

# Chromosomal Aberrations

**NUMERICAL**

**&**

**STRUCTURAL**

**Different Cell Line  
( Mosaicism, Chimera)**

# Chromosomal Aberrations

- **Causes** - Ionizing radiation
  - Viral infection
  - Chemicals
  - Age related
  - Iatrogenic

# Chromosomal Aberrations

- **Balanced-** Chromosomal content is the Same
- **Unbalanced-** Addition or Subtraction

# Chromosomal Aberrations

**Stable-** Presence of Centromere  
They pass through cell division  
Inherited by the next generation

**Unstable-** Absence of Centromere  
Unable to pass through cell division  
Not inherited by the next generation

# Numerical Aberration

- **Normal Diploid -  $2n$**

**A) Euploidy-** Exact multiple of-'n'-Don't survive

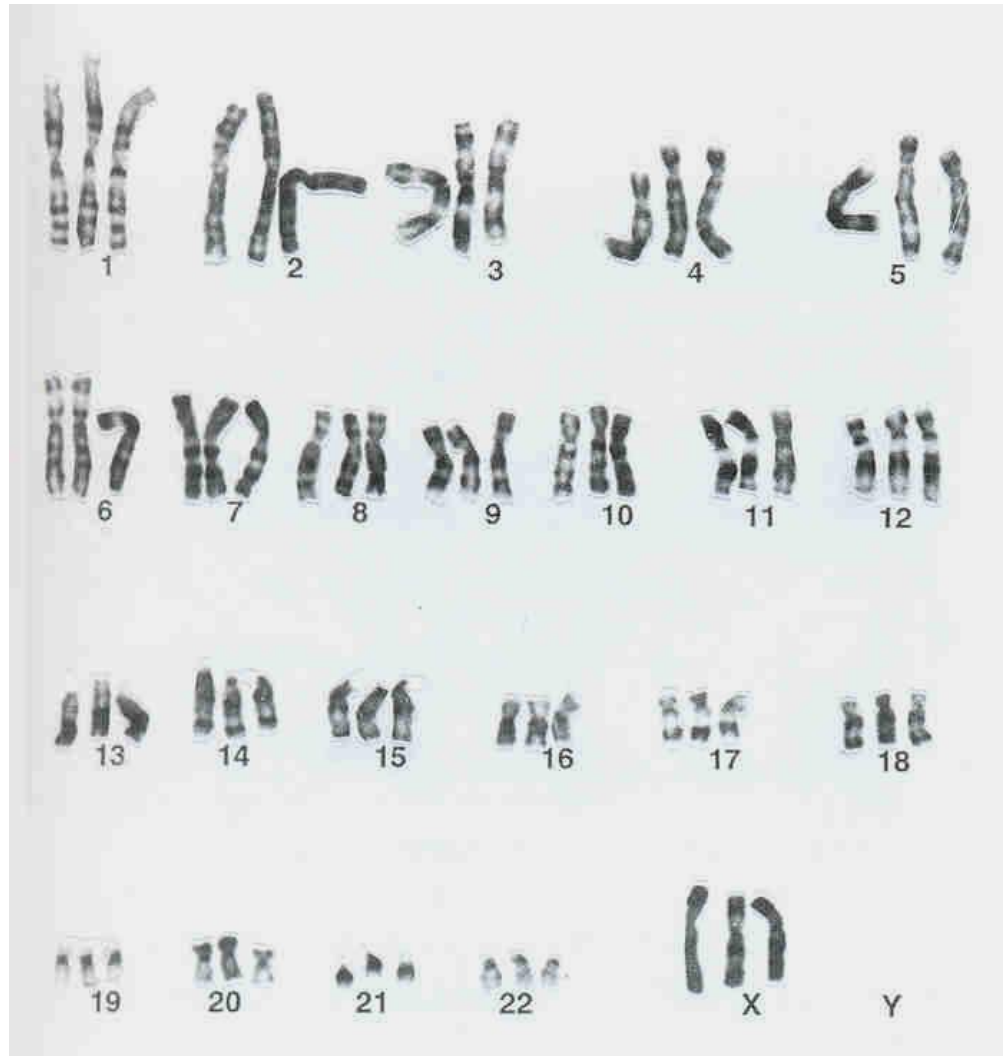
**1) Triploidy (Dispermy)  $3n$ - can be liveborn  
but nonviable**

**2) Tetraploidy  $4n$ - nonviable**

**B) Aneuploidy –Extra or Missing chromosome**

$$2n - 1 / 2n + 1$$

# TRIPLOIDY



# ANEUPLOIDY

- Loss or gain of one or more chromosome
- In 3-4% of clinically diagnosed pregnancies

## TRISOMY

- **Autosome-** 15,18,  
21-(commonest)
- **Sex chromosome-** **X** chromosome  
**Y** chromosome

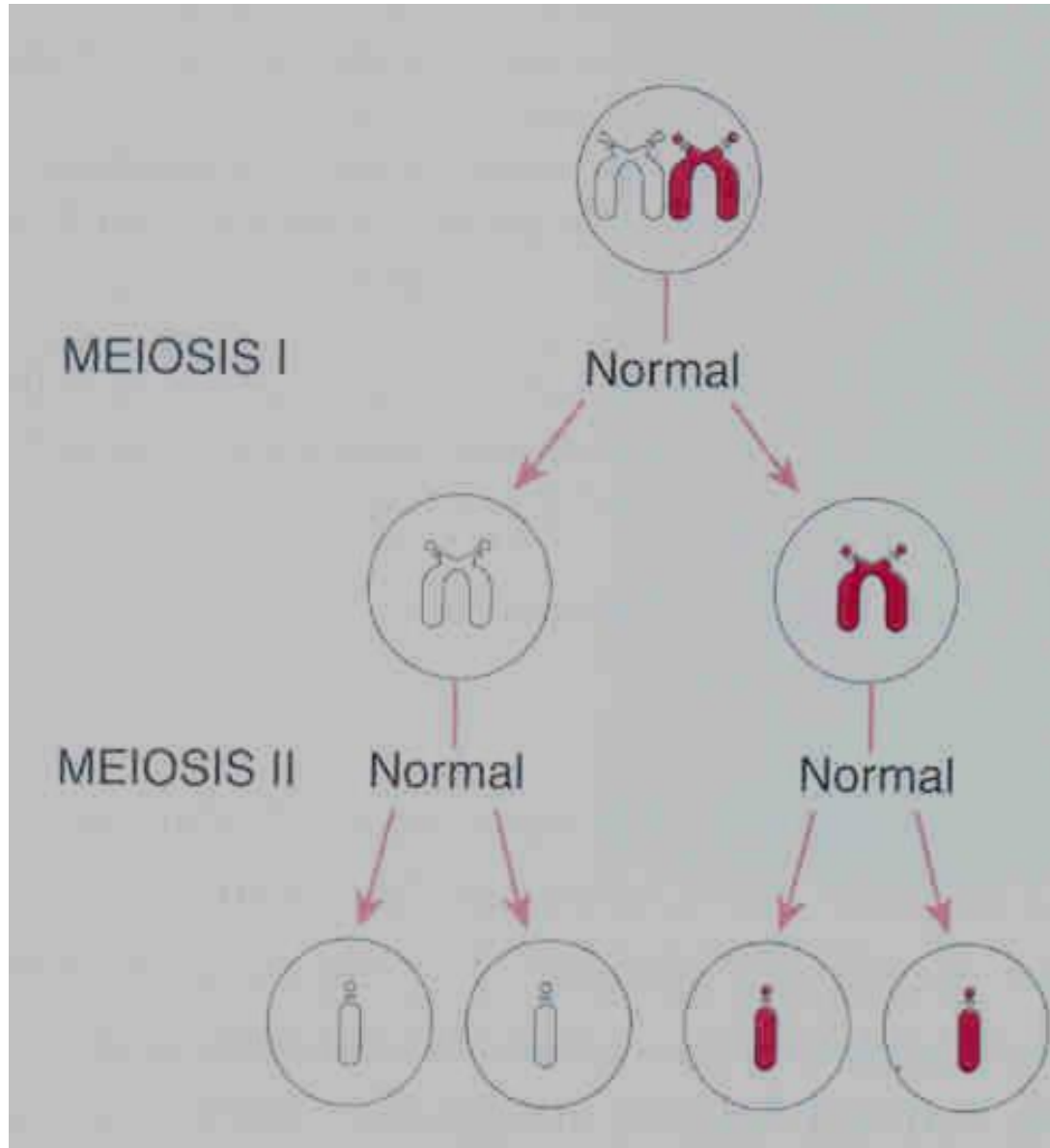
# Aneuploidy

## MONOSOMY

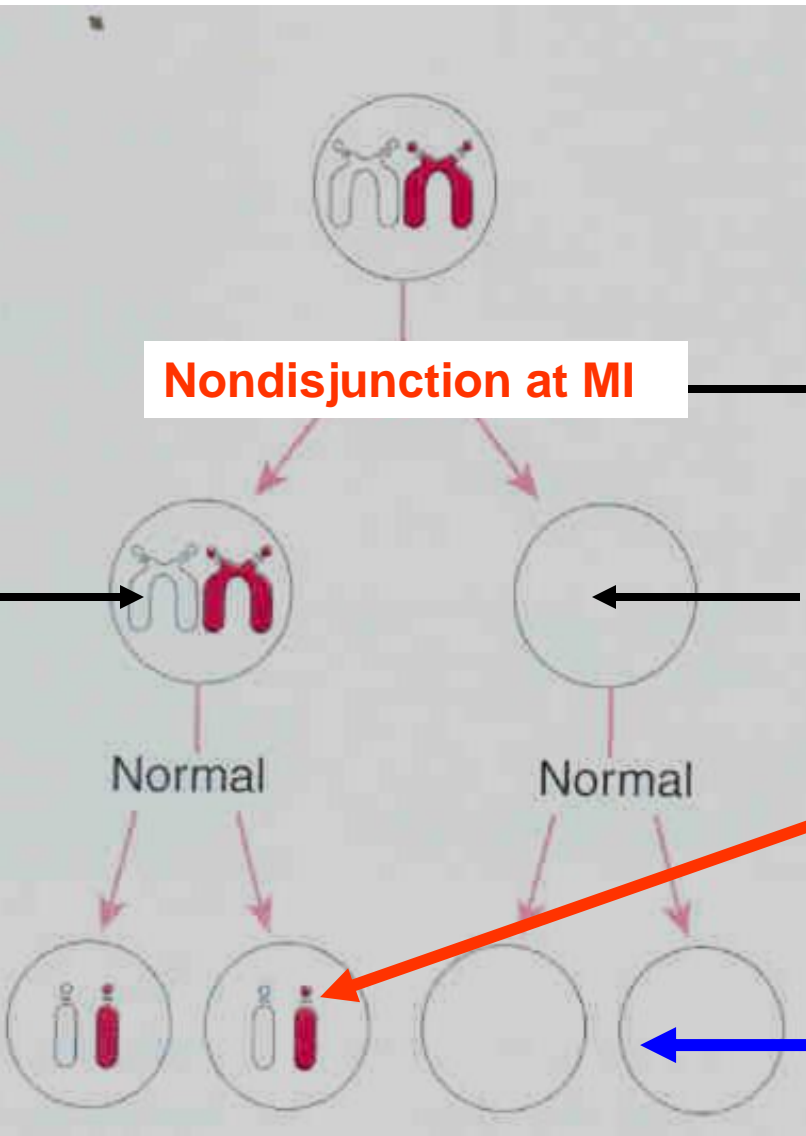
- **Autosome** - **Nonviable** - **Do not survive**
- **Sex chromosome** - - -
- **X chromosome** - **Turner syndrome** **XO**
- **Y Chromosome** - ??



# NORMAL M-I and M-II



# NONDIJUNCTION AT Meiosis I

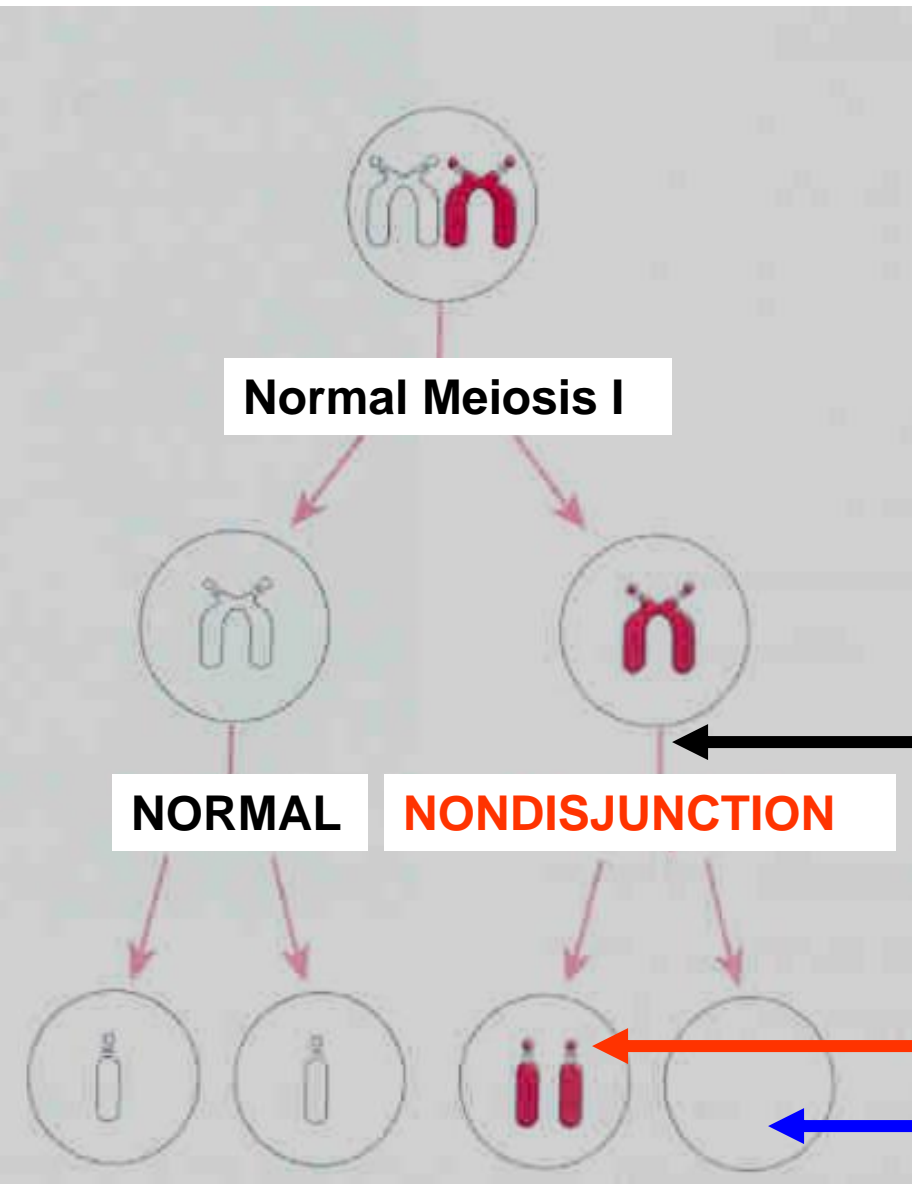


Consequences of Fertilization with normal gamete

• **50%--Trisomy**

• **50%--Monosomy**

# NONDISJUNCTION at M-II



Consequences after fertilization with normal gamete

- **Mistake at M-II**
- **50%-Normal**
- **25%-Trisomy**
- **25%-Monosomy**

# Causes Of Nondisjunction

- **Aging effect on Primary Oocyte** - as it remains in suspended inactivity upto 40 years or more
- **Delayed fertilization after ovulation**
- **Abnormality in Spindle Formation**
- **Absence of recombination-**  
Premature separation  
Segregate randomly

# Causes of Aneuploidy

## **NONDISJUNCTION**

**At Meiosis** - Failure to Pair  
Failure to Disjoin  
Anaphase Lag

**At Post-zygotic - Mitosis- MOSAICISM**

The patient is known as 'Mosaic'

# Effects of the Mosaicism Depend on

- **Time** of the non disjunctional event
- **Nature** of the chromosomal abnormality
- **Proportions** of different chromosomes
- **Tissues** affected

# Structural Aberration

- Structural Breakage with **subsequent reunion** in different configuration
- **Balanced** –Chromosomal complement is intact  
Carriers have risk of producing children with Unbalanced complement
- **Unbalanced-**  
Loss or gain of the segment of the gene

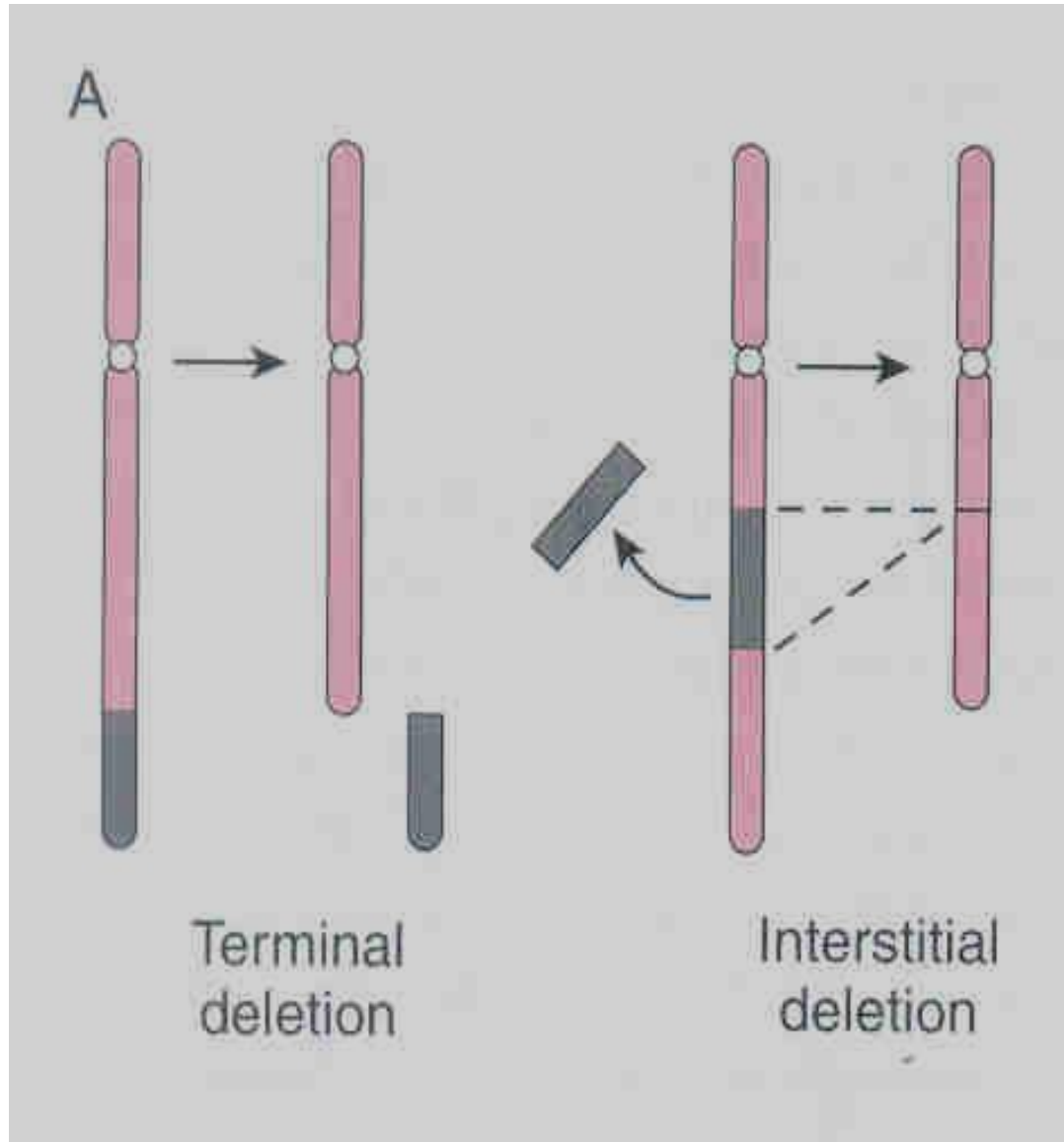
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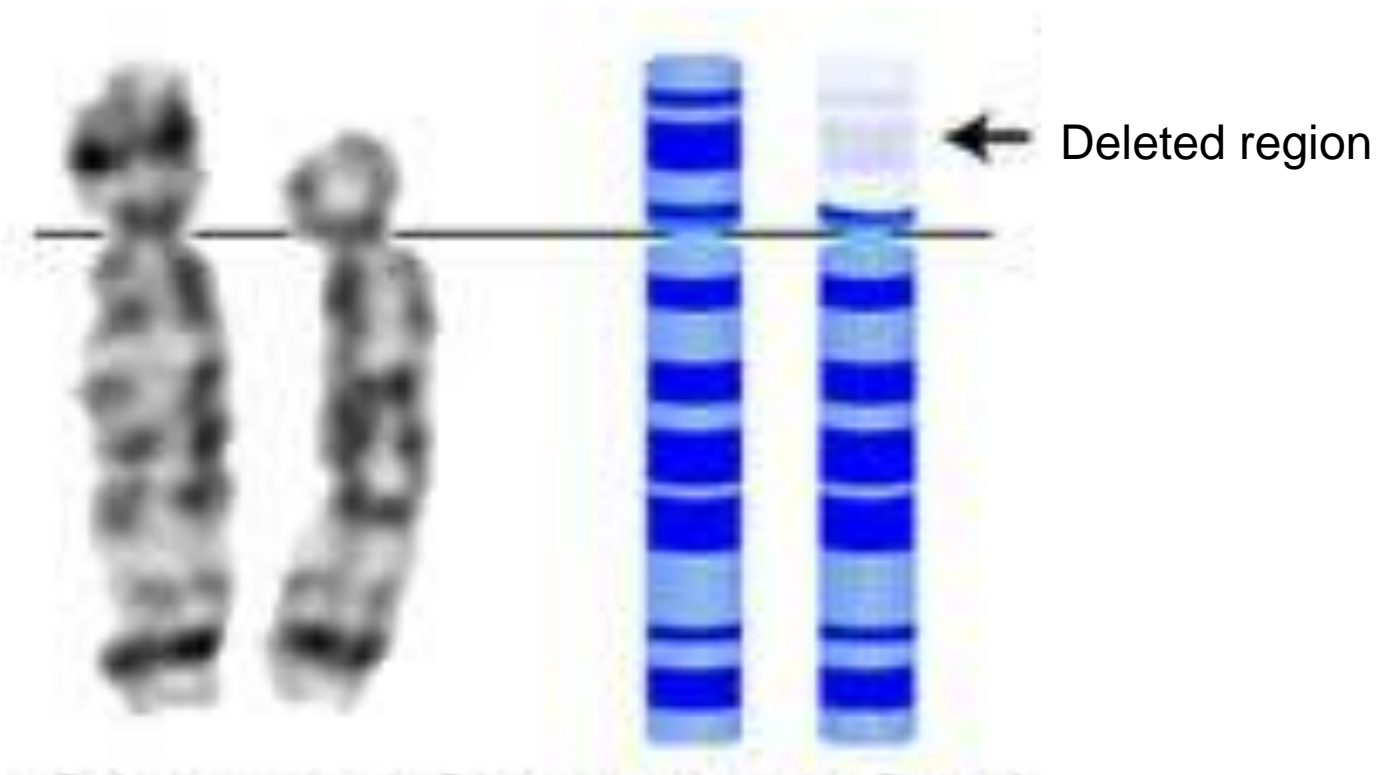
- **Deletion**- Unbalanced -Terminal, Interstitial
- **Insertion**-Unbalanced
- **Ring Chromosome**- Unbalanced
  - Double deletion -- more severe
- **Duplication**-Though Unbalanced less harmful
- **Isochromosome**-Unbalanced
  - More common in X chromosome
- **Inversion** -Balanced
- **Translocation**- Reciprocal - Balanced
  - Robertsonian - Unbalanced



# UNBALANCED- Deletion

## Terminal, Interstitial

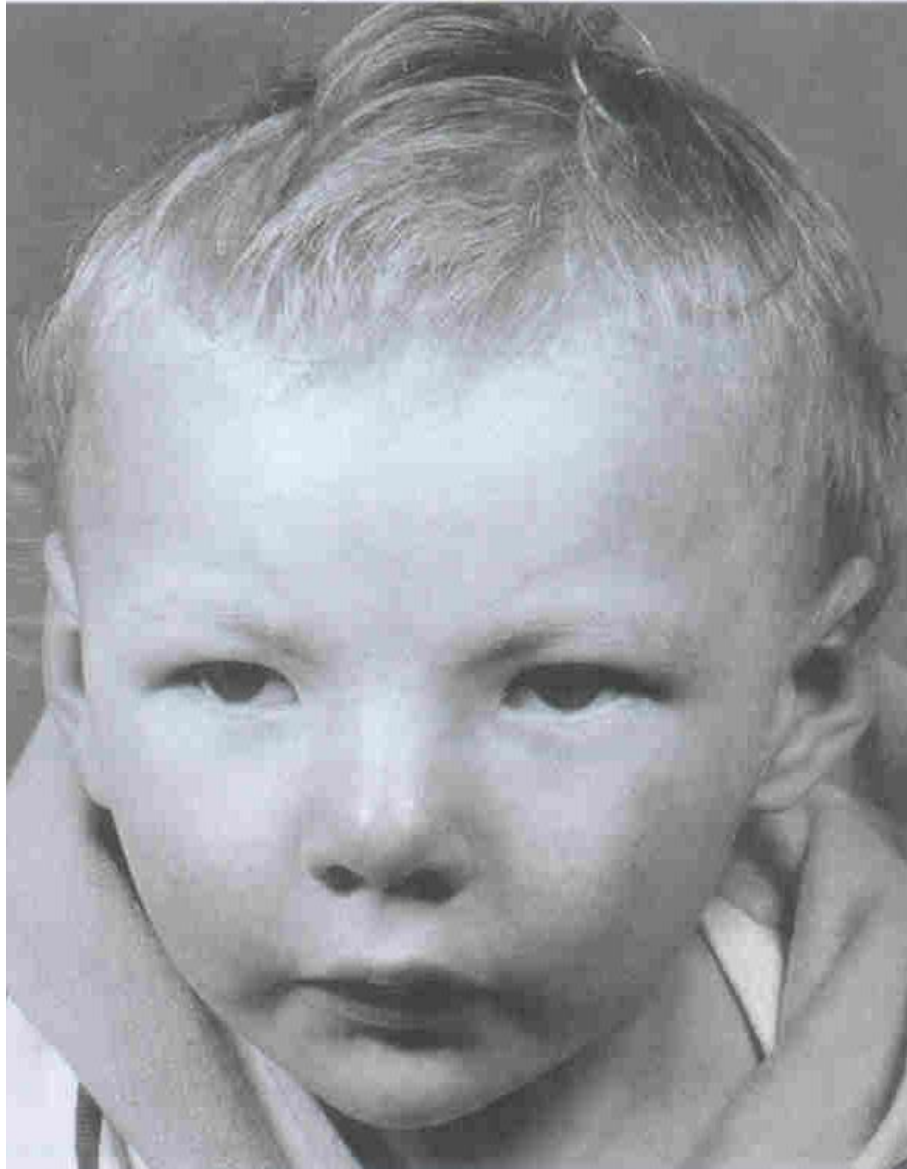




**CRI-Du-CHAT-Deletion of Chromosome no. 5**



# Cri-du-chat(5p-)

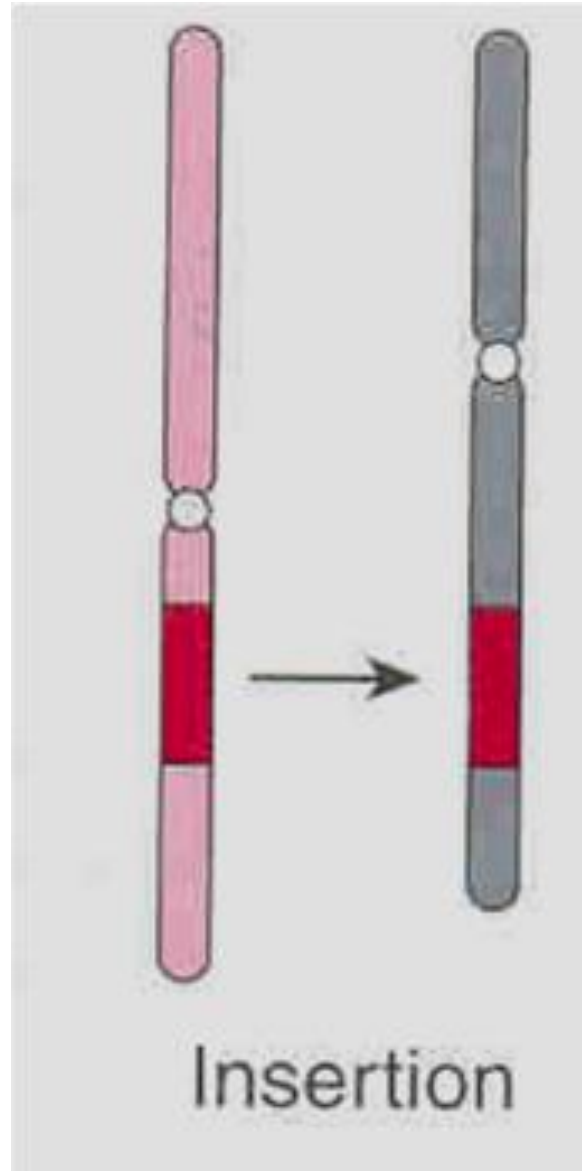


# Deletion (5p-) Cri-du-chat

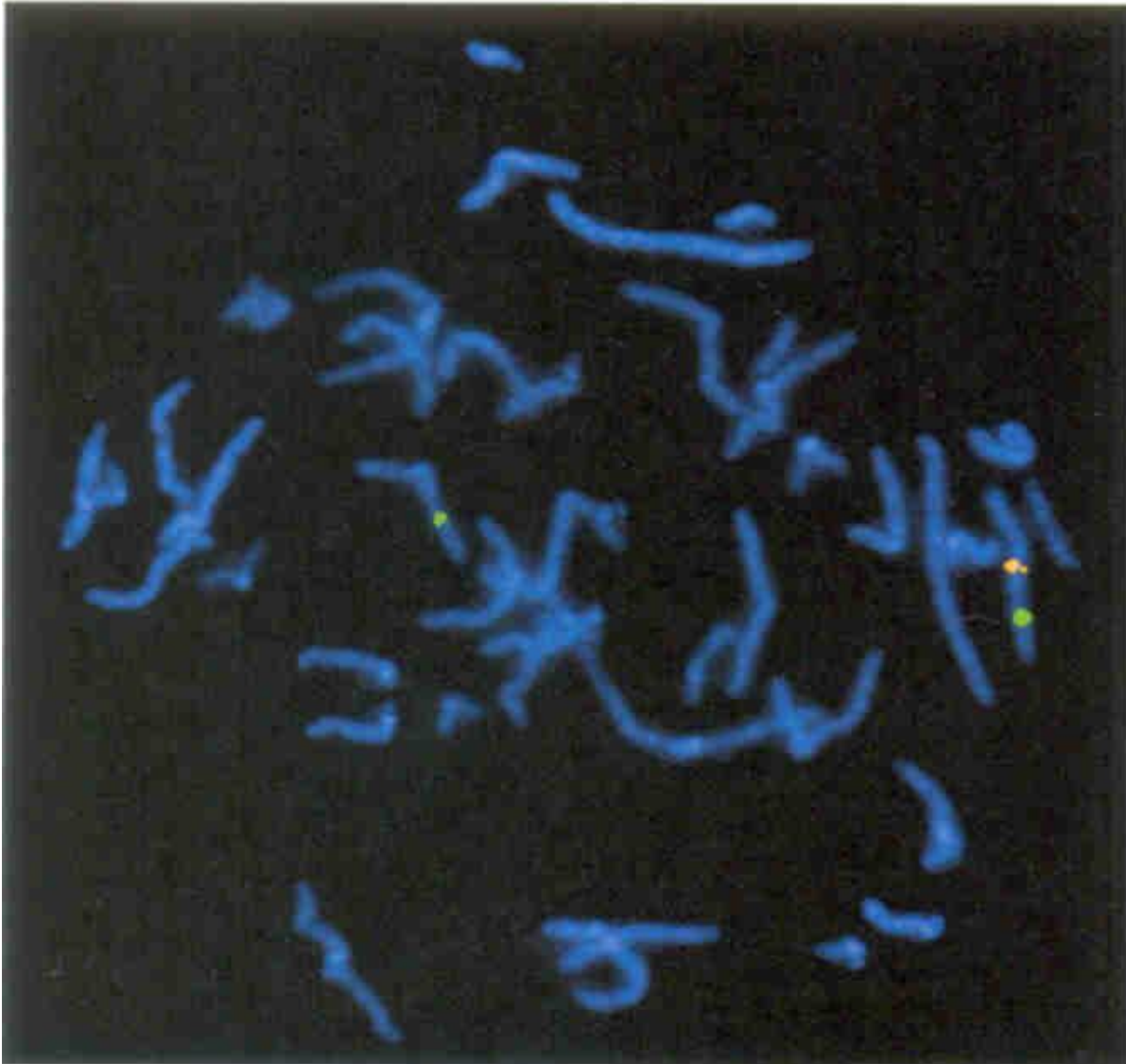
## Mild to Moderate Mental retardation



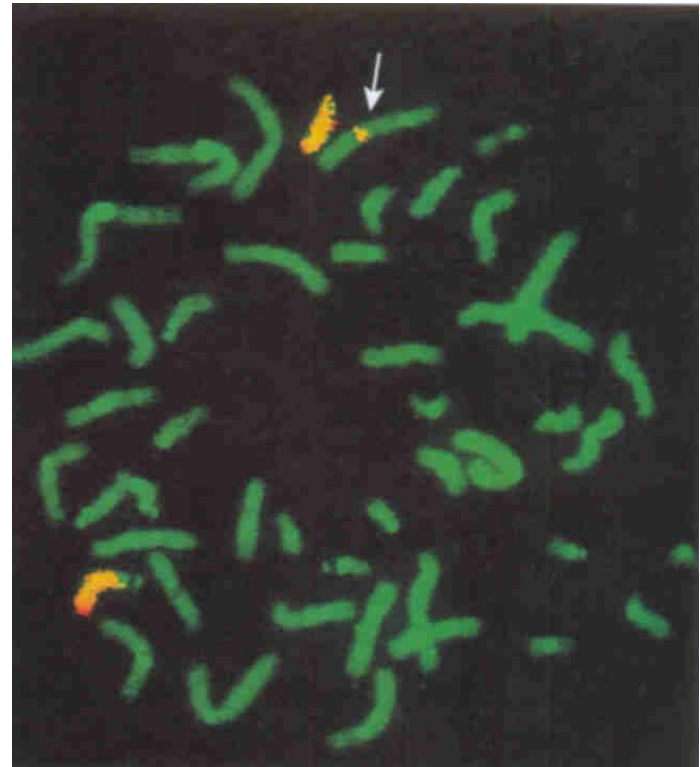
# Unbalanced- Insertion



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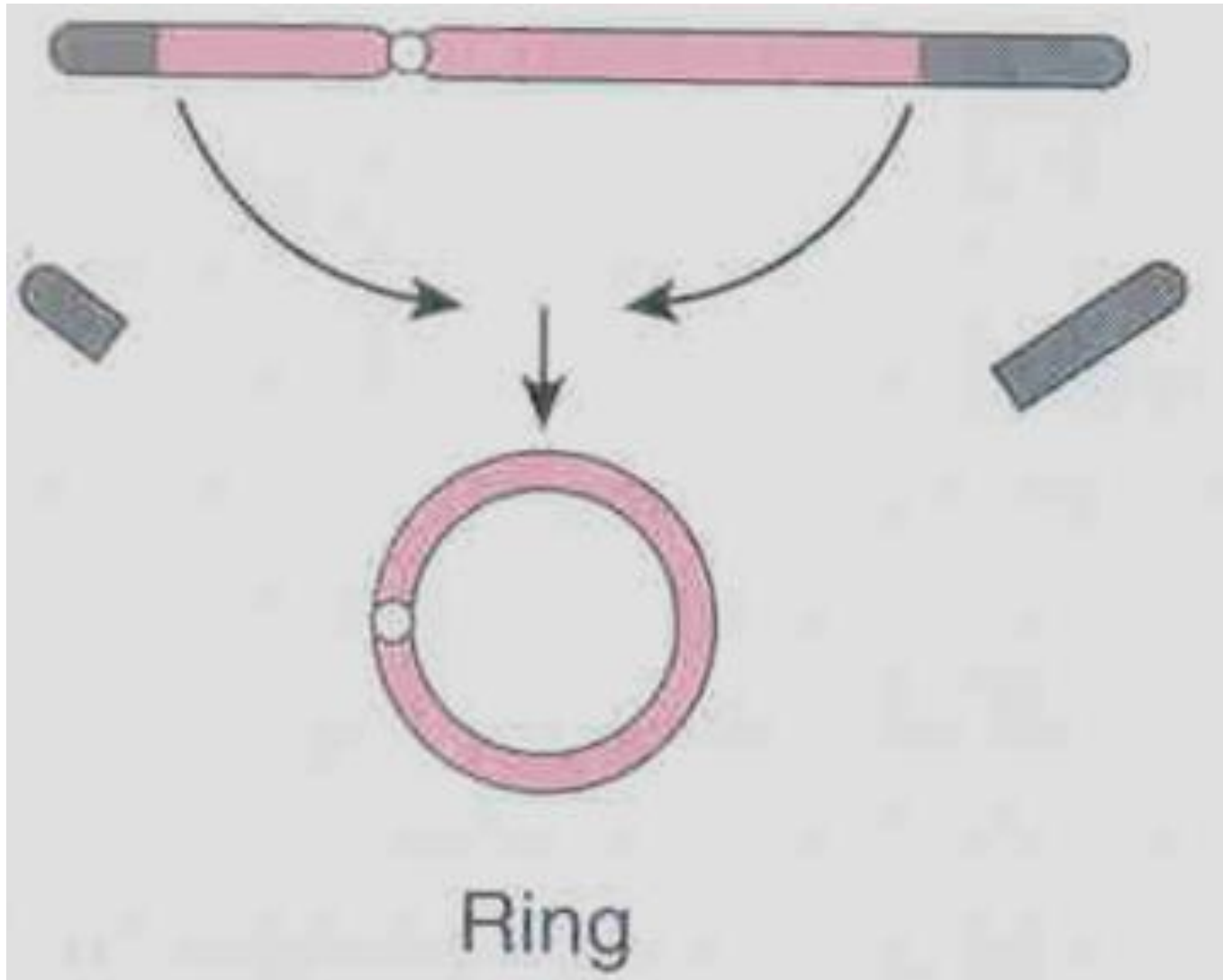


# Insertion -Unbalanced FISH

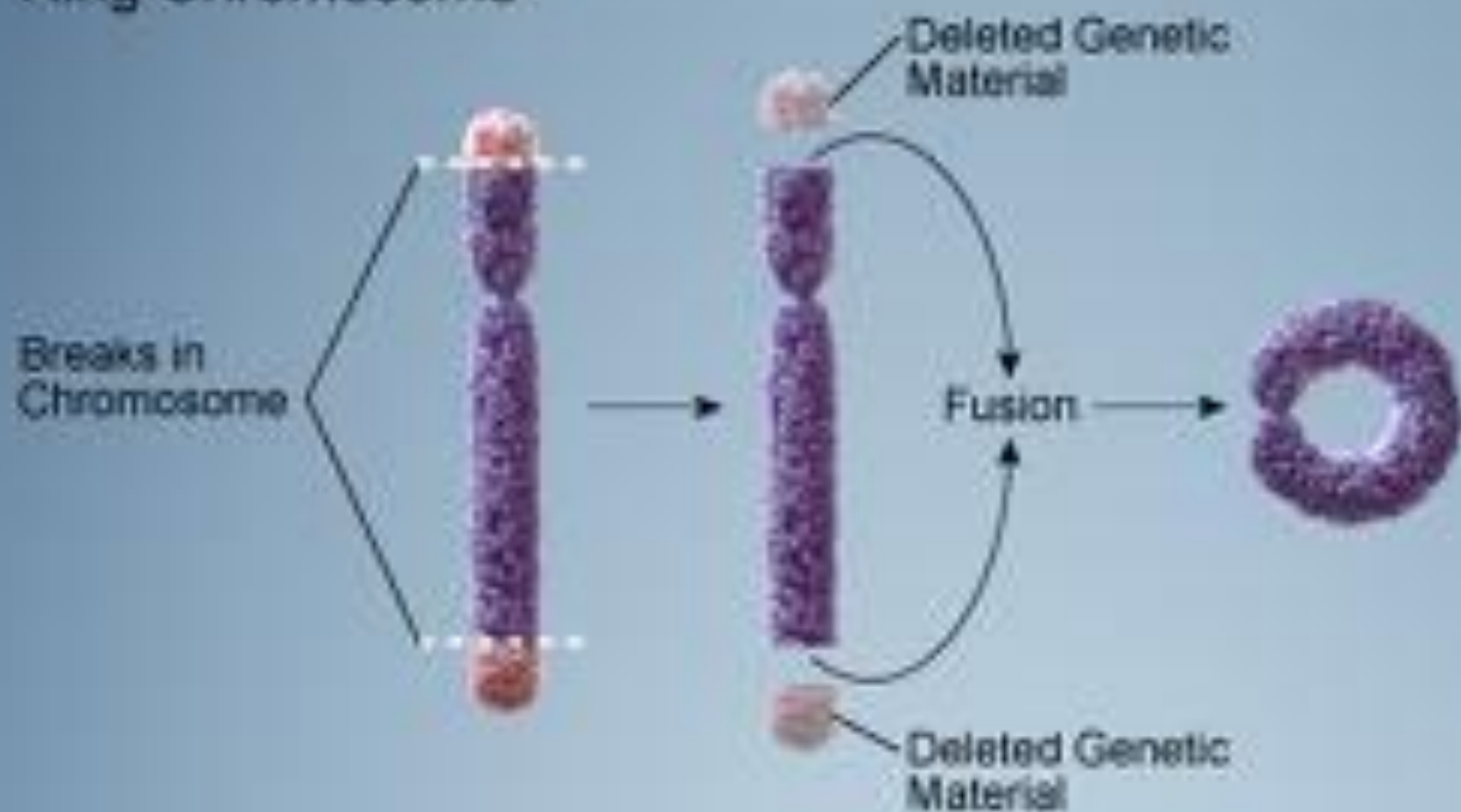




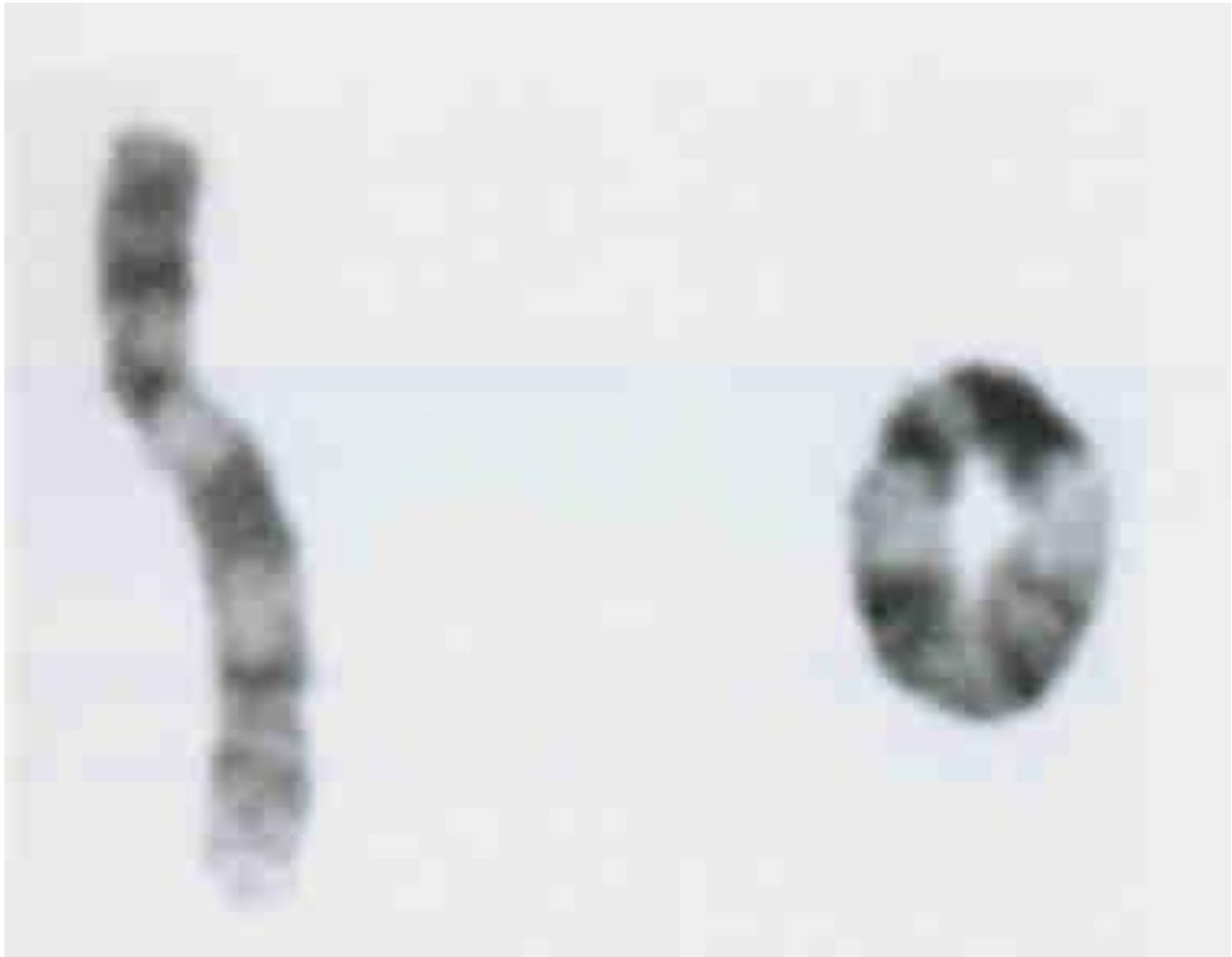
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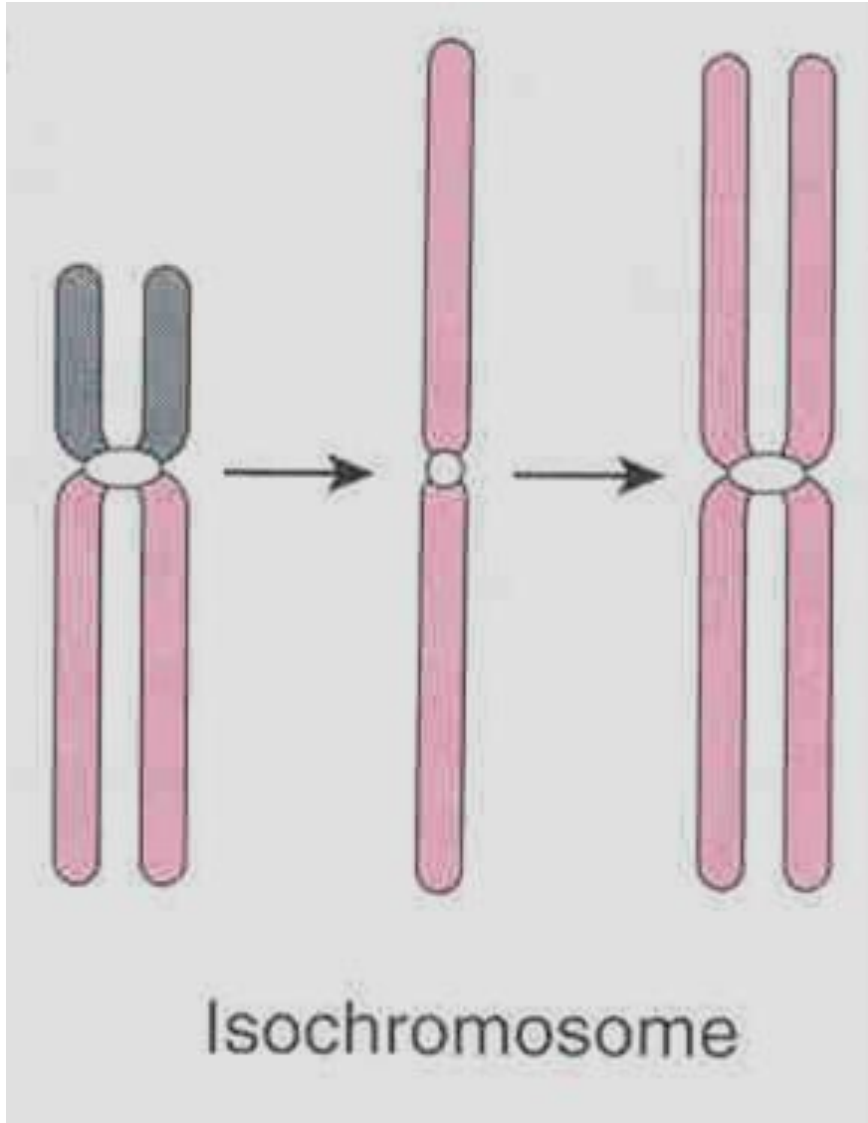
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# Unbalanced-ISOCHROMOSOME



Common in  
**X** chromosome

Results in

**Partial-Monosomy**

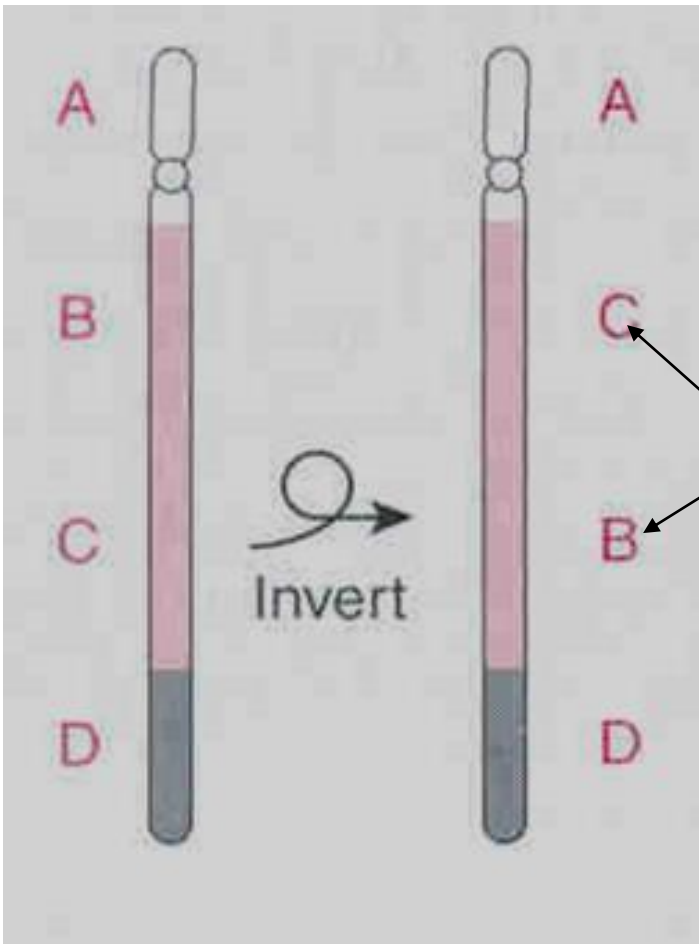
**Partial-Trisomy**

# Unbalanced -Duplication

Uncommon  
as

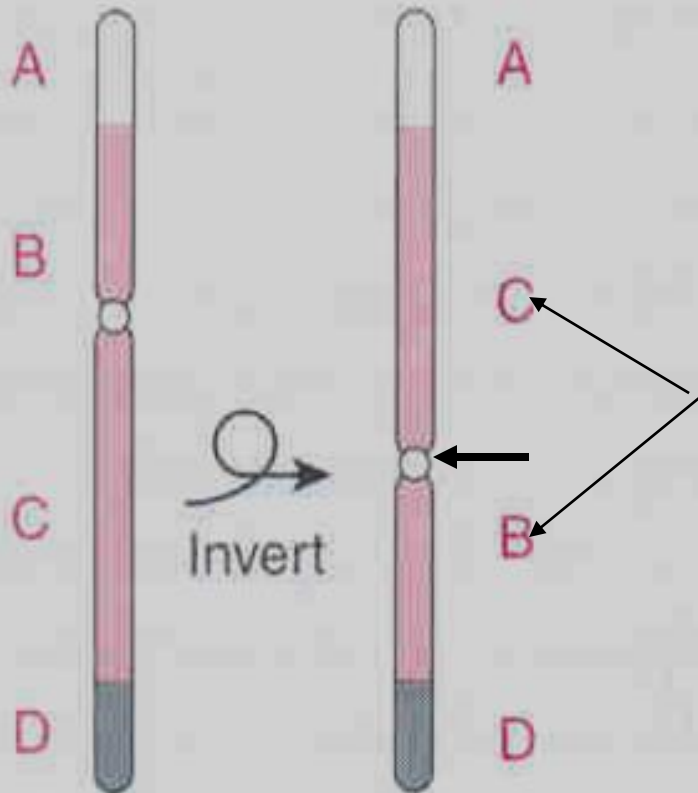
Many genes code for the same amino-acid  
Therefore effect may not be abnormality

# Balanced-Inversion



- **Paracentric** inversion

# Balanced-Inversion



- **Pericentric Inversion**



# Translocations

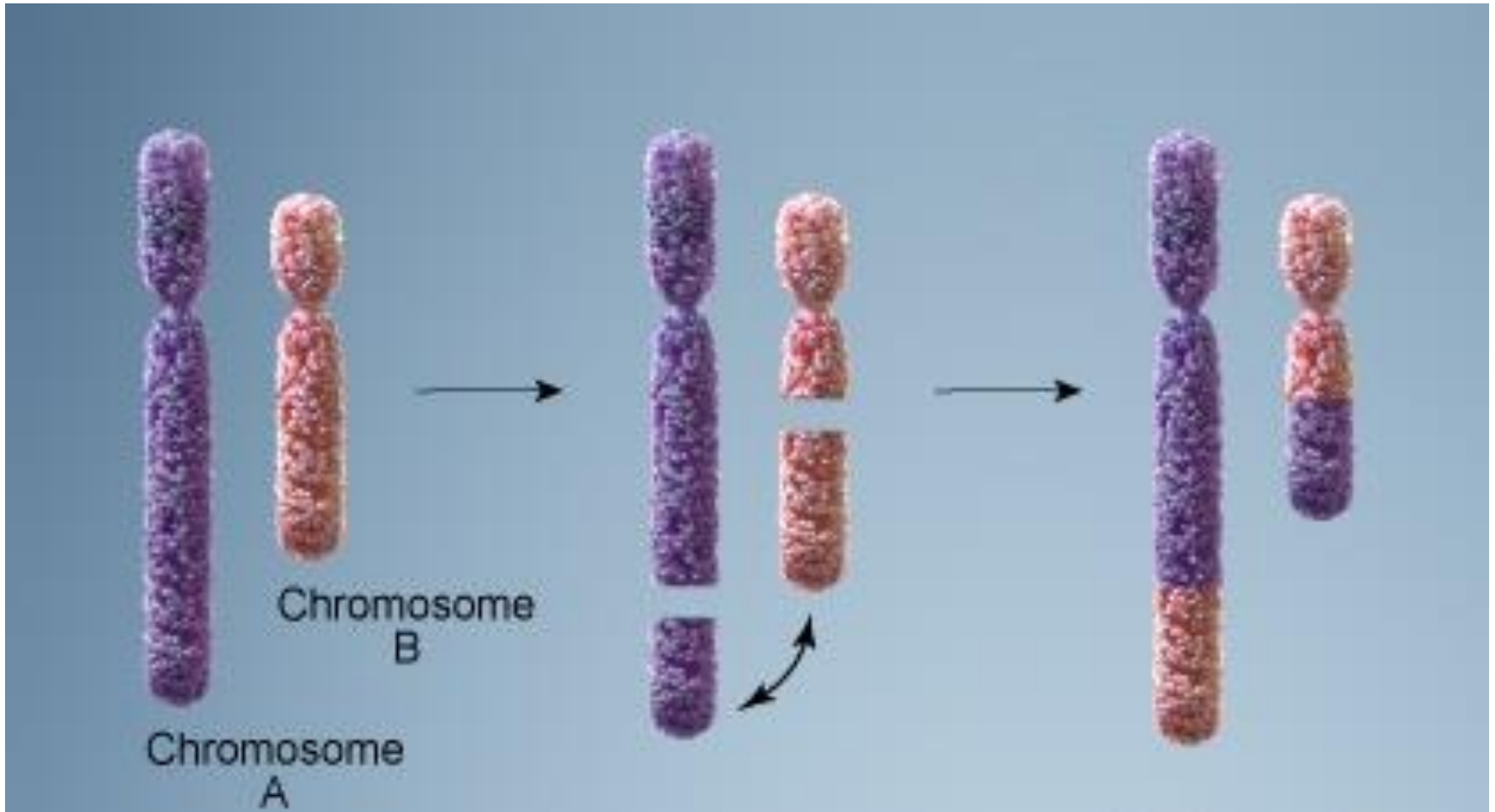
Reciprocal- Balanced

Breakage of

**NONHOMOLOGOUS** chromosomes and

Reciprocal exchange of broken of segments

# Reciprocal Translocation Balanced



# Robertsonian Translocation

## **TWO ACROCENTRIC Chromosomes**

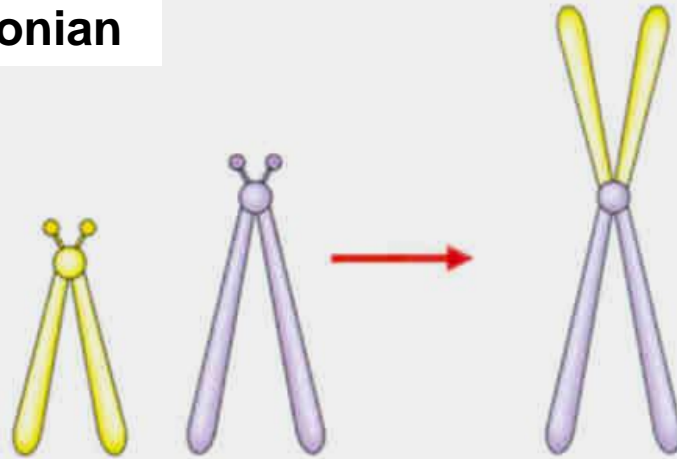
- Fusion of region near centromere with loss of short arms of both the chromosomes
- 45 chromosomes with translocation chromosome
- Chromosomal number –One less
- DNA Content-almost Normal

**Examples-** 14 and 21 chromosome

**Carrier may be normal, but risk for the Offsprings**

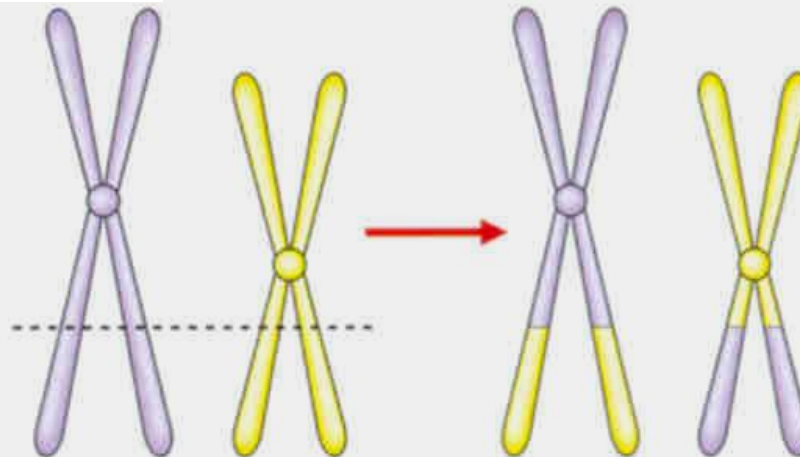
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**Robertsonian**

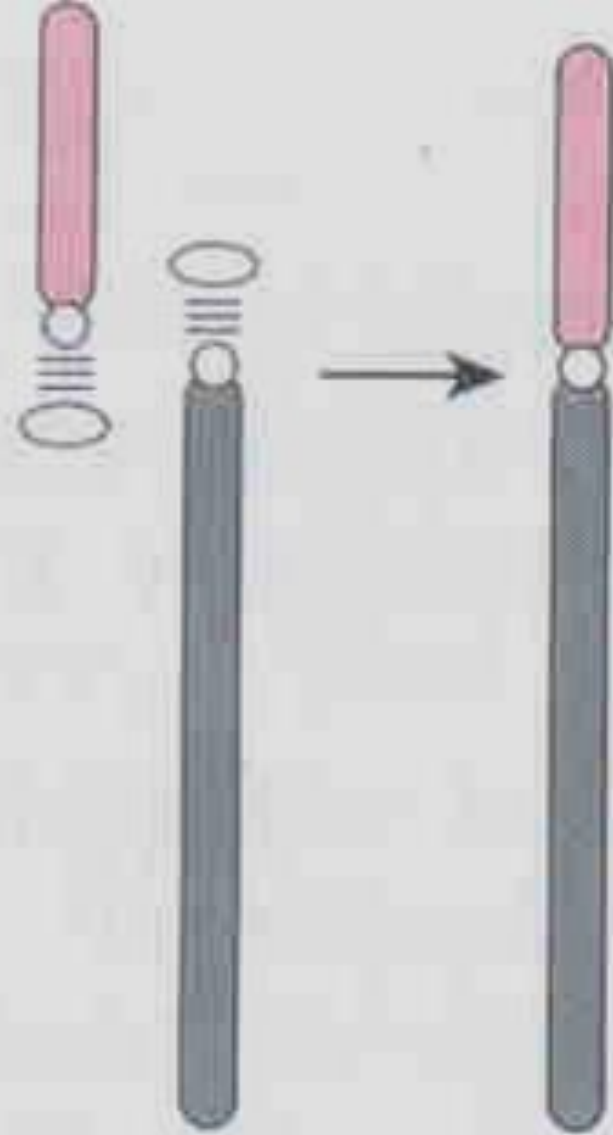


**Unbalanced**

**Reciprocal**



**Balanced**



Robertsonian  
translocation

# Chimera

- Two or more genetically distinct cell lines derived from more than one zygote

## Characters from **Greek Mythology**

- **Female Monster** with  
Lion's Head, Goat's body and serpent's  
tail
- **Sphinx** - Egyptian stone figure  
Lion's body, and  
human or animal head

# Chimera







# Centaur





# Egyptian Sphinx

## Human Head with Lion's Body



# CHIMERA

- In Humans.....

## **Dispermic fertilization-**

Two zygotes fuse to form one Embryo

If two Zygotes are of different sex –  
then

Chimera will be **TRUE HERMAPHRODITE**

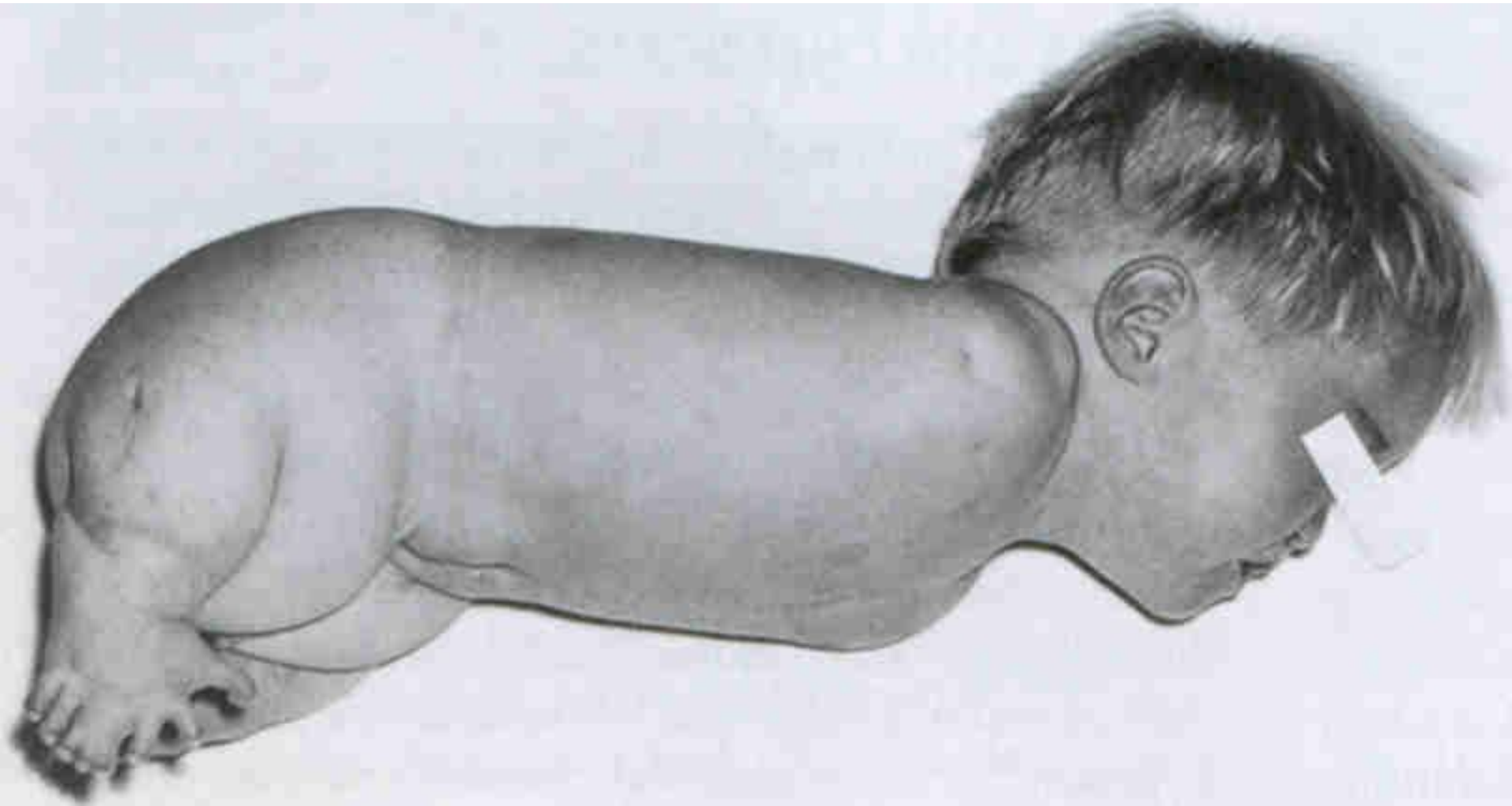
# Blood Group Chimera

- Dizygotic twin with different blood groups
- One with Blood group **A**
- One with Blood group **B**

Both exchange blood through common placenta

Each baby will have blood group '**A**' **AND** '**B**'

# Phocomelia-Thalidomide baby

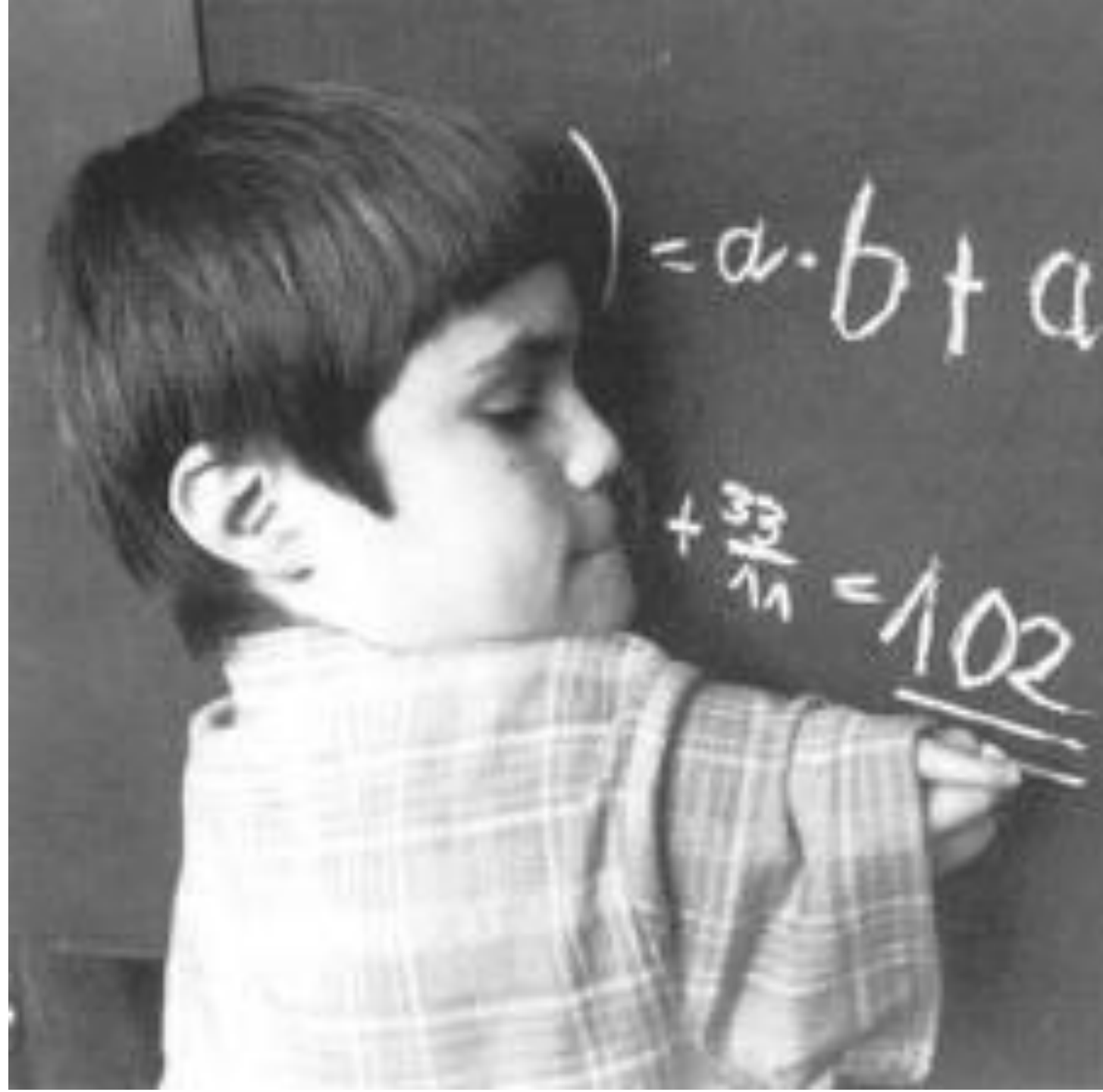


# THALIDOMIDE BABIES









$$= a \cdot b + a$$

$$+ \frac{33}{10} = 102$$

**M C Qs**

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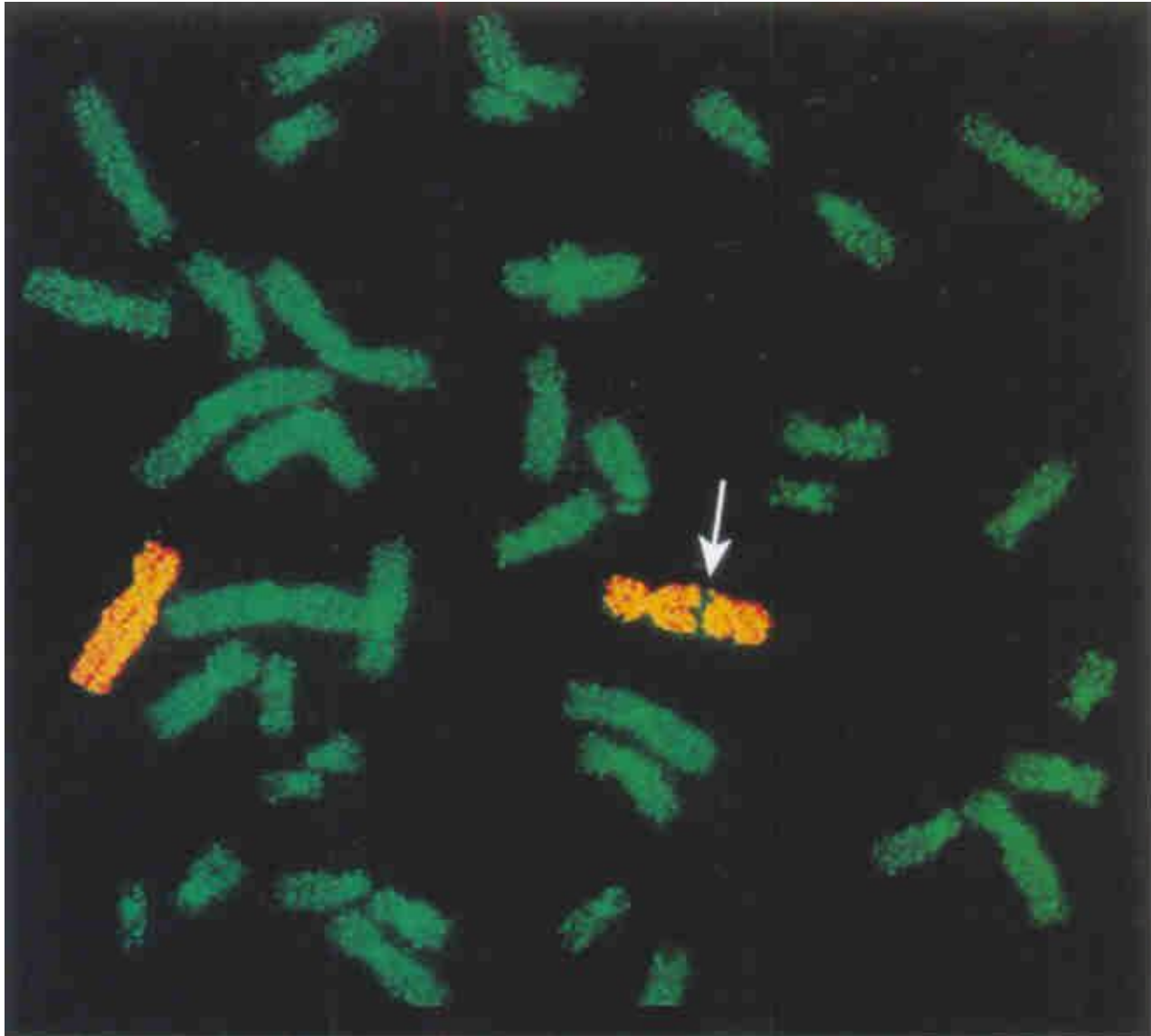
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THANK YOU

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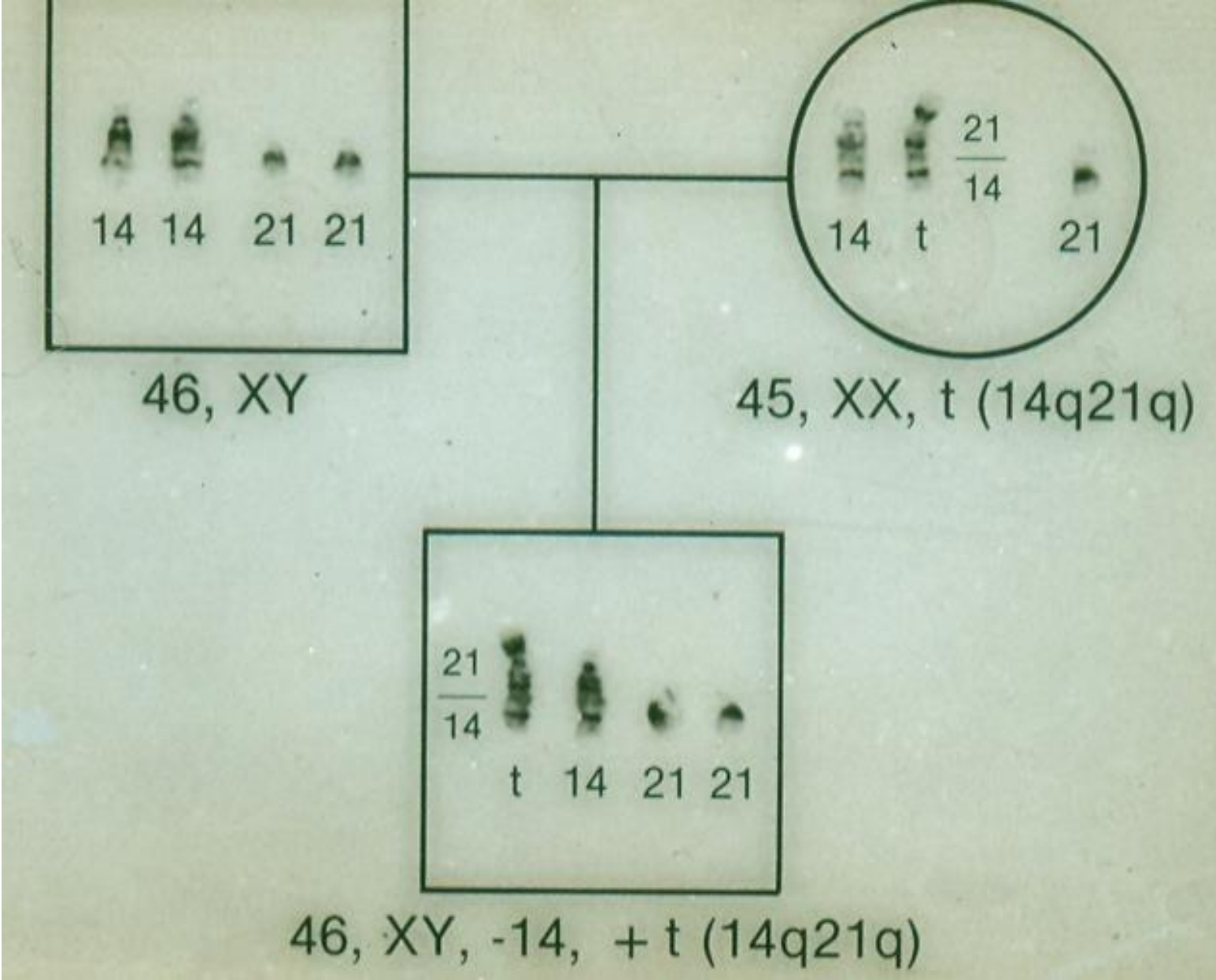




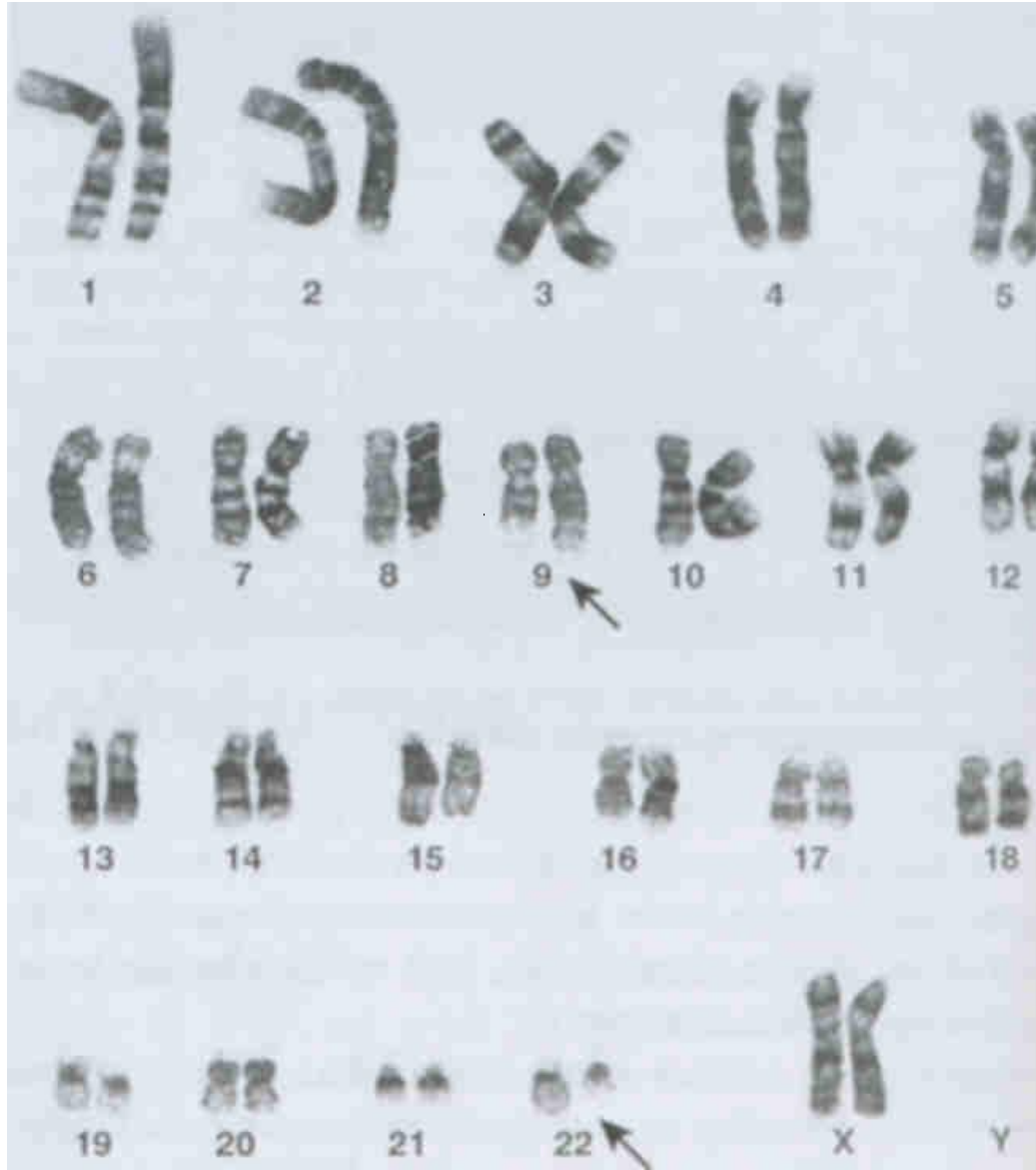




# Robertsonian Translocation



# Translocation-t9q22q





# Deletion 4p-





- The patient could be **MOSAIC**
- The normal cells overtook the abnormal
- Patient can lead reasonably normal life