaicism: incidence



- Artifactual or false mosaicism
 - Biopsy procedure



Induced cellular lysis and increased laser exposure during trophoctoderm biopsies can generate low-level mosaic profiles: A prospective study.

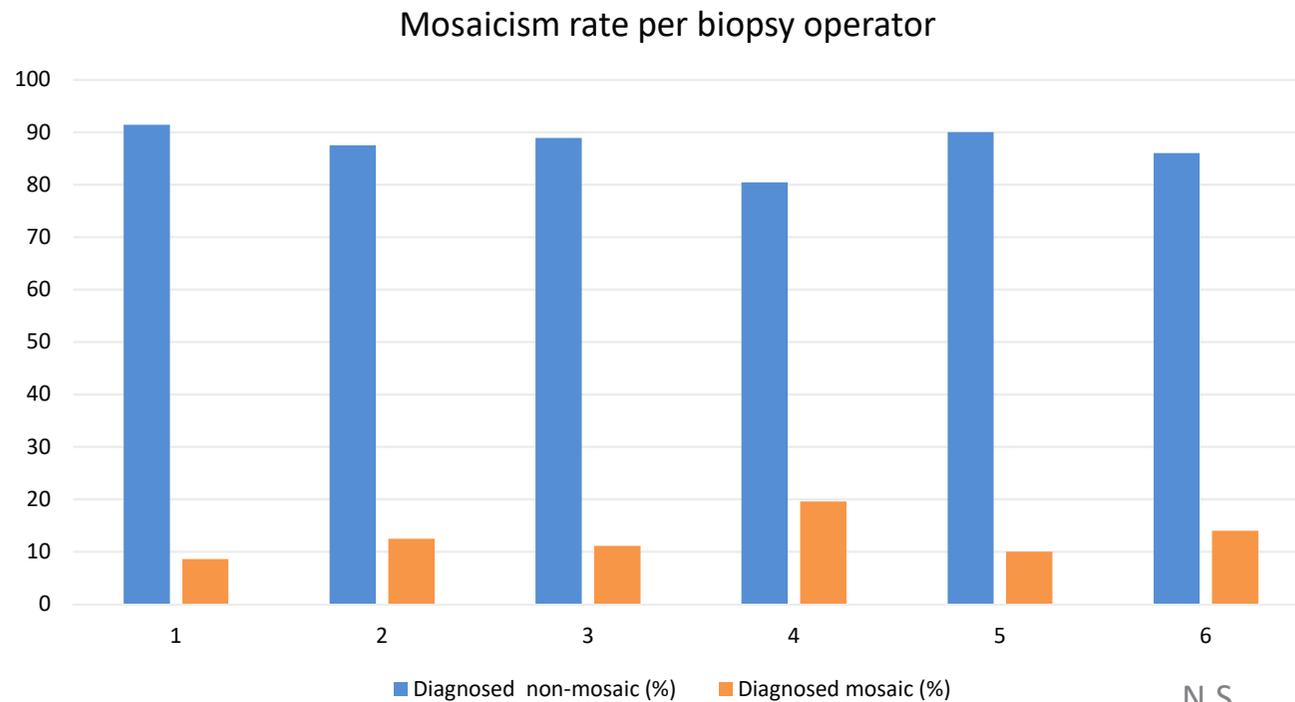
‡ Whitney John B.

Mosaicism: incidence



➤ Artifactual or false mosaicism

- Biopsy procedure



N.S.
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Same set-up
Same training → Same % of mosaicism

Mosaicism: Incidence



➤ Diagnostic experience

Figure 9 Artifact Showing Alternating Steps for Chromosomes 1–10

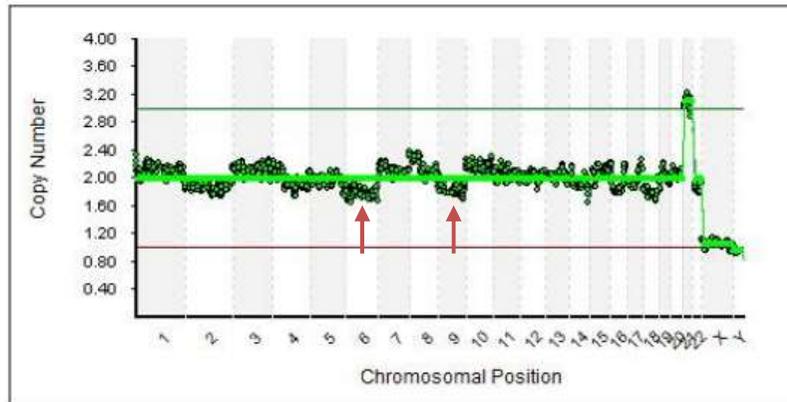
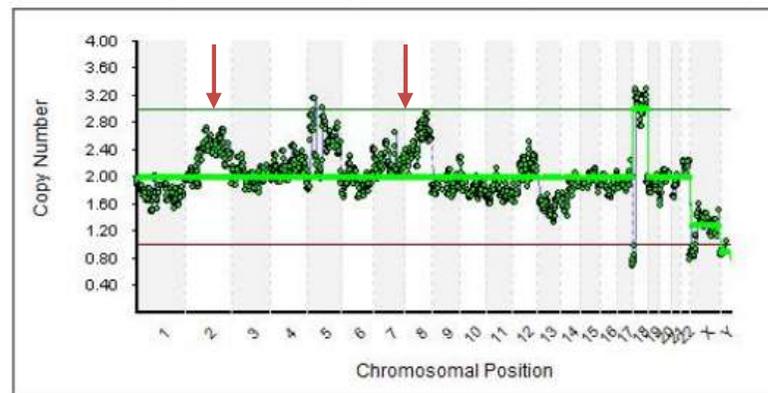


Figure 10 Sample with Increasing Chromosome "Ramp" from Chromosomes 6–8 from a Cell Line Sample with the Expected Karyotype of 46, XY, i(18)(q11.1), i(18)(q11.1)





Iatrogenic and artifactual factors and mosaicism:

- Mosaicism can be affected by IVF setting.
- Concrete parameters in terms of culture conditions have not been yet identified.
- Exception: Substandard culture and operating protocols.

Mosaicism: to transfer or not to transfer?



... embryonic mosaicism is a reality

...mosaic embryos can give rise to healthy children

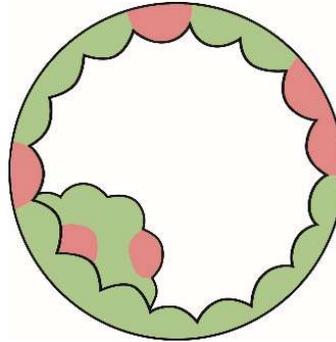


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Healthy Babies after Intrauterine Transfer of Mosaic Aneuploid Blastocysts

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Mosaicism: to transfer or not to transfer?



What to do with mosaic embryos?

1. Prioritise euploid embryos.
2. Transfer of mosaic embryos?

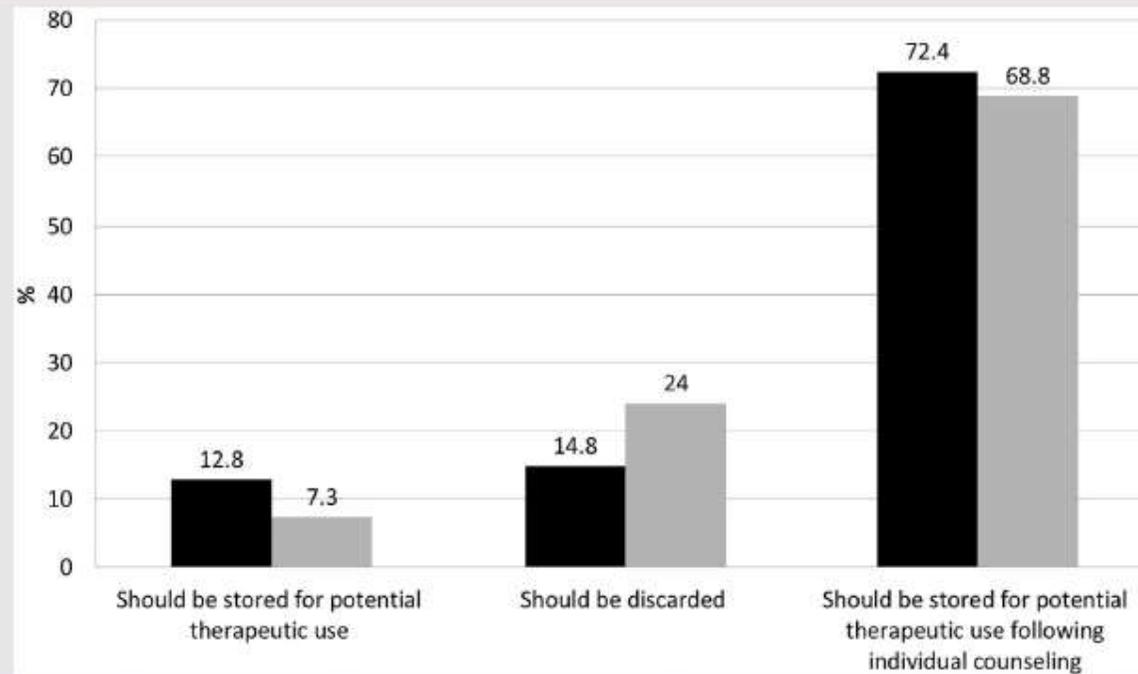
Mosaicism: to transfer or not to transfer?



Worldwide web-based survey

102 IVF units, 32 countries, 108900 IVF cycles, 87% performing PGT-A

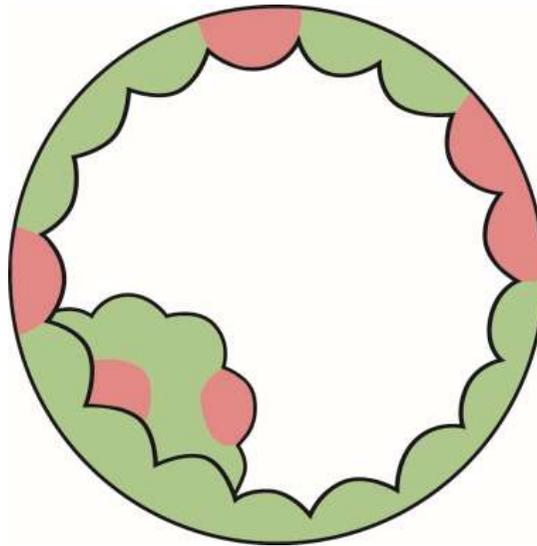
FIGURE 1



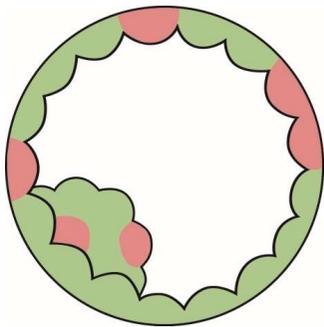
Should mosaic embryos be stored for potential therapeutic use or discarded? *Black bars:* centers performing preimplantation genetic screening (PGS). *Gray bars:* centers not performing PGS.

Weissman. Survey on chromosomal mosaicism in PGS. *Fertil Steril* 2017.

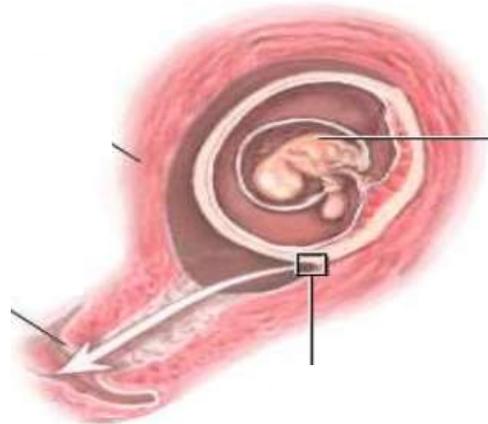
Evidence supporting the transfer of mosaic blastocysts



Mosaicism: to transfer or not to transfer?



PGT-A
10-30%



CV
1-2%



AF
0,2%

To date, no abnormalities detected in newborns from mosaic embryos

Mosaicism: to transfer or not to transfer?



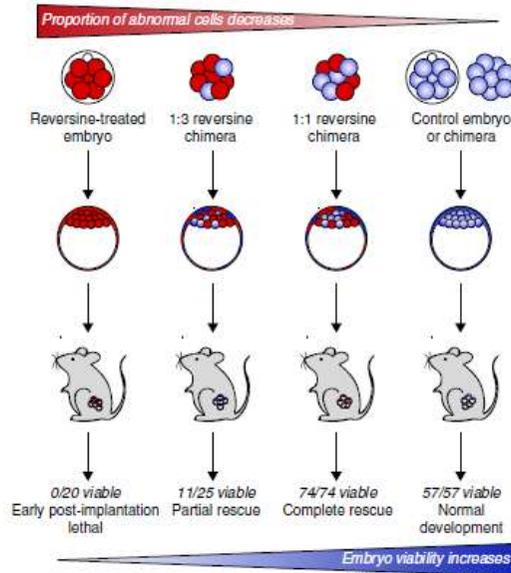
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Mouse model of chromosome mosaicism reveals lineage-specific depletion of aneuploid cells and normal developmental potential

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≤50% cells affected → Similar viability compared to uniformly euploid
>66% cells affected → Lethal

Aneuploid cells in foetal lineage → Apoptosis

Aneuploid cells in placental lineage → Proliferation deficiencies

“Mosaic embryos have full developmental potential provided they contain sufficient euploid cells”

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Healthy Babies after Intrauterine Transfer of Mosaic Aneuploid Blastocysts

E. Greco & MJ. Minasi The New England Journal of Medicine. November 2015.

↓ CPR
LBR (33%)

Why do euploid embryos miscarry? A case-control study comparing the rate of aneuploidy within presumed euploid embryos that resulted in miscarriage or live birth using next-generation sequencing

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Extent of chromosomal mosaicism influences the clinical outcome of in vitro fertilization treatments

Aneuploidy detected in < 50% of the biopsied cells: similar clinical outcomes compared to euploid.

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PGDIS POSITION STATEMENT ON CHROMOSOME MOSAICISM AND PREIMPLANTATION ANEUPLOIDY TESTING AT THE BLASTOCYST STAGE

1. Recommendations for the laboratory (if reporting mosaic aneuploidies)
2. Recommendations for the clinician
3. Suggested guidelines to prioritize mosaic embryos for transfer

Suggested guidelines to prioritize mosaic embryos for transfer

Based on our current knowledge of the reproductive outcomes of fetal and placental mosaicism from prenatal diagnosis, the following can be used as a guide by the clinician (or a genetic counselor if available) when a mosaic embryo is being considered for transfer:

1. Embryos showing mosaic euploid/monosomy are preferable to euploid/trisomy, given that monosomic embryos (excepting 45, X) are not viable
2. If a decision is made to transfer mosaic embryos trisomic for a single chromosome, one can prioritize selection based on the level of mosaicism and the specific chromosome involved
 - a. The preferable transfer category consists of mosaic embryos trisomic for chromosomes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 22, X, Y. None of these chromosomes involve the adverse characteristics enumerated below
 - b. Embryos mosaic for trisomies that are associated with potential for uniparental disomy (14, 15) are of lesser priority
 - c. Embryos mosaic for trisomies that are associated with intrauterine growth retardation (chromosomes 2, 7, 16) are of lesser priority
 - d. Embryos mosaic for trisomies capable of liveborn viability (chromosomes 13, 18, 21) are of lowest priority, for obvious reasons

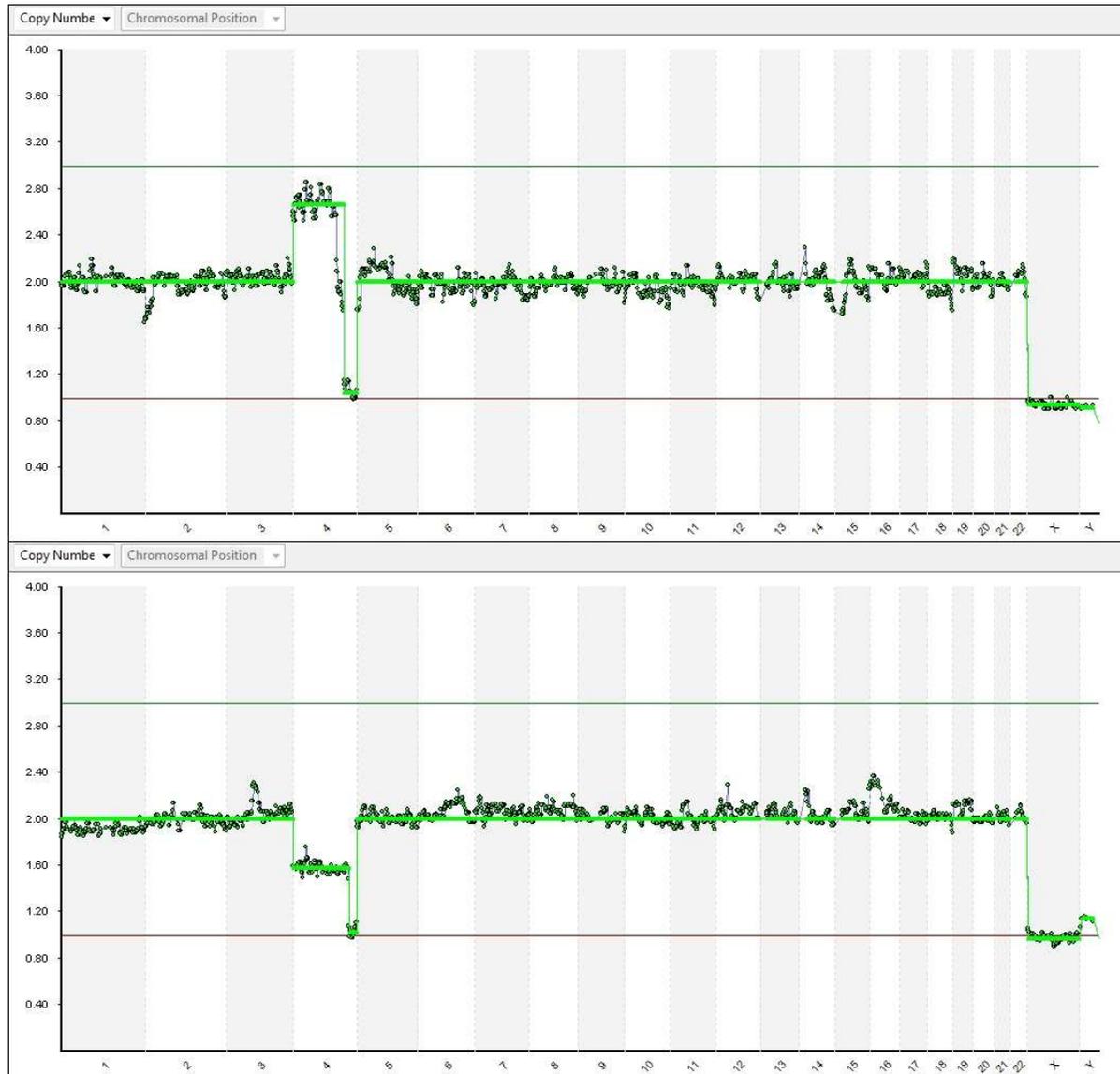


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III. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIORITIZING MOSAIC EMBRYOS FOR TRANSFER

- a. If a decision is made to transfer a non-complex, low-level mosaic embryo, one can prioritize selection based on the specific chromosome involved.
- b. Embryos mosaic for trisomies capable of live born viability (chromosomes 13, 18, 21, 22) are of lowest priority.
- c. Embryos mosaic for trisomies associated with uniparental disomy (chromosomes 14, 15) are low priority.
- d. Embryos mosaic for trisomies associated with intrauterine growth retardation (chromosomes 2, 7, 16) are low priority.
- e. Mosaicism involving chromosomes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, have not been associated with the aforementioned adverse outcomes; only adverse outcomes have been observed when mosaicism is present in the fetus.
- f. Mosaic monosomies seem to implant with a similar incidence to mosaic trisomies. They may contain trisomic cell lines, and should be considered to have similar risk as their counterpart trisomies.

Mosaicism: to transfer or not to transfer?





Detailed investigation into the cytogenetic constitution and pregnancy outcome of replacing mosaic blastocysts detected with the use of high-resolution next-generation sequencing

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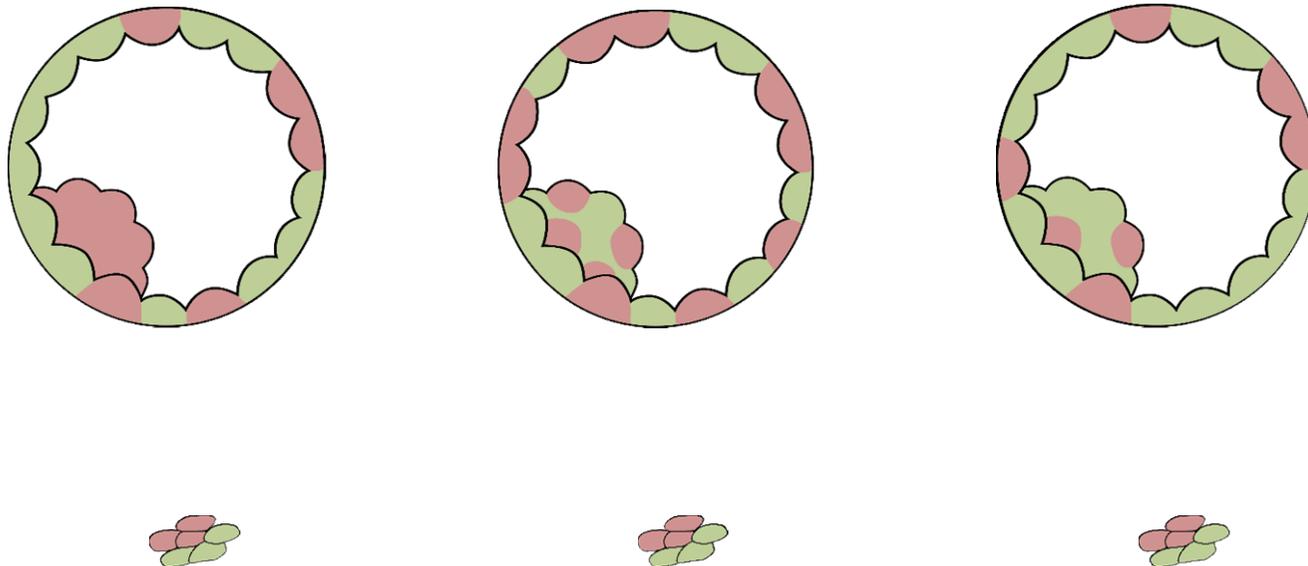
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- 143 mosaic blastocysts transferred from 6 different IVF clinics.
- Maternal age: X=35.8.
- 53% IR, 24% FLR, 41% OIR (↑FLR compared with euploid control group).
- Pregnancy outcomes stratified according to:
 - Type of mosaic abnormality → OIR mosaic monosomies ~ OIR mosaic trisomies
 - Number of chromosomes involved → ≥3 chromosomes involved: ↓ OIR
 - Percentage of abnormal cells → No differences according the % of abnormal cells
 - Chromosomes involved → No correlation regarding the chromosome affected

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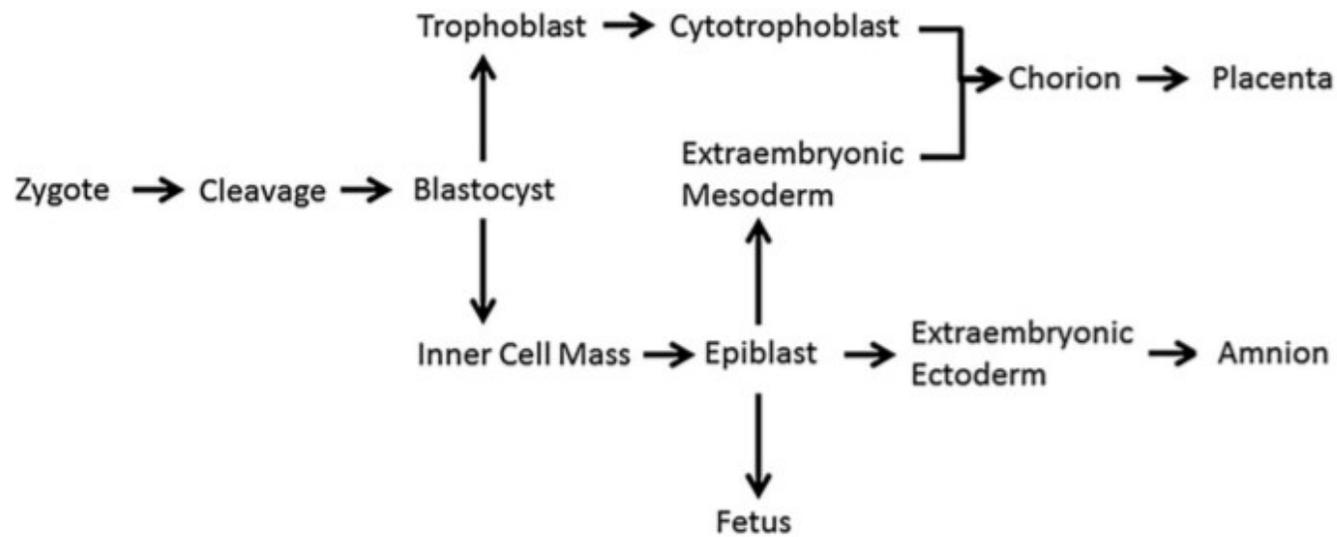
- The % of abnormal cells in a TE sample does not necessarily represent the whole embryo.



Mosaicism: to transfer or not to transfer?



- Unknown distribution of the abnormal cells.



(Taylor et al., 2014)

Mosaicism: to transfer or not to transfer?



- All trisomies can be viable in mosaic form
- Mosaicism is proven to be related to several conditions

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Clinical features of trisomy 12 mosaicism-Report and review.

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Abstract

Trisomy 12 mosaicism is a rare condition. Herein, we report a patient with mosaic trisomy 12 who was conceived by in vitro fertilization. She presented with mild dysmorphic features at birth, including down-slanting palpebral fissures, a depressed and creased nasal bridge, and mild rhizomelic shortening of the limbs. She had age-appropriate development at 6 months of age, but displayed slightly more dysmorphic features than at birth. Chromosome analysis on peripheral blood revealed a normal female karyotype in 50 metaphases. A concurrent genomic microarray analysis showed trisomy 12 in about 25% of the specimen, which was also confirmed by fluorescence in situ hybridization analysis with the CEP12 probe. Our findings further delineate the clinical features in trisomy 12 mosaicism in liveborns and demonstrate the utility of genomic microarray analysis in identification of mosaic aneuploidies.

Unknown clinical implications of mosaicism

"...The type of mosaicism and its clinical consequence is dependent upon a variety of aspects including when and where [...] is generated.

"...the consequences of mosaicism are widespread and unique for each incident."

(Taylor et al., 2014)

1. Prioritise euploid embryos.

2. Individualised reproductive and genetic counselling.



NO TRANSFER

A. Repeat PGT-A cycle.

B. Gamete/embryo donation.

C. Abandon IVF.



TRANSFER

A. Individualised informed consent.



B. Transfer of a single mosaic embryo.



C. Exhaustive pregnancy follow-up + PNT.

- Exhaustive sonographic control.
- Karyotype (50 metaphases) + aCGH (+ UPD testing).



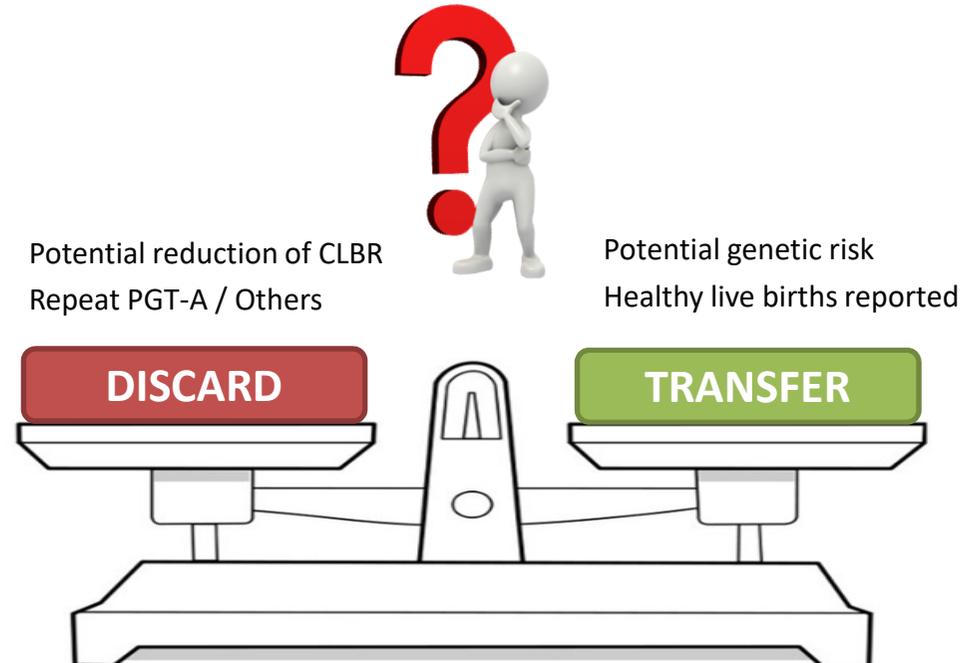
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