

## Preimplantation Aneuploidy Testing: on day 3 embryos or on blastocyst?

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Pioneers in  
Reproductive Medicine  
and Genetics

## PGS: technology evolution

1991-1995

PCR

FISH

Mostly day-3 biopsies  
2 blastomeres  
learning curves

2008

Array  
Comparative  
Genomic  
Hybridization  
(aCGH)

2010

Quantitative  
polymerase  
chain reaction  
(qPCR)

2012

Single-nucleotide  
polymorphism  
(SNP) microarray

2014  
**Next-  
Generation  
Sequencing  
(NGS)**

Blastocyst biopsy  
Deferred transfer  
Good prognosis

Analysis of a identified single gene disease

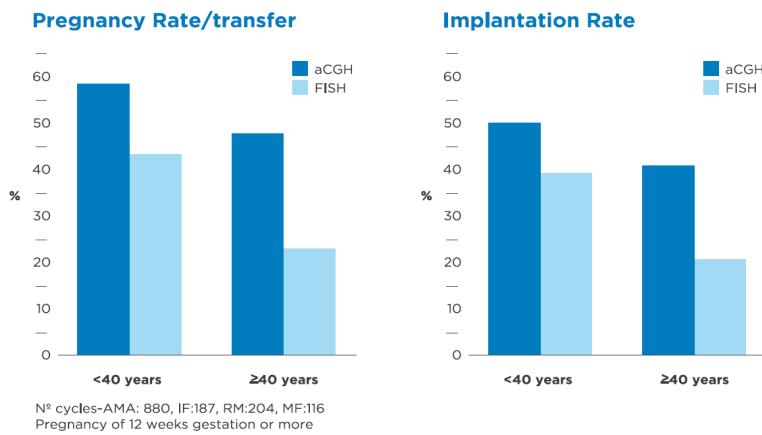
2-12 chromosomes

24 chromosomes

24 chromosomes  
+  
Mit DNA; mutations

## χ Day-3 biopsy: aCGH vs. FISH

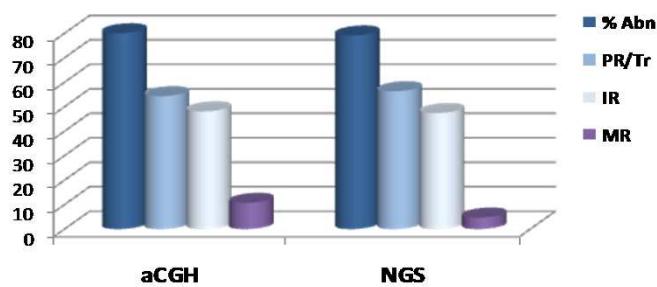
χ PGS with aCGH achieves better reproductive outcome than FISH (24-chr. vs. 9 chr.) (2010-2011)



## χ

## aCGH vs. NGS

Day-3 biopsies: N= 6,934 aCGH vs. 284 NGS cycles



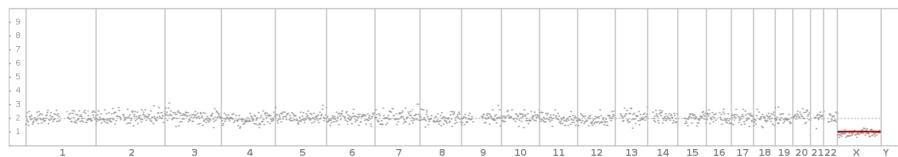
NGS and aCGH inform of similar % abnormal embryos, pregnancy and implantation rates, with a trend towards lower miscarriage rates in NGS



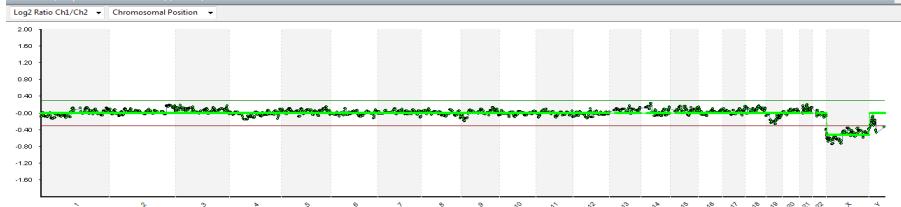
# Validation of PGS-NGS

## Concordance with aCGH: euploid embryo

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Confidence filter: 0.1



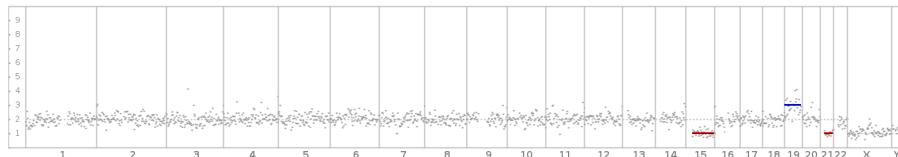
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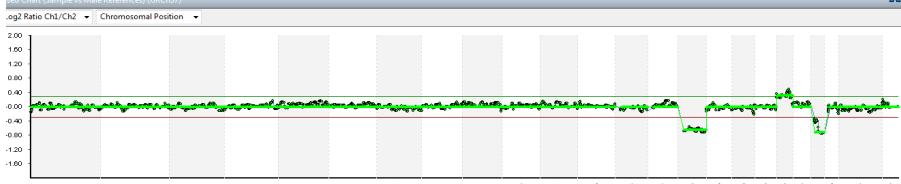
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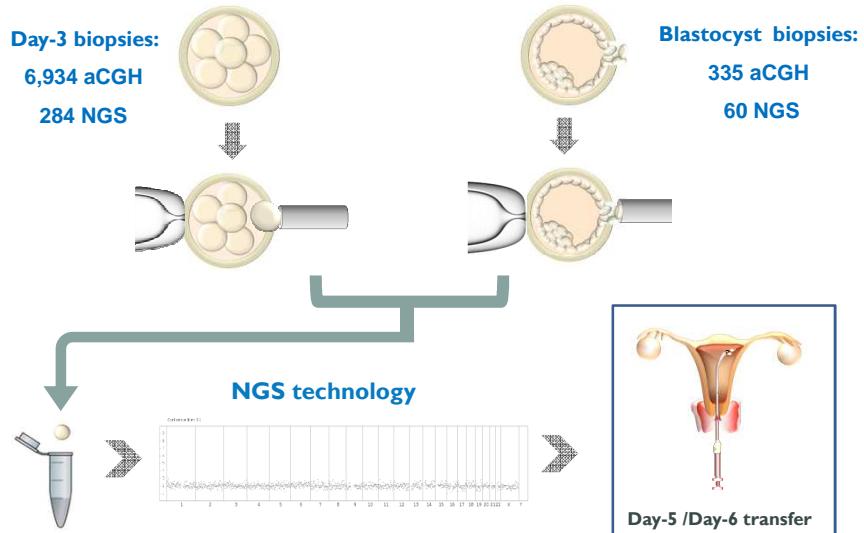
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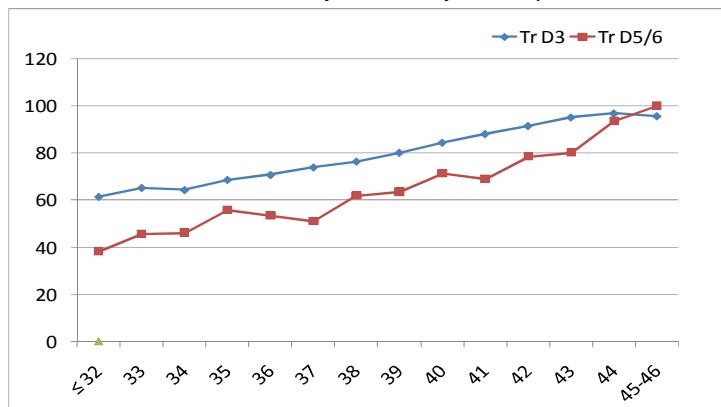
## χ PGS with aCGH and NGS



## χ aCGH: abnormal embryos

Percentage of abnormal embryos (38,031 embryos analyzed)

36,281 embryos with day-3 biopsies  
1,750 embryos with day-5/6 biopsies

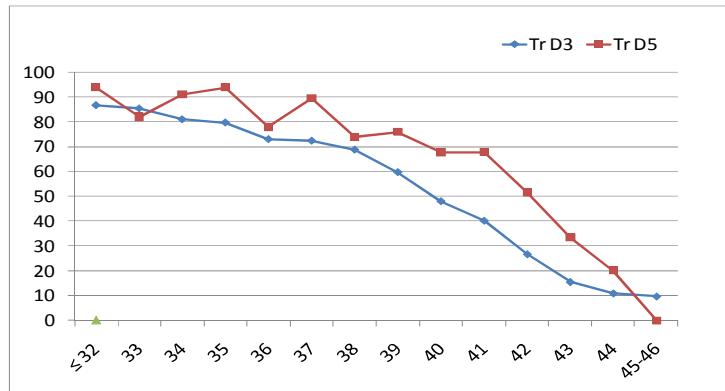


## χ Day-3 vs. blastocyst biopsies

Percentage of cycles with euploid embryos (7,269 cycles)

6,934 cycles with day-3 biopsies

335 cycles with day-5/6 biopsies



## χ aCGH: abnormal embryos



	Day-3	Blastocyst
Mean age	39.5	37.6
Mean MII	9.6	13.1
Mean analyzed	5.2	5.4
% abnormal embryos	81.0	54.4*
% chaotic pattern	16.1	2.1*
% complex aneuploidy	18.6	6.2*
% partial aneuploidies	5.4	6.1

(\*p<0.05)

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## NGS: day-3 biopsies



	NORMAL	ABNORMAL	CHAOTIC
BLOQ	4.1	18.3	56.4
MC	6.0	20.0	22.1
BT	13.4	21.7	11.4
BC	17.7	18.0	6.9
BE	2.7	2.5	0.3
BH	3.6	1.3	2.8
BHi	52.0	21.7	0
<b>Total Blast</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>21.4</b>

(\*p<0.05)

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## Blastocyst biopsies



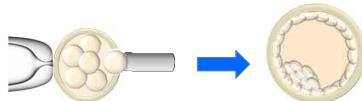
	% Cycles	Transfer type
Arrested before biopsy	11%	
All Day-5 biopsy	11%	Fresh
Day-5 and day-6 biopsy	50%	Deferred
All Day-6 biopsy	28%	Deferred

Mercader, IVI-Valencia

## χ aCGH: false positive rates

### Accuracy of aCGH on day-3 and day-5 biopsies

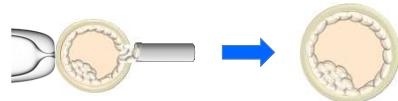
N= 76 reanalysed abnormal embryos



Day-3 aCGH  
reconfirmation with FISH on day-5

	Confirmed Diagnosis	NO confirmed
aCGH day-3	74/76 (97.4%)	2/76 (2.6%)

N= 37 reanalysed abnormal embryos



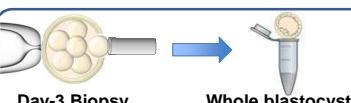
Day-5 aCGH  
reconfirmation with FISH on day-5

	Confirmed Diagnosis	NO confirmed
aCGH day-5	36/37 (97.3%)	1/37 (2.7%)

Mir et al., ASRM 2011

## χ aCGH: false positive rates

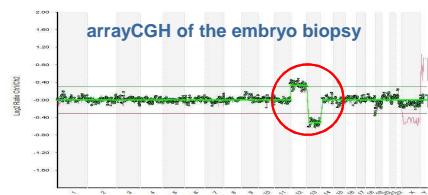
### Low false positive rate in both types of biopsies



	Confirmed	NO confirmed
aCGH	49/50	1/50
Day-3	(98%)	(2%)



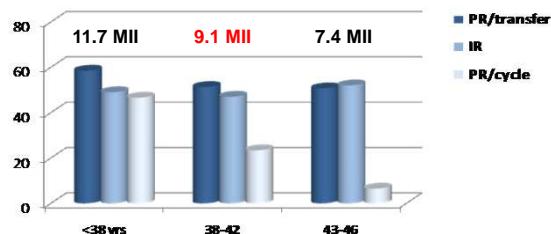
	Confirmed	NO confirmed
aCGH	57/59	2/59
Day-5	(96.6%)	(3.4%)



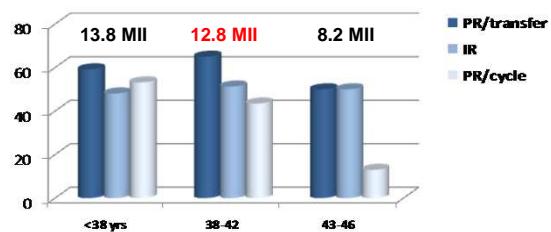
Mir et al., JARG 2015

## χ aCGH: Day-3 vs. blastocyst biopsies

Day-3 biopsies:  
N= 6,934 cycles  
(36,281 embryos)



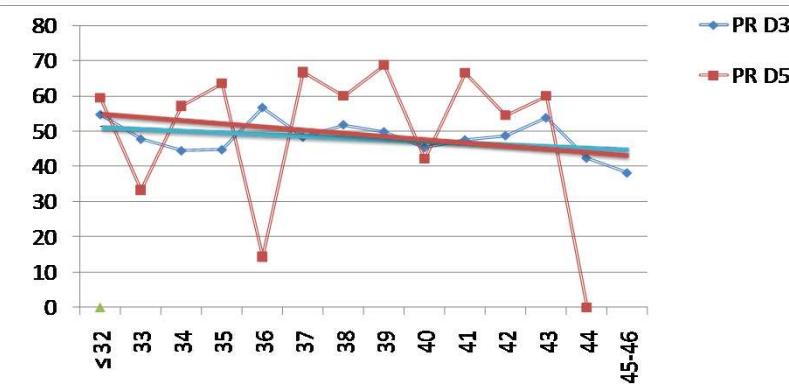
Day-5/6 biopsies:  
N= 335 cycles  
(1,750 embryos)



## χ aCGH: Day-3 vs. blastocyst biopsies

Cycles with one embryo transferred (2,328 cycles)

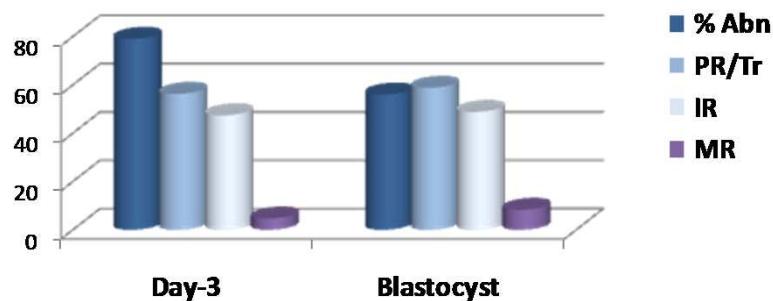
2,174 cycles with day-3 biopsies (31.3%)  
154 cycles with day-5/6 biopsies (46%)





## NGS: Day- 3 vs. Blastocyst

NGS: 284 day-3 vs. 60 blastocyst cycles



Similar results between day-3 and blastocyst biopsies  
by NGS aneuploidy screening

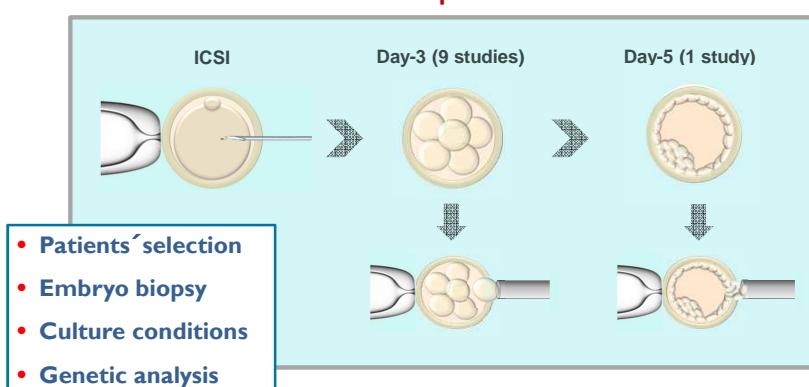


## Published RCTs in PGS mostly day-3

Advanced Maternal Age (5 RCTs)  
Recurrent implantation failure (1 RCT)  
Young IVF couples w/o risk (4 RCTs)

**FISH for 5-7 chromosomes**

No clinical improvement



## χ Published RCTs in PGS mostly day-3

### IVI RCTs studies using 9-chromosomes FISH on day-3 biopsies

AMA (41-44 years; ≥5 MII)	Blastocyst	PGS	P-value
No. of cycles	90	93	----
Mean Age (SD)	41.7 (0.9)	41.8 (0.9)	NS
Ongoing implantation rate (%)	20/152 (13.1)	40/114 (35.1)*	p<0.0001
Live birth rate (%)	14/90 (15.5)	<b>30/93 (32.3)*</b>	p=0.0099

RIF (≥ 3 IVF failures ; < 40 yrs)	Blastocyst	PGS	P-value
No. of cycles	43	48	----
Mean Age (SD)	35.3 (2.9)	35.2 (3.5)	NS
Ongoing implantation rate (%)	15/70 (21.4)	26/71 (36.6)*	P=0.0112
Live birth rates (%)	12/43 (27.9)	<b>23/48 (47.9)</b>	NS

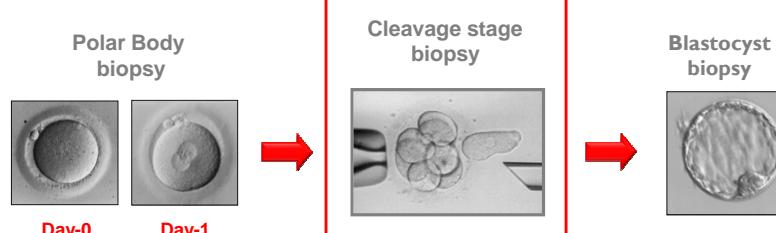
Two-side Fisher's test

Rubio et al, FS 2013

## χ aCGH: day-3 biopsy RCT

### Study groups

- ❖ Advanced maternal age (38 - 41 years)
- ❖ Severe male factor (≤ 2 million/mL)



ClinicalTrials.gov NCT01571076

## χ AMA - RCT with aCGH on day-3 biopsies



38-42 years	Blastocyst	PGS	P-value
No. of cycles performed	110	102	--
Mean age (SD)	39.4 (1.1)	39.5 (1.1)	NS
Percentage of transfers	<b>99.1</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<i>p&lt;0.0001</i>
Mean embryos/transfer	1.8 (0.6)	1.3 (0.7)	<i>p&lt;0.0001</i>
No. of pregnancies	48	38	--
No. of miscarriages (%)	<b>23 (47.9)</b>	<b>1 (2.6)</b>	<i>p&lt;0.0001</i>
Delivery rate/transfer	22.9	54.4	<i>p&lt;0.0001</i>
Delivery rate/cycle	<b>22.7</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<i>p=0.0349</i>
Ongoing IR	14.9	46.7	<i>p&lt;0.0001</i>
Liveborns/cycle	<b>26.4</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<i>p=0.02</i>

Two-side Fishers' test

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## χ MF - RCT with aCGH on day-3 biopsies



	Blastocyst	PGS	P-value
No. of cycles performed	41	44	--
Mean age (SD)	32.6 (3.4)	33.0 (2.8)	NS
Percentage of transfers	97.6	88.6	NS
Mean embryos/transfer (SD)	<b>1.9 (0.6)</b>	<b>1.5 (0.7)</b>	<i>P=0.0079</i>
No. of pregnancies	23	29	--
No. of miscarriages (%)	<b>6 (26.1)</b>	<b>1 (3.4)</b>	<i>P=0.0237</i>
Ongoing PR/transfer*	42.5	71.8	<i>P=0.0078</i>
Ongoing PR/cycle*	<b>41.5</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<i>P=0.0334</i>
Ongoing IR	22.7	55.2	<i>P=0.0001</i>

\*12 weeks ongoing pregnancies

\* *p<0.05 T-Student and one-side Fishers' test*

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# χ aCGH: blastocyst biopsy RCT

## Single embryo transfer (SET)

**Women < 35 years**  
**First IVF attempt**  
**No previous miscarriages**  
(Yang et al., 2012)

Table 1 Characteristics of patients whose embryos were randomized to assessment by morphology with aCGH (Group A) and blastocyst morphology only (Group B)		
	Group A (n = 55)	Group B (n = 48)
Age (yrs)	31.2 ± 2.5	31.5 ± 2.7
Total oocytes retrieved	19.5 ± 8.2	19.3 ± 8.1
MII (mature) oocytes	16.6 ± 7.8	16.3 ± 7.6
Oocytes fertilized (2pn)	13.1 ± 6.7	12.8 ± 6.4
Day 3 embryos	12.9 ± 1.8	12.6 ± 1.9
Day 5 blastocysts	8.3 ± 2.1	8.1 ± 2.4

Table 3 Comparison of laboratory findings and clinical outcome among IVF patients undergoing SET with embryo assessment by aCGH + morphology (Group A) and blastocyst morphology alone (Group B)

Fresh blastocyst transfer according to morphology assessment:		A	IVI MF RCT
Grade 5/6	5 (9.1)	7 (15.2)	Ongoing PR
Grade 4	2 (3.6)	2 (4.2)	63.6 vs. 41.5 <sup>a</sup>
Grade 3	3 (5.4)	3 (6.2)	
Clinical pregnancy	39 (70.9)	22 (45.8)	0.017 <sup>a</sup>
Ongoing pregnancy ( $\geq 20$ wks GA)	38 (69.1)	20 (41.7)	0.009 <sup>a</sup>
Missed abortion	1 (2.6)	2 (9.1)	0.597 <sup>b</sup>

Notes: All data reported as n (%). SET = single embryo transfer; aCGH = array comparative genomic hybridization; GA = gestational age <sup>a</sup> by Chi-squared test <sup>b</sup> by Fisher's exact test

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