



Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis International Society (PGDIS)

15th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PREIMPLANTATION GENETIC DIAGNOSIS (PGD)

PCC 1: “Clinical aspects of
PGD/PGS”

Present and future role of PGS according to different clinical indications

*Anna Pia Ferraretti, Cristina Magli ,
Luca Gianaroli
SISMER- Bologna - Italy*

SISMER



Classical indications for PGS

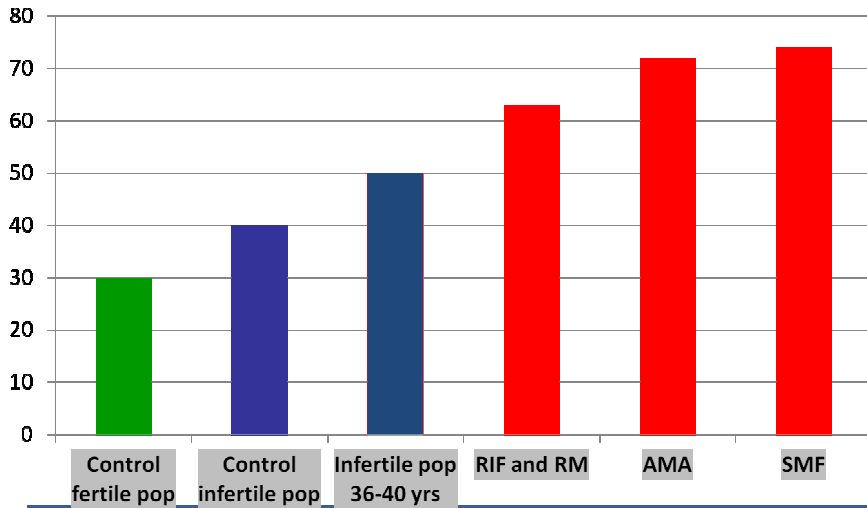
IVF population at higher risk to produce aneuploid embryos (*“poor prognosis patients”*):

- advanced maternal age (AMA)*
- recurrent idiopathic miscarriage (RM)*
- recurrent implantation failure (RIF)*
- association of two factors*
- (severe male factor - SMF)*
- (POR)*

SISMER



Aneuploidy rates



Fragouli et al,2009, Kilani et al, 2014, Verpoest et al 2008, Kuliev et al 2008, Gianaroli et al 2011



PGS in ART

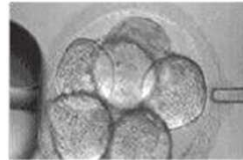
- Since the **high incidence of aneuploidies in these population**, the biological rationale to select euploid embryos (**PGS**) does sound very **logical** to increase the performance of ART



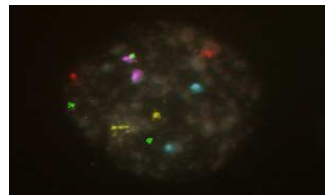
Clinical impact of PGS



First generation PGS (FISH on day 3 embryos)

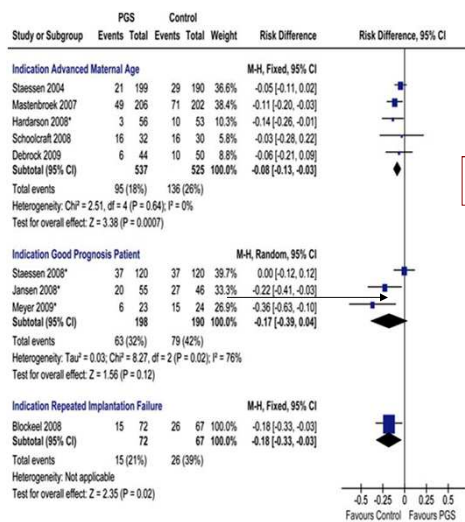


Very controversial issue



Preimplantation genetic screening: a systematic review and meta-analysis of RCTs on the effect of PGS on LBR

Mastenbroek et al. *IHum Reprod Update* 2011;17:454-466.



FISH

Cleavage stage

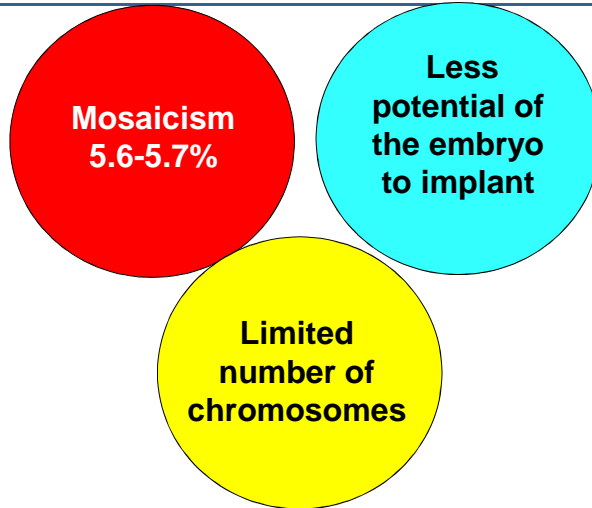
-0.5 -0.25 0 0.25 0.5
Favours Control Favours PGS

* Trial was terminated prematurely.
CI = confidence interval, M-H = Mantel-Haenszel method.



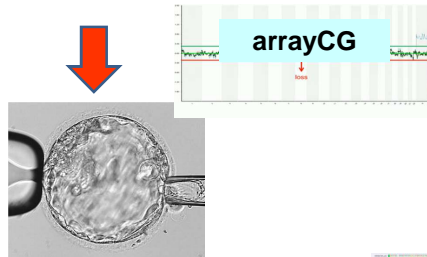


Factors affecting results in PGS first generation



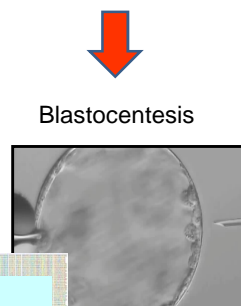
PGS new generations

The present



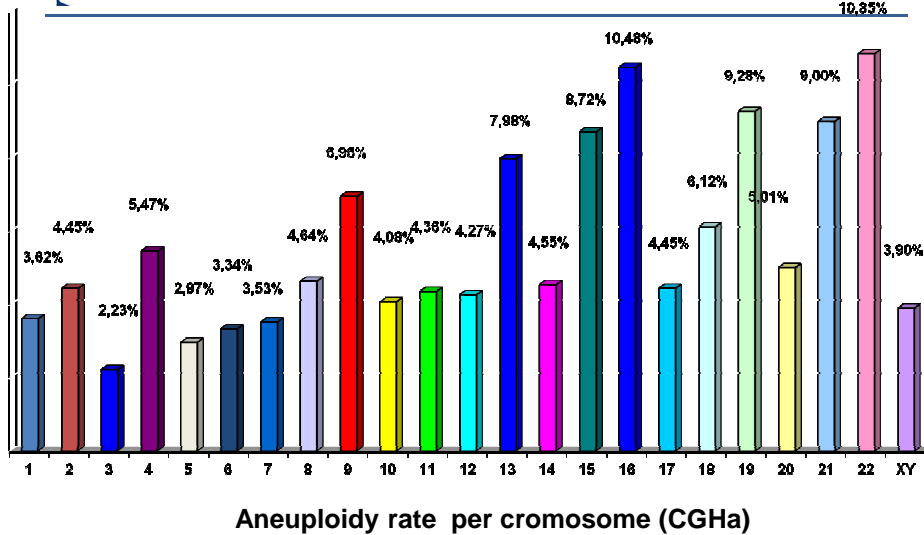
More DNA: less no results
Less mosaicism
Reduced (no) impact on embryo implantation

The future





CGH on polar bodies (SISMER) in AMA, RIF and RM populations



Gianaroli et al 2013



Clinical impact of PGS

First generation PGS
(FISH on day 3 embryos)

Very controversial issue

New generations PGS

Higher potential effect but the clinical value has yet to be determined





PGS clinical aspects How to produce evidence ?

- **Gold standard** : *Large, Prospective Randomized Trials (very few studies)*
- *Retrospective, observational studies*
- *Meta-analysis*



PGS clinical aspects in classical indications How to compare PGS vs no-PGS?

End-points	PGS	No-PGS	Comments pro and cons
Starting point to compare	Egg retrieval	Egg retrieval	
Transferred cycles (%)	50-60%	80-90%	Avoid (further) unsuccessful transfers (mosaicism??)
Clinical pregnancy and implantation rates	Very controversial issue with FISH on day 3 embryos		Higher with PGS by CGH on blastocysts ?
Miscarriages rate	Lower	Higher	
LBR / transfer	Higher	Lower	It is a correct indicator?
Cumulative (fresh and frozen) LBR/ egg retrieval	Similar		Shorter time to delivery with PGS Reduced costs ??





PGS clinical aspects in classical indications

How to compare PGS vs no-PGS?

End-points	PGS	No-PGS	Comments pro and cons
Starting point	Egg retrieval	Egg retrieval	
Transferred cycles (%)	50-60%	80-90%	Avoid (further) unsuccessful transfers. Mosaicism?
Clinical pregnancy and implantation rates	Reduced by day 3 embryo biopsy (?)		Similar /Higher with PGS on blastocysts ?
Miscarriages rate	Lower	Higher	
LBR / transfer	Higher	Lower	It is a correct indicator?
Cumulative (fresh and frozen) LBR/ egg retrieval	Similar		Shorter time to delivery with PGS Reduced costs ??



Classical indications for PGS

IVF population at higher risk to produce aneuploid embryos:

- advanced maternal age (AMA)**
- recurrent idiopathic miscarriage (RM)*
- recurrent implantation failure (RIF)*
- severe male factor (SMF)*
- association of two factors*
- (POR)*



The ESHRE PGD Consortium: 10 years of data collection

J.C. Harper^{1,2*}, L. Wilton³, J. Traeger-Synodinos⁴, V. Goossens⁵,
C. Moutou⁶, S.B. SenGupta¹, T. Pehlivan Budak⁷, P. Renwick⁸,
M. De Rycke⁹, J.P.M. Geraedts¹⁰, and G. Harton¹¹

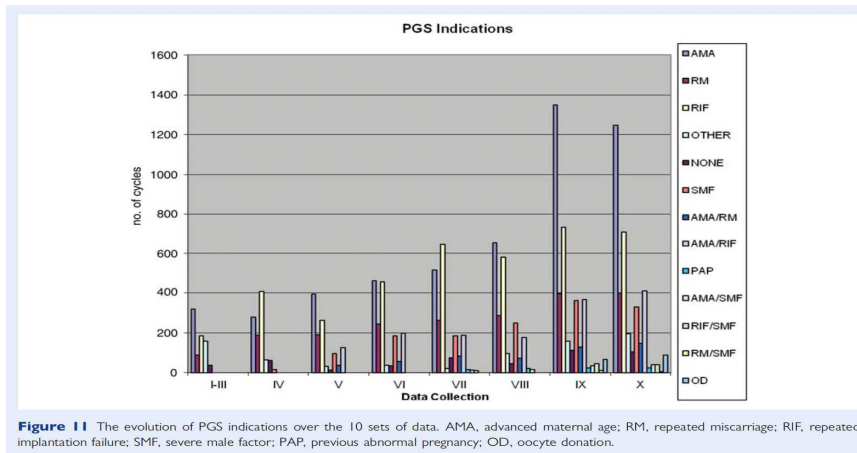
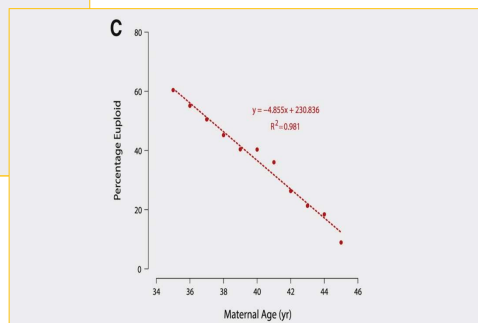
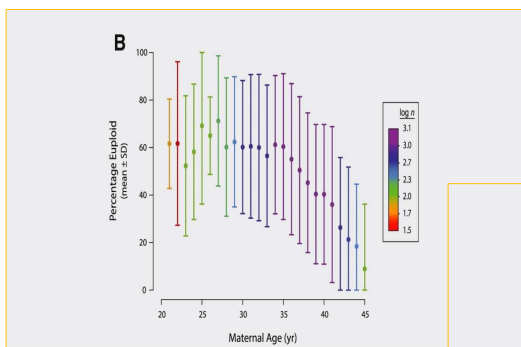


Figure 11 The evolution of PGS indications over the 10 sets of data. AMA, advanced maternal age; RM, repeated miscarriage; RIF, repeated implantation failure; SMF, severe male factor; PAP, previous abnormal pregnancy; OD, oocyte donation.

Human Reproduction Update, Vol.18, No.3 pp. 234–247, 2012



Effect of maternal age on euploidy rates (46,439 embryos analyzed by aCGH)



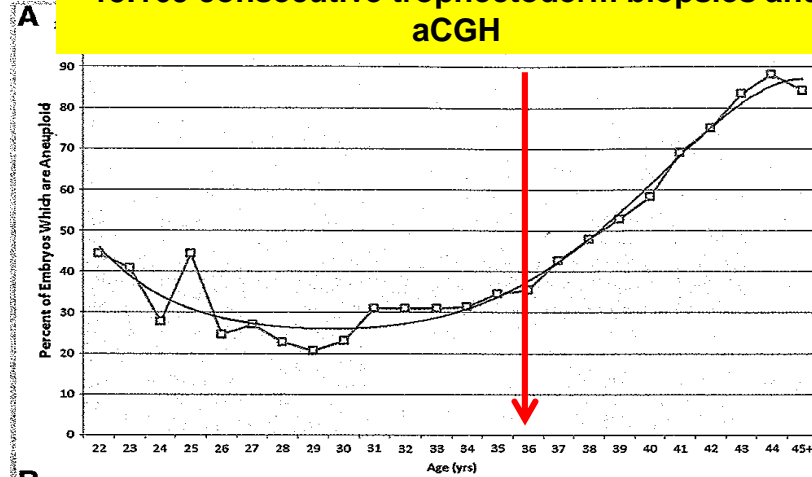
Demko et al, Fertil Steril 2016





PGS for AMA : from which age ?

15.169 consecutive trophoctoderm biopsies and aCGH

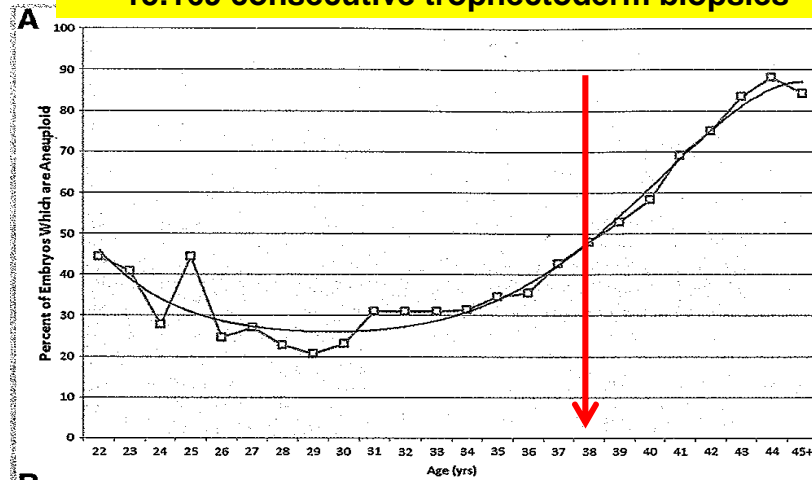


Franasiak et al, Fertil Steril 2013



PGS for AMA : from which age ?

15.169 consecutive trophoctoderm biopsies



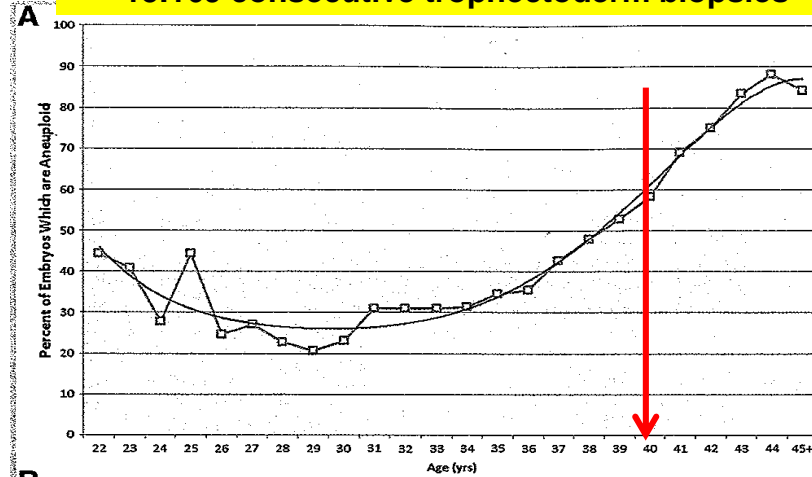
Franasiak et al, Fertil Steril 2013





PGS for AMA : from which age ?

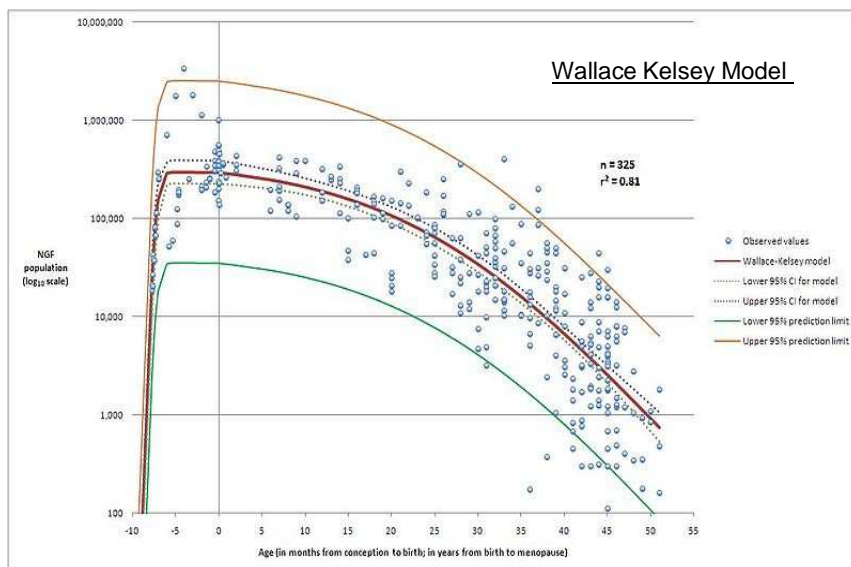
15.169 consecutive trophectoderm biopsies



Franasiak et al, Fertil Steril 2013



REDUCED OVARIAN RESERVE



Wallace and Kelsey. Human Ovarian Reserve from Conception to the Menopause PLoS One. 2010; 5(1): e8772.



Cumulative number of blastocyst needed to produce at least one euploid blastocyst

% of patients with normal blastocysts

# of embryos	egg donors	<35 years	35-37 years	38-40 years	41-42 years	>42 years
1-3	83%	80%	71%	57%	36%	22%
4-6	97%	95%	92%	82%	59%	43%
7-10	99%	98%	96%	89%	74%	50%
10-17	100%	99%	99%	97%	88% banked	64% banked
>17	100%	100%	100%	99%	97% banked	87% banked

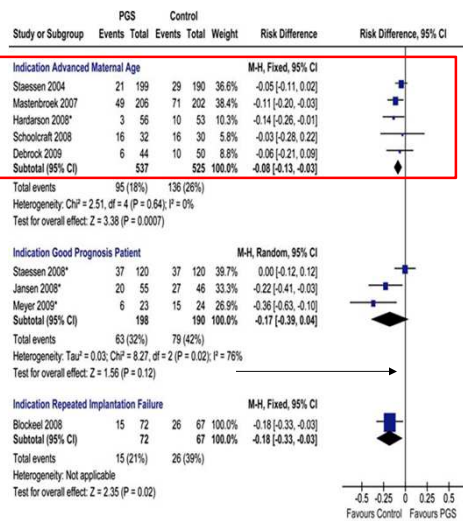
Conclusions:

- In women 35 and older more than 50% of embryos are chromosomally abnormal
- Women 41 and older need 18 or more embryos to secure one euploid one
- Of those with no euploid embryos in the first cycle, 38% (41-42 years old) and 25% (> 42 years old), those that produced 17 embryos produced euploid embryos in successive cycles.

Munné et al., ASRM 201



FISH for PGS: Randomized clinical trials



Lower LBR/women with PGS

Cleavage stage

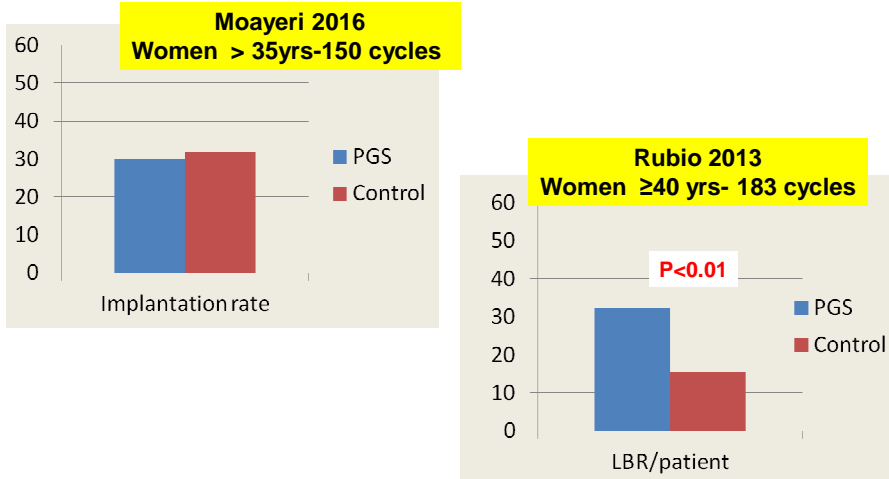
* Trial was terminated prematurely.
CI = confidence interval, M-H = Mantel-Haenszel method.

Mastenbroek et al., Preimplantation genetic screening: a systematic review and meta-analysis of RCTs. Hum Reprod Update 2011;17:454-466.





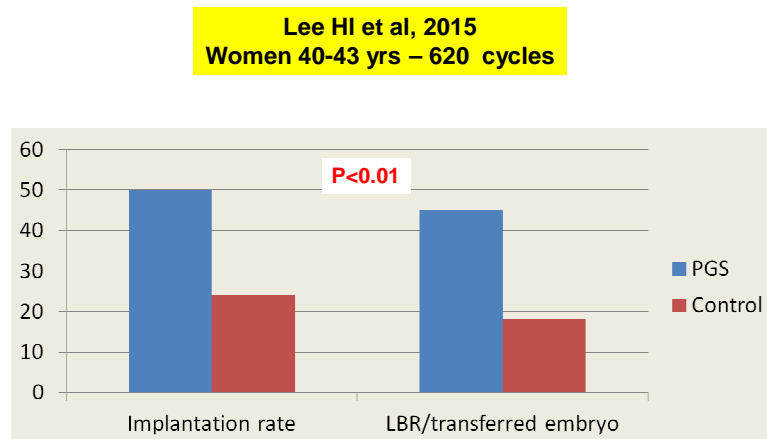
PGS in AMA recent RCT by FISH on day 3



Sismer



PGS in AMA Retrospective studies by CGH on blastocysts



Sismer



Outcomes of IVF with PGS : an analysis of the USART 2011-2012 (FS 2015)

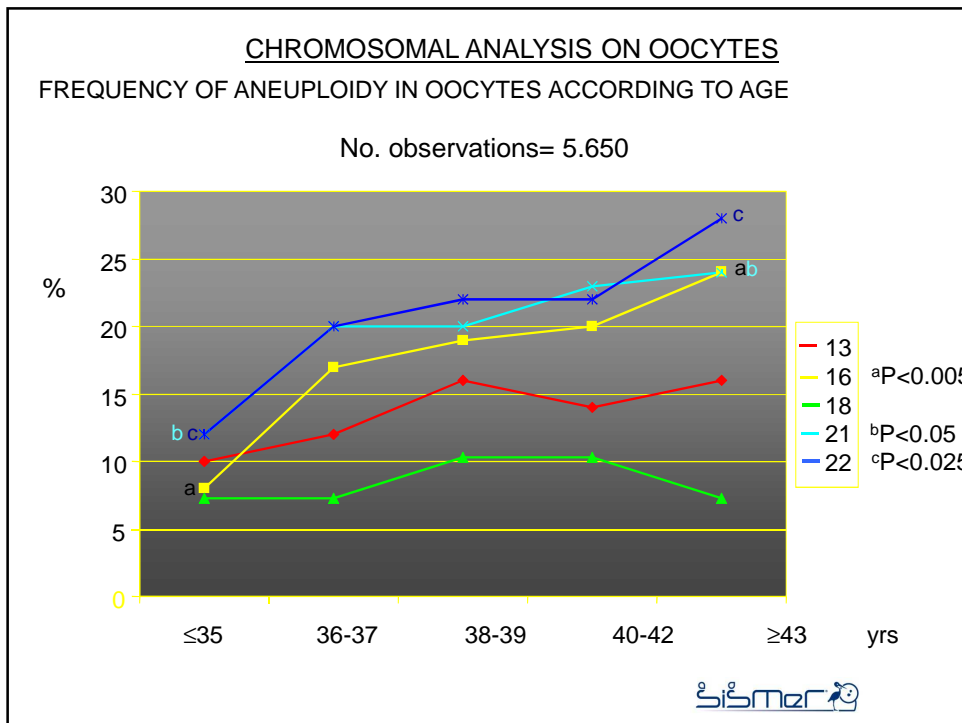
- 5741 cycles - mostly done by aCGH on day 5
- **Age < 35 yrs** : PGS was not associated to improved clinical pregnancy or Live birth rates
- **Age ≥ 35 yrs** : PGS was associated with **lower** odds of **miscarriage** per pregnancy
- **Age > 37 yrs** : higher likelihood of having a **live birth delivery** per transfer



PGS in AMA

- Can **full karyotyping** increase the efficacy compared to **FISH** ?





Classical indications for PGS

IVF population at higher risk to produce aneuploid embryos:

- advanced maternal age (AMA)*
- recurrent idiopathic miscarriage (RM)***
- recurrent implantation failure (RIF)*
- severe male factor (SMF)*
- association of two factors*
- (POR)*

Sismer



PGS in idiopathic RM (age < 40 yrs)

- Couples with RM have an expected miscarriage rate of **33.5%**
- The % of euploid embryos by PGS is 35%
- PGS reduces the miscarriage rate to **< 10%** (observational studies)
- Very poor data comparing IVF with and without PGS

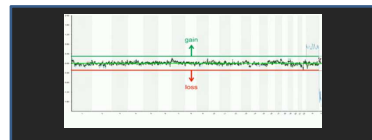
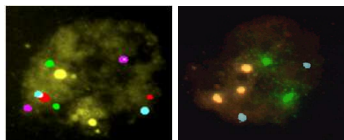
	IVF PGS	Expectant management
LBR	40%	55%
Miscarriage rate	7%	25%
Time to delivery		Higher
Emotional distress of RM	Lower	
Cost per Live Birth	43.300	418

Murugappan et al, Fertil Steril 2015



PGS in idiopathic RM (age < 40 yrs)

- Can full karyotyping increase the results compared to FISH ?
- The **chromosomes** chosen for FISH analyses (**13,15,16,18,21,22**) were those more involved in spontaneous miscarriages





Classical indications for PGS

IVF population at higher risk to produce aneuploid embryos:

- advanced maternal age (AMA)
- recurrent idiopathic miscarriage (RM)
- **recurrent implantation failure (RIF)**
- severe male factor (SMF)
- association of two factors
- (POR)



The ESHRE PGD Consortium: 10 years of data collection

J.C. Harper^{1,2*}, L. Wilton³, J. Traeger-Synodinos⁴, V. Goossens⁵, C. Moutou⁶, S.B. SenGupta¹, T. Pehlivan Budak⁷, P. Renwick⁸, M. De Rycke⁹, J.P.M. Geraedts¹⁰, and G. Harton¹¹

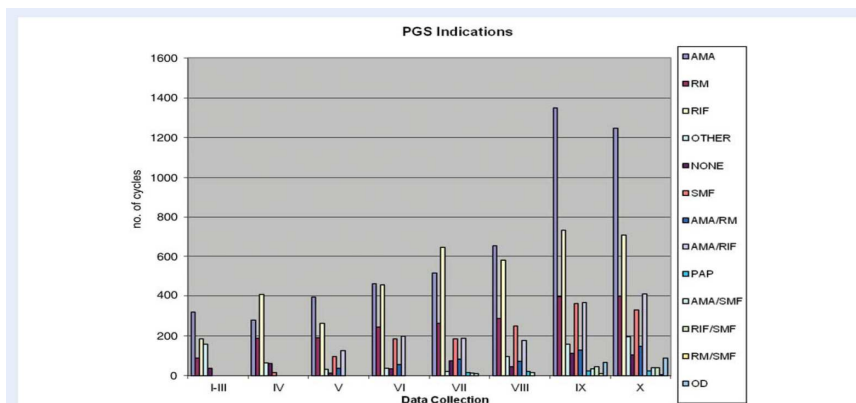


Figure 11 The evolution of PGS indications over the 10 sets of data. AMA, advanced maternal age; RM, repeated miscarriage; RIF, repeated implantation failure; SMF, severe male factor; PAF, previous abnormal pregnancy; OD, oocyte donation.

Human Reproduction Update, Vol.18, No.3 pp. 234–247, 2012





ESHRE PGD Consortium Definition of RIF - 2011

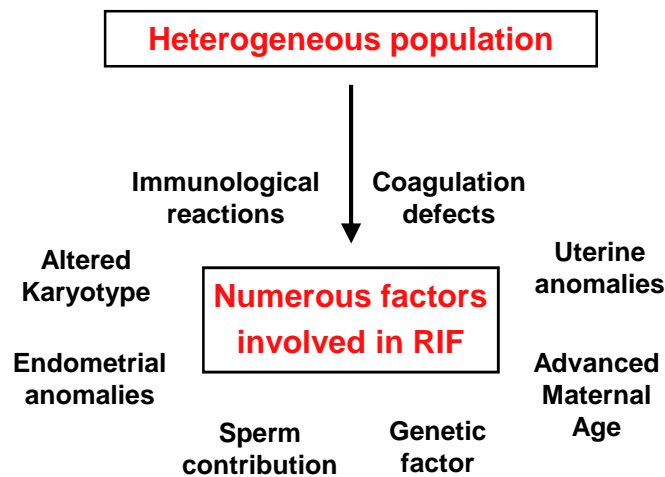
Failure of implantation after :
≥ 3 embryo transfers with high-quality embryos
or
the **transfer of ≥ 10 embryos** in multiple transfers (*exact number to be determined by each centre*)

Harton et al, Hum Reprod 2011, 26;14-24

Female age < 40 yrs,
normal ovarian response,
± male factor

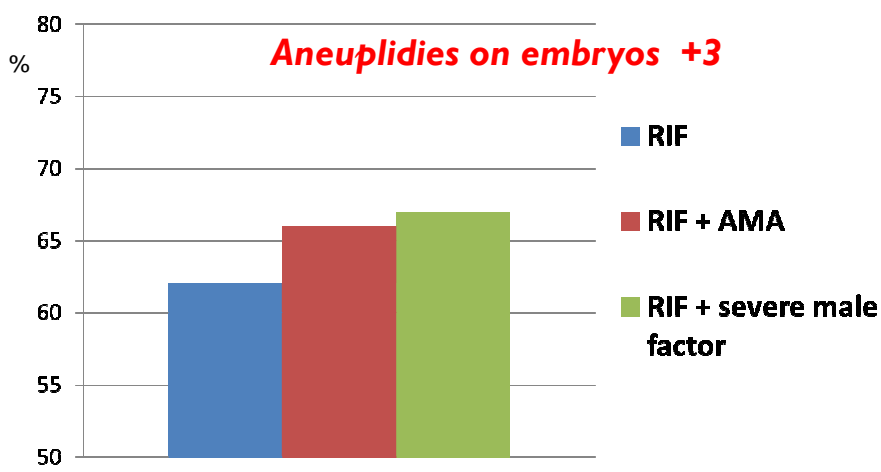


RECURRENT IMPLANTATION FAILURE PATIENTS





RIF ± Advanced maternal age (AMA) or severe male factor

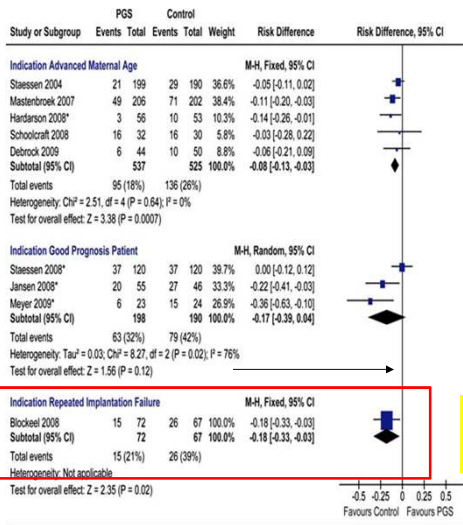


DATA FROM THE LITERATURE

PGS in RIF	Technique applied	Patients with RIF enrolled	normal embryos (%)	Imp. Rate (PGS vs control)	Pregn. rate (PGS vs control)	Live birth rate (PGS vs control)
Gianaroli et al., 1997	blastomere FISH (X,Y,13,18,21)	20	18/40 (45%)	11.1% vs 4.1%	28.6% vs 16.7%	not reported
Gianaroli et al., 1999	blastomere FISH(X,Y,13,14,15,16,18,21,22)	54	64/138 (46%)	17.3% vs 9.5%	25% vs 22%	not reported
Kahraman et al., 2000	blastomere FISH (X,Y,13,18,21)	23	54%	?	30.4%	not reported
Gianaroli et al., 2002	blastomere FISH(X,Y,13,14,15,16,18,21,22)	66	143/356 (40%)	20.5%	28.8%	27%
Werlin et al., 2003	blastomere FISH(X,Y,13,15,16,17,18,21,22)	19	9/28 (32.1%)	?	20% vs 0%	not reported
Pehlivan, 2003	blastomere FISH (X,Y,13,16,18,21,22)	36	91/263 (34.6%)	24.6% vs 24.1%	40.7% vs 33.3%	not reported
El Toukhy, 2005	polar bodies FISH (13,16,18,21,22)	116	not reported	24% vs 12%	43% vs 25%	not reported
Yakin et al., 2008	blastomere FISH (X,Y,13,16,18,21,22)	140	not reported	11.9% vs 18.4%	14.8% vs 26.8%	14.8% vs 24.4%
Blockeel et al., 2008	blastomere FISH (X,Y,13,16,18,21,22)	200	not reported	21.4% vs 25.3%	32.7% vs 42.9%	20.8% vs 40.2%
Rubio et al., 2012	blastomere FISH (X,Y,13,15,16,17,18,21,22)	91	not reported	not reported	37.3% vs 26.2%	47.9% vs 27.9%



FISH for PGD: Randomized clinical trials

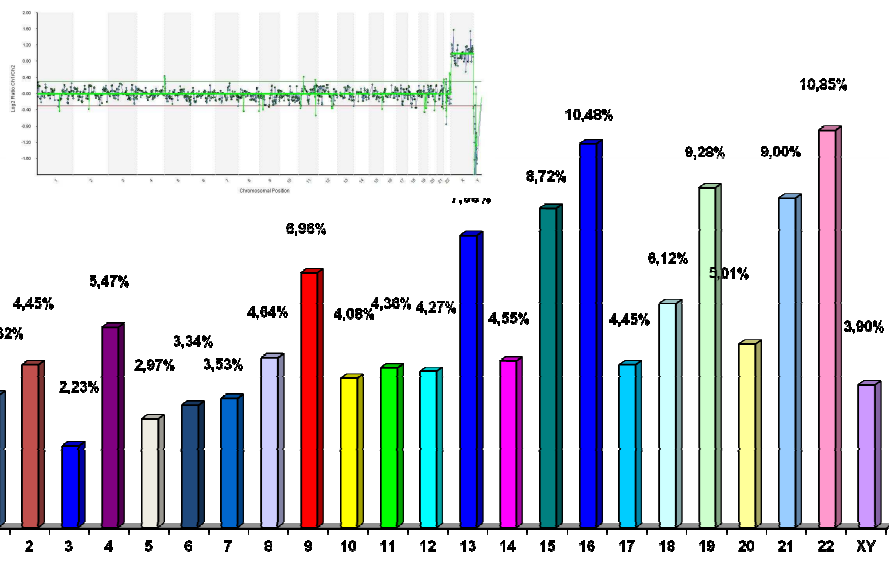


Cleavage stage

No difference in live birth rate when correcting for statistical heterogeneity.

* Trial was terminated prematurely.
CI = confidence interval, M-H = Mantel-Haenszel method.

Mastenbroek et al., Preimplantation genetic screening: a systematic review and meta-analysis of RCTs. Hum Reprod Update 2011;17:454-466.

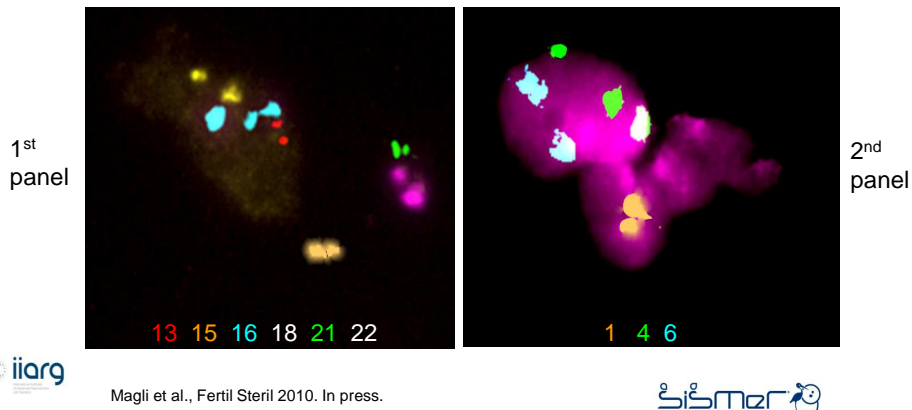


Aneuploidy rate per chromosome (CGHa)



Aneuploidy of chromosomes 1, 4 and 6 Retrospective observational study

After completion of the treatment cycle by conventional FISH,
PBIs of the transferred embryos were reanalyzed for chromosomes 1, 4
and 6 (second panel)



Aneuploidies of chromosomes 1, 4, and 6 are not compatible with human embryos' implantation

M. Cristina Magli, M.Sc.,^a Luca Gianaroli, M.D.,^a Andor Crippa, Ph.D.,^a Santiago Munné, Ph.D.,^b
Francesca Robles, B.Sc.,^a and Anna P. Ferraretti, M.D.^a

^a Società Italiana Studi Medicina della Riproduzione (S.I.S.Me.R.), Reproductive Medicine Unit, Bologna, Italy; and
^b Reprogenetics, Livingston, New Jersey

*Abnormal conditions of these large chromosomes can allow
normal early embryo development but **no implantation**
or, should it happens, very early miscarriage occurs (before
pregnancy detection)*

Fertility and Sterility 2010

Sismar



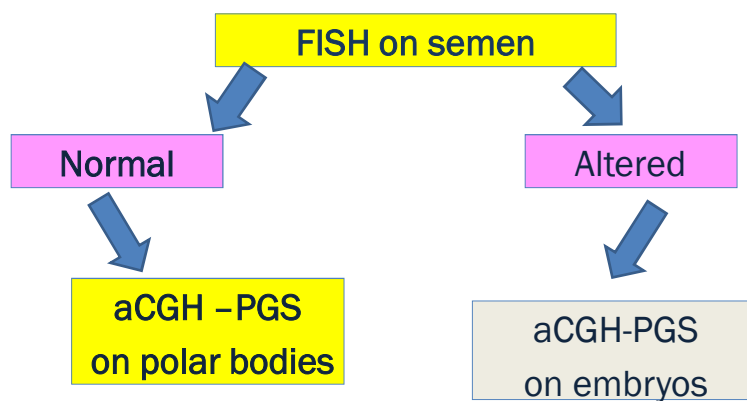
GCH selection for RIF (Greco et al, 2014)

- Study design :Prospective, self randomization
- 76 Women < 36 yrs with an history of 3-9 (mean4.9) previous IVF attempts

	PGS	No PGS	
Embryo policy	eSET	DET	
Euploidy rate	46%	---	
Clinical PR/women	68%	22%	P < 0.001
Miscarriages	0	0	



SISMER policy in RIF (2013-2014)





aCGH in RIF Material

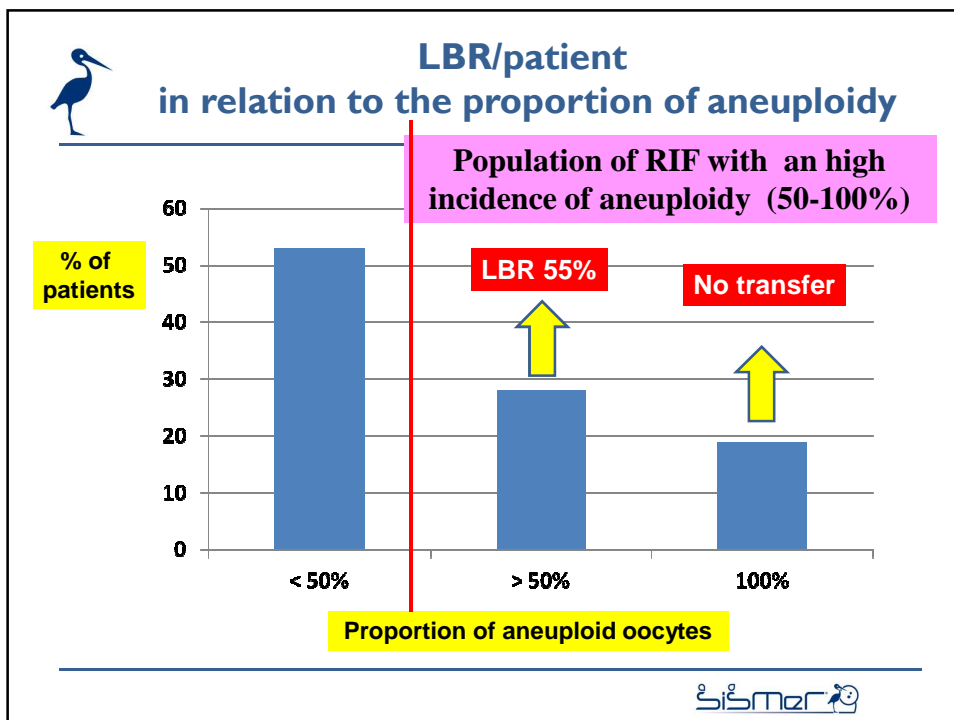
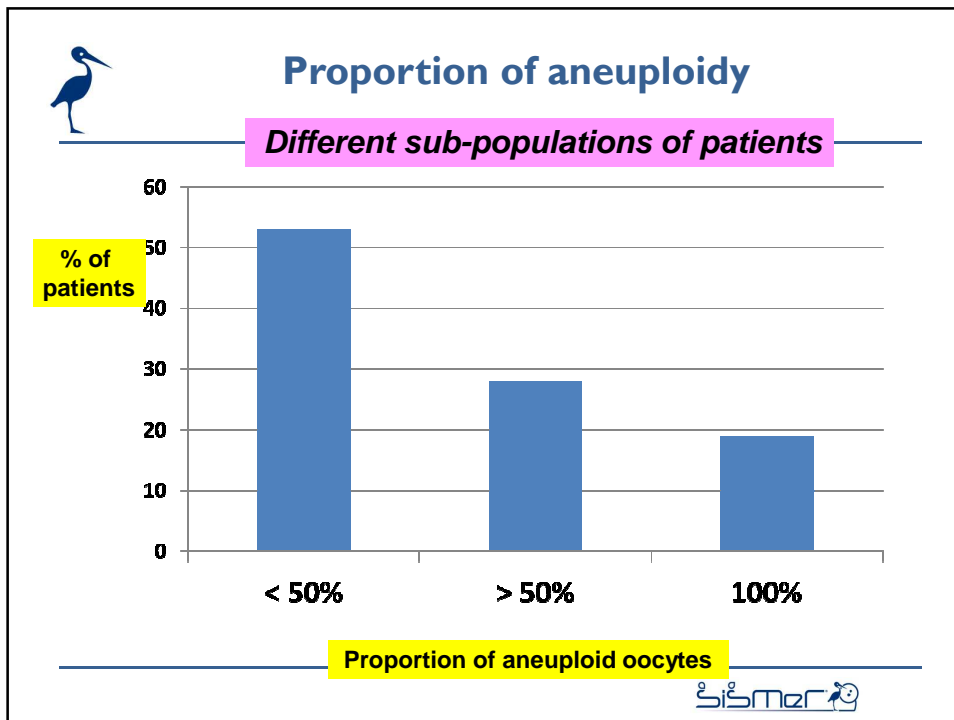
	PGS on oocytes (no male genetic factor)
Patients	47
Age (yrs)	37.8
n. of MII collected oocytes	397
n. of 2PN biopsied	301
n. of day 3 viable embryos	198
n. of oocytes analyzed	198
n. euploid	65 (34%)



PGS on oocytes in RIF (no male genetic factor) Outcome

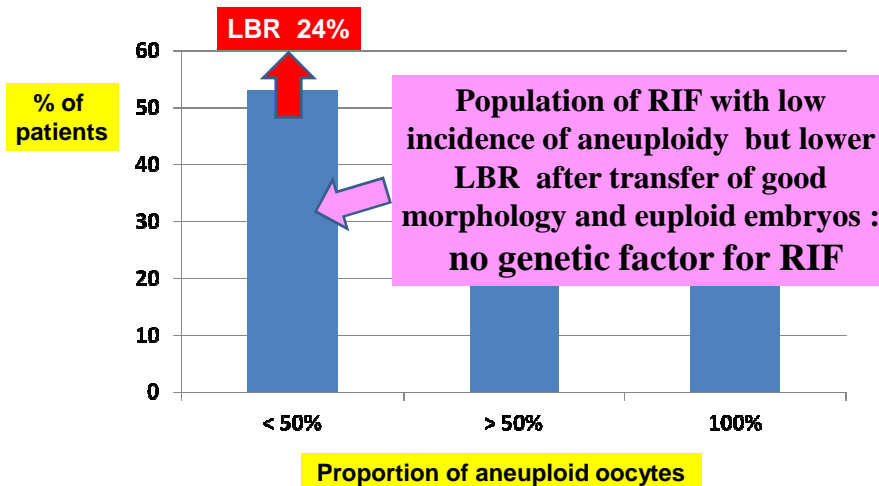
Patients	47
Number of transfers	26 (55%)
Mean embryos transferred	1.4
Clinical pregnancies	13
Implantation rate	48% (17/35)
Miscarriages	1
LBR/patient	25.5%
LBR/ET	46%







LBR/patient in relation to the proportion of aneuploidy



Sismer



PGS by CGH on embryos in RIF + severe male factor

Patients	20
Euploid embryos	23 (24%)
Number of transfers	8 (40%)
Mean embryos transferred	1.2
Clinical pregnancies	2
Miscarriages	1
LBR/patient	5%
LBR/ET	12.5%

Sismer



Classical indications for PGS

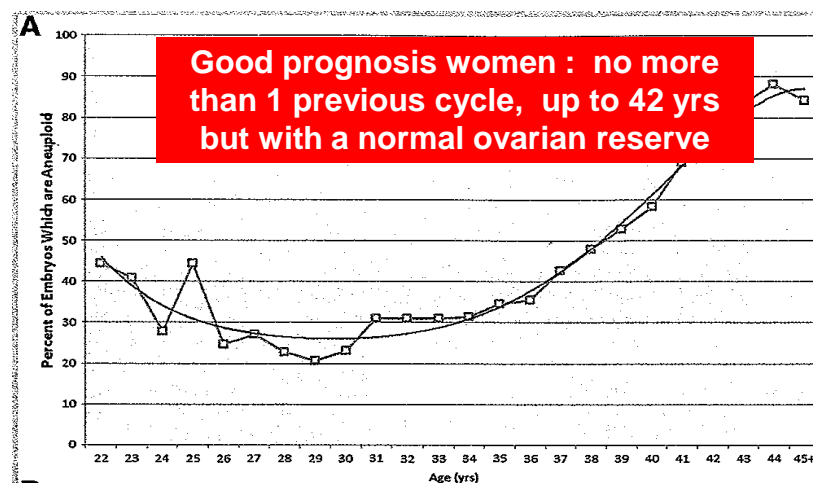
IVF population at higher risk to produce aneuploid embryos (*“poor prognosis patients”*) to improve outcomes

- advanced maternal age (AMA)
- recurrent idiopathic miscarriage (RM)
- recurrent implantation failure (RIF)
- association of two factors
- (severe male factor - SMF)
- (POR)

New indications ?



PGS : new indication ?



Franasiak et al, Fertil Steril 2013

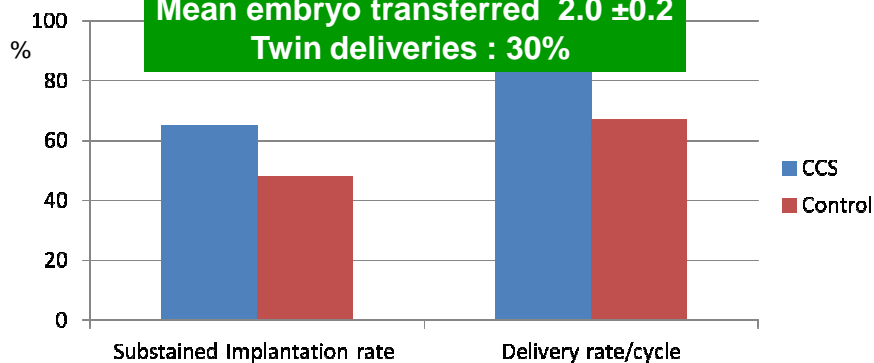




Blastocyst biopsy with CCS significantly increases IVF implantation and delivery rate : a randomized controlled trial

Women 21-42 yrs (including oocyte donors) with a normal ovarian reserve

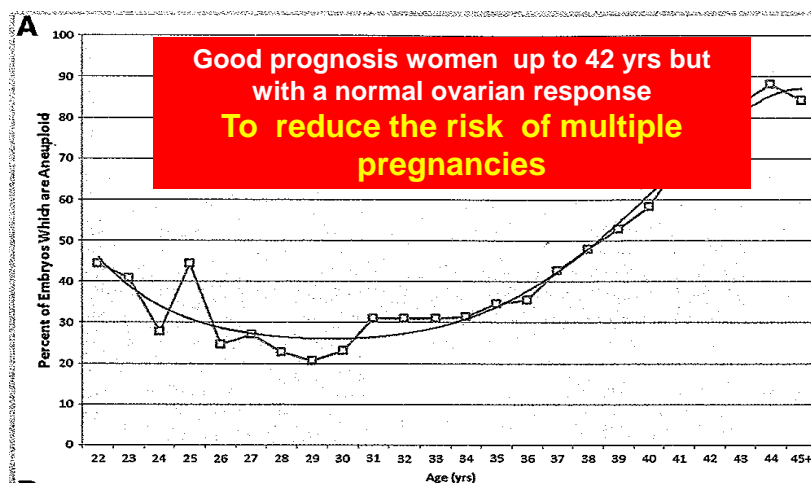
Mean embryo transferred 2.0 ± 0.2
Twin deliveries : 30%



Scott et , Fertil Steril 2013



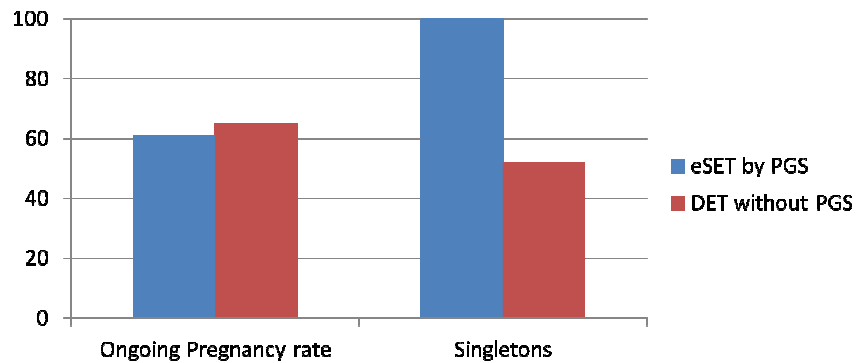
PGS : new and point ?





IVF with single euploid blastocyst transfer : a randomized controlled trial

Women <43 yrs with a normal ovarian reserve
eSET after PGS (CCS) vs DET without PGS

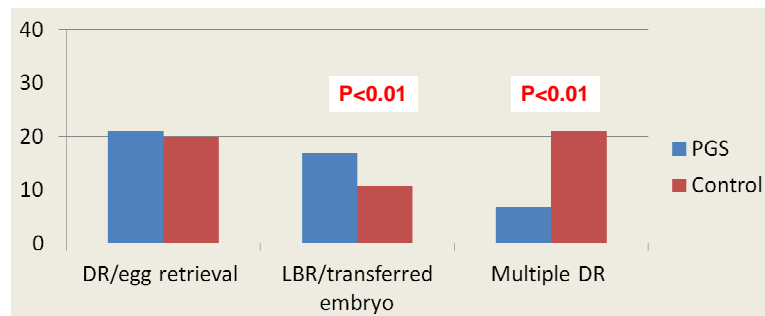


Forman et al, Fertil Steril 2013



PGS in AMA Retrospective studies by CGH on blastocysts

Ubaldi et al 2015
Women > 35 yrs
eSET after PGS vs conventional transfer (2.9±1 blastocysts)

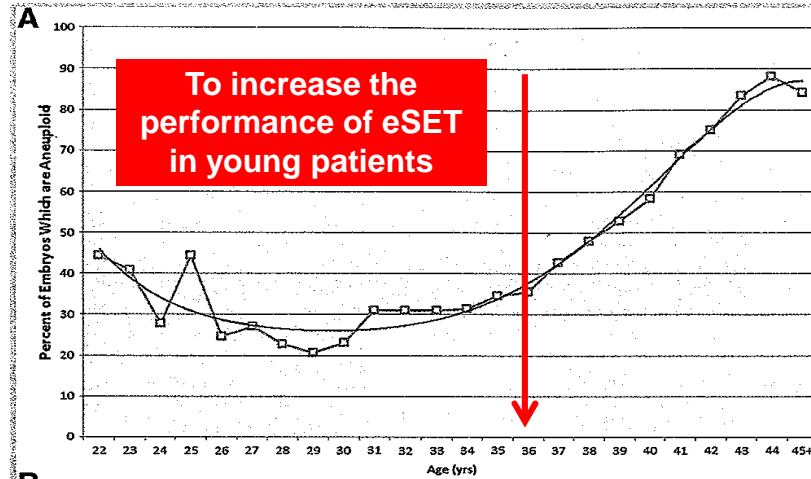


Reduction of the multiple pregnancy rate with eSET by PGS in advanced maternal age population



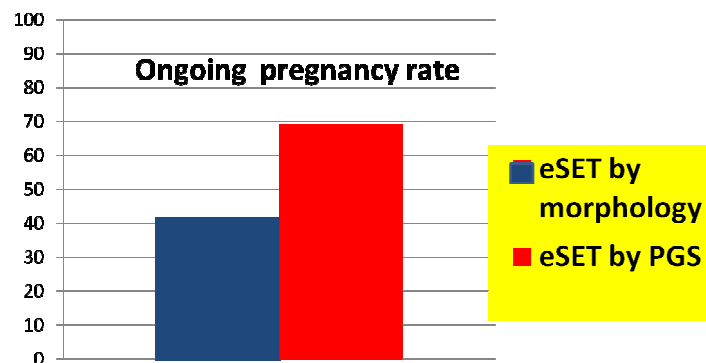


PGS : new end point



Selection of single blastocysts for fresh transfer via standard morphology or with aCGH for good prognosis patients : a randomized pilot study

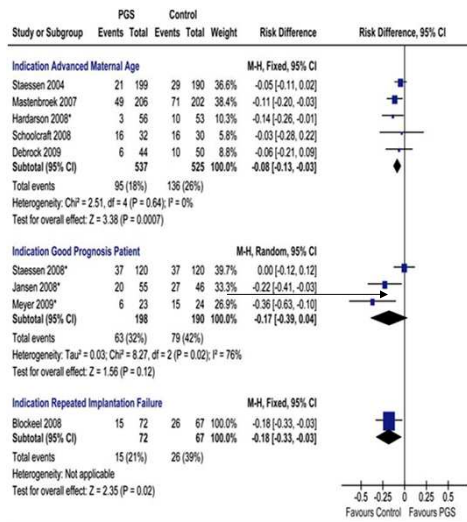
103 women - Age < 35



Young et al, Mol Cytogenetics 2012



Preimplantation genetic screening: a systematic review and meta-analysis of RCTs on the effect of PGS on LBR
 . Mastenbroek et al *IHum Reprod Update* 2011;17:454–466.



FISH
Cleavage stage

* Trial was terminated prematurely.
 CI = confidence interval; M-H = Mantel-Haenszel method.

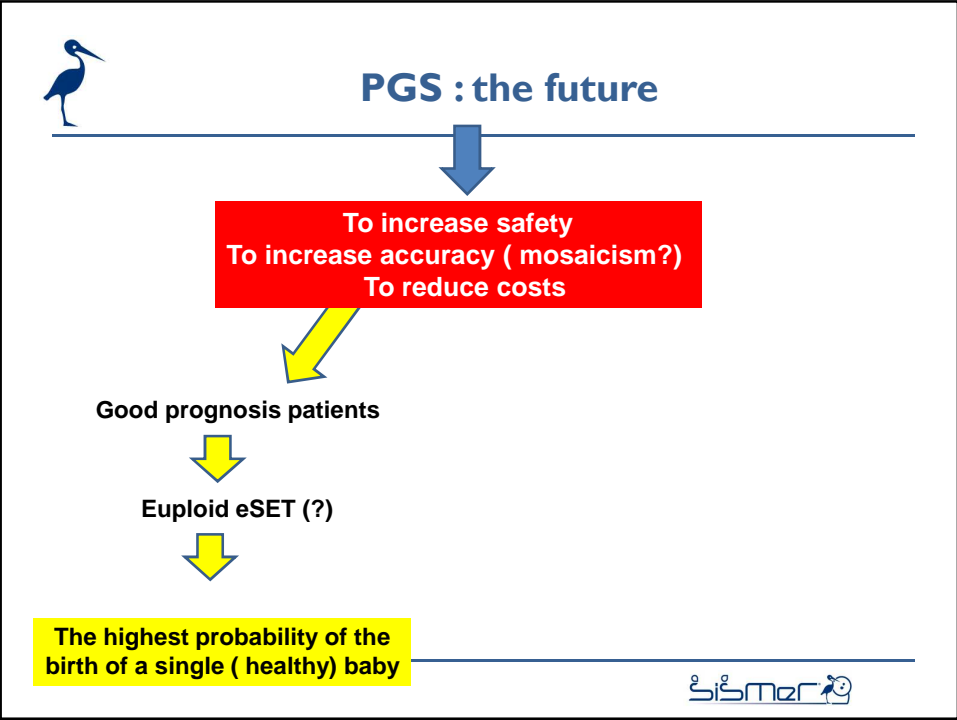
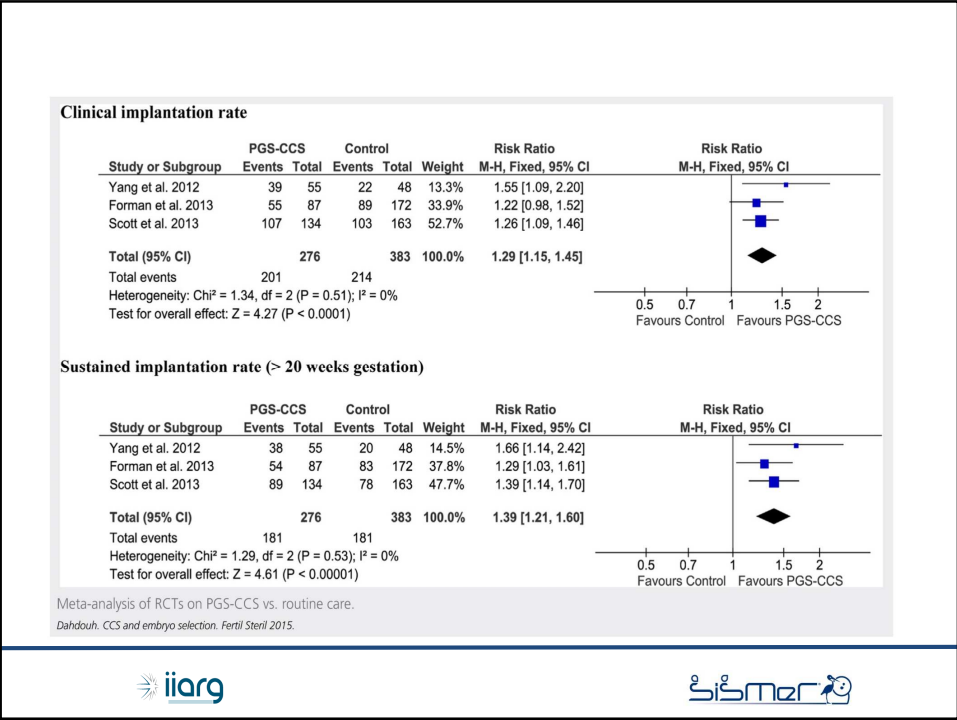


Comprehensive chromosome screening improves embryo selection: a meta-analysis

Elias M. Dahdouh, M.D., M.Sc.,^{a,b,c} Jacques Balayla, M.D.,^c and Juan Antonio Garcia-Velasco, M.D., Ph.D.^d
^a Assisted Reproduction Center, CHU Sainte-Justine, University of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; ^b PROCREA Clinics, Montreal, Canada; ^c Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada; and ^d Instituto Valenciano de Infertilidad (IVI) Madrid and Rey Juan Carlos University, Madrid, Spain

Fertility and Sterility, December 2015





“Acceptable costs for the patient and society”
Chambers et al, Fertil Steril 2013,100.319

“Under some circumstances, ART represents good values of money from a social perspective : the monetary values of providing ART treatments can be far covered by the revenue of ART children”

“These clinical circumstances are if babies born as singleton”



PGS : the future

**To increase safety
To increase accuracy (mosaicism?)
To reduce costs**

Good prognosis patients

Poor prognosis patients

Euploid eSET

**To avoid unsuccessful transfers
To reduce the rate of miscarriages
To shorten the time to delivery
To reduce the risk of multiple pregnancies**

The highest probability of the birth of a single (healthy) baby



