

1 **The karyotype of the blastocoel fluid demonstrates low concordance with both**
2 **trophectoderm and inner cell mass**

3 **Running title: Genomic profiling of BF, TE and ICM**

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32 **Capsule**

33 Blastocoel fluid displays high levels of mosaicism and has low karyotype concordance between
34 the embryo inner cell mass and trophoctoderm, making it unsuitable for diagnostic purposes.

35 **Abstract**

36 **Objective:** To compare the genomic profiles of blastocoel fluid (BF), inner cell mass (ICM) and
37 trophoctoderm (TE) cells derived from the same blastocyst.

38 **Design:** Prospective study.

39 **Setting:** Academic and *in vitro* fertilization units.

40 **Patient(s):** Sixteen donated cryopreserved embryos at blastocyst stage.

41 **Intervention(s):** BF, TE and ICM cells were retrieved from each blastocyst for chromosome
42 analysis using next-generation sequencing (NGS).

43 **Main Outcome Measure(s):** Aneuploidy screening and assessment of mosaicism in BF, TE and
44 ICM samples with subsequent comparison of genomic profiles between the three blastocyst
45 compartments.

46 **Result(s):** Out of 16 blastocysts 10 BF samples and 14 TE and ICM samples provided reliable
47 NGS data for comprehensive chromosome analysis. Only 40.0% of BF-DNA karyotypes were
48 fully concordant to TE or ICM, compared to 85.7% between TE and ICM. In addition, BF-DNA
49 was burdened with mosaic aneuploidies and the total number of affected chromosomes in BF
50 was significantly higher compared to the TE and ICM ($P < 0.0001$).

51 **Conclusion(s):** BF-DNA can be successfully amplified and subjected to NGS, but due to
52 increased discordance rate between ICM and TE, BF does not adequately represent the status of
53 the rest of the embryo. To overcome biological and technical challenges, associated with BF
54 sampling and processing, blastocentesis would require improvement in both laboratory protocols
55 and aneuploidy calling algorithms. Therefore, TE biopsy remains the most effective way to
56 predict embryonic karyotype, while the use of BF as a single source of DNA for preimplantation
57 genetic screening is not yet advised.

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65 **Introduction**

66 Chromosomal aneuploidy in human preimplantation embryos is considered to be a major cause
67 of implantation failure and substandard IVF success rate (1-3). As such, preimplantation genetic
68 screening (PGS) has been implemented into the clinics to identify euploid and aneuploid
69 embryos prior to their transfer to the uterus. Thus, PGS has the capacity to prevent adverse IVF
70 and pregnancy outcome, especially in women with advanced age (4-7). In assisted reproductive
71 technology (ART) different biopsy methods are used to obtain the material for genetic analysis,
72 including polar body biopsy of the oocyte, single blastomere biopsy of cleavage-stage embryos
73 and trophoctoderm (TE) biopsy of blastocysts. Polar body biopsy was shown to be the least
74 efficient way of predicting embryo status, as it allows screening for maternal meiotic errors only,
75 without taking into account paternally-derived and/or mitotic aneuploidies (8, 9). In contrast,
76 blastomere biopsy directly evaluates embryonic genome, but it may not adequately represent the
77 genomic status of the rest of the embryo due to the high-degree of post-zygotic chromosomal
78 mosaicism at cleavage-stages of development that can be observed even in young fertile couples
79 (10). Moreover, cleavage-stage embryos with abnormal cells may also develop into normal
80 blastocysts (11). Hence, the genomic analysis has steadily shifted towards TE biopsy that is now
81 widely adopted for PGS. In addition, TE biopsy is thought to be less harmful to the overall
82 developmental capacity of the embryos, and currently chromosome analysis from the blastocyst
83 stage may provide the most reliable representation of the embryonic genome due to the lower
84 impact of mosaicism (12-15).

85 Recently, the discovery of the amplifiable cell-free DNA in blastocoel fluid (BF) made it
86 the object of attention by representing new source of DNA for genetic analysis (16). BF can be
87 removed from the blastocyst prior to vitrification to protect the embryo from membrane damage
88 arising from ice-crystal formation and improve embryo survival following cryopreservation (17,
89 18). Although the volume of retrieved BF is usually relatively small, the study by Palini et al
90 (16) successfully used the DNA from BF (BF-DNA) for whole-genome amplification (WGA),
91 PCR and array comparative genomic hybridization (aCGH) for comprehensive chromosome
92 analysis. Similarly, BF-DNA was also successfully subjected to next-generation sequencing
93 (NGS) (19), supporting the idea that the aspiration of BF, a procedure termed blastocentesis (20),
94 can become an alternative less invasive approach for blastocyst biopsy. However, given the
95 remarkable genomic plasticity of early embryogenesis, the origin of genetic material in

96 blastocoel cavity awaits elucidation. In addition, the potential use of BF-DNA for PGS remains
97 questionable, as few of the preliminary studies showed contradictory results regarding
98 aneuploidy detection rates and karyotypic concordance between BF and different biopsied
99 samples. So far, only one group was able to achieve high concordance rate when comparing
100 genomic profiles of BF with TE cells, polar bodies and blastomeres (20, 21), while in other
101 studies the discordance in karyotypes reached up to 50% between BF and TE biopsy or the rest
102 of whole embryo (22-24). However, by using aCGH to compare the genomic consistency
103 between BF-DNA and TE biopsies or the rest of the whole embryo, previously published studies
104 were not able to investigate the occurrence of embryonic mosaicism, which is currently a
105 prominent topic in PGS. Therefore, because of the inconsistent results and lack of data on
106 blastocyst stage mosaicism, additional studies are warranted to investigate the potential use of
107 BF-DNA for diagnostic purposes.

108 Recently, NGS techniques were implemented in PGS, proving to be a more sensitive
109 method for aneuploidy screening in embryos, because of the ability to reliably detect
110 chromosomal mosaicism (25, 26). In the present study we utilized the most widely used
111 VeriSeq™ PGS platforms for NGS-based comparative chromosome analysis of BF-DNA and
112 TE and ICM cell populations. To our knowledge, this is the first pilot study to simultaneously
113 evaluate molecular karyotypes of three different populations of cells derived from single
114 blastocysts using high-resolution next generation sequencing. By analysing full and mosaic
115 aberrations in different embryonic compartments, we aimed at unravelling to which extent the
116 genomic profiles of BF, TE and ICM reflect each other at the blastocyst stage and to identify the
117 source of DNA in blastocoel cavity. The data presented here provides novel insight into the
118 feasibility of using BF-DNA in routine clinical practice.

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120 **Materials and Methods**

121 **Validation of mosaicism with mixing experiments**

122 First, we performed a proof-of-principle mixing experiment to evaluate the sensitivity of the
123 Illumina VeriSeq™ NGS platform (Illumina, USA) in detecting mosaicism, as described recently
124 (27, 28). Briefly, we obtained fibroblast cell lines with previously characterized karyotypes from
125 the NIGMS Human Genetic Cell Repository at the Coriell Institute of Medical Research (USA).
126 Aneuploid cell lines included trisomy 13 (47,XY,+13; GM02948), trisomy 18 (47,XY,+18;

127 GM01359) and trisomy 21 (47,XX,+21; GM04616). The cells were then cultured and passaged
128 once as recommended by the supplier. Subsequently, individual cells from various cell cultures
129 were isolated under dissecting microscope by EZ-Grip micropipette using 125 μ m capillary
130 (Research Instruments LTD, UK) and combined in different ratios, creating a mixture of six cells
131 with different proportions of abnormal alleles of interest (0%, 17%, 33%, 50%, 66%, 83% and
132 100%). Proof-of-principle experiments were performed in at least three replicates, each time by
133 creating new cell mixtures.

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135 **Embryo biopsy and sampling**

136 Embryo biopsy and sample collection was performed at the Tomsk regional perinatal center
137 (Tomsk, Russia) and the Krasnoyarsk Center for Reproductive Medicine (Krasnoyarsk, Russia).
138 The study was approved by the Bioethics Committee of the Biological Institute of the National
139 Research Tomsk State University and all the patients have signed an informed consent. All
140 micromanipulations were performed under a hood in a high-quality standard IVF laboratory

141 This study used 16 cryopreserved blastocysts, donated for research by patients who have
142 undergone IVF treatment. Cryopreservation and thawing of blastocysts were done according to
143 the manufacturer's VT601-TOP/VT602-KIT protocol (Kitazato Corporation, Japan). Blastocyst
144 morphology was evaluated using to the criteria set by Gardner and Schoolcraft, which is based
145 on the assessment of blastocoele expansion and hatching status, size and compaction of the ICM,
146 and number of TE cells and the presence of a cohesive layer (29). According to the study design,
147 BF was first aspirated, and subsequently ICM and TE cells were isolated and collected for
148 separate chromosome analysis. Blastocyst micropuncture and aspiration of BF was performed by
149 previously described methods (20, 30). Briefly, the blastocysts were immobilized by a holding
150 pipette, mounted on a micromanipulator, and BF from the cavity of expanded blastocysts was
151 aspirated by an intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) micropipette (Origio, Denmark), which
152 was inserted between the TE cells to minimize the possible cell damage. The use of ICSI
153 micropipette also minimizes the risk of cross-contamination by intact TE or ICM cells. A single
154 aspiration was performed, avoiding aspiration of any cellular material. A volume of \sim 1 μ l
155 aspirated fluid was retrieved from each blastocyst. The retrieved fluid was then expelled into the
156 2.5 μ l of 1x PBS, after which the end of the ICSI micropipette was broken into the tube to avoid
157 any loss of the material. Subsequently, OCTAX Laser Shot™ microsurgical laser system (MTG,

158 Germany) or ZILOS-tk® (Hamilton Thorne, USA) were used to separate TE and ICM cells that
159 were placed in separate tubes, containing 2.5 µl of 1x PBS. All biopsied materials were
160 immediately whole-genome amplified and were stored in -20°C until further processing.

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162 **Whole-genome amplification and next-generation sequencing**

163 Whole-genome amplification of all cell mixtures and biopsied samples was performed by
164 commercial PCR-based PicoPLEX kit according to manufacturer's protocol (Rubicon Genomics,
165 USA). The quality of DNA amplification was controlled by 1% agarose gel electrophoresis and
166 the amount of DNA was quantified by Qubit® dsDNA HS Assay kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific,
167 USA). Subsequent processing of successfully amplified material and library preparations were
168 done according to the manufacturer's VeriSeq™ PGS kit protocol, after which the samples were
169 sequenced with Illumina MiSeq® system. Data analysis and genome-wide profile visualization
170 was performed by applying standard settings on Illumina BlueFuse Multi v4.3 Software with
171 embedded aneuploidy calling algorithm. The detection sensitivity and the degree of mosaicism in
172 mixture experiments and later in embryos were determined by BlueFuse Multi v4.3 numerical
173 values.

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175 **Statistical analysis**

176 Statistical calculations were performed using GraphPad Prism 6 software (GraphPad Software
177 Inc., USA). The prevalence of chromosomal aberrations, including mosaic aneuploidies, in BF,
178 TE and ICM was assessed with Chi-square test and the difference in the number of affected
179 chromosomes between the embryo biopsies was considered to be statistically significant, when
180 *P*-value was <0.002. To determine the potential value of BF-DNA use for aneuploidy screening
181 two-tailed Fisher's exact test was applied, when comparing the karyotype concordance of ICM
182 between either BF or TE.

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184 **Results**

185 We first performed mixing experiments to mimic possible mosaic aneuploidies observed in
186 embryos. Internal validation of our mixing experiments revealed that NGS technique is able to
187 distinguish mosaic losses and gains that are present in at least 20% of cells (Supplementary Fig.

188 S1), which is concordant to recent comprehensive validation studies on mosaicism detection
189 using next-generation sequencing (27, 31).

190 Next, a total of 16 cryopreserved embryos were biopsied with subsequent amplification
191 of ICM-, TE- and BF-DNA for NGS analysis. After WGA, sufficient amount of DNA was
192 detected in all of ICM and TE samples, but only in 14 out of 16 BF biopsies (87.5%). Following
193 sequencing and initial quality control, BF chromosome profile could not be determined in four
194 embryos. Out of those four embryos, two embryos also had an inconclusive result for either TE
195 or ICM, so they were discarded from further investigation. Therefore, in 10 out of initial 16
196 (62.5%) embryos chromosome copy number profiling was obtained for BF and compared to TE
197 and ICM, while the comparison of TE and ICM was performed in 14 embryos out of 16 (87.5%).

198 Based on the data of our mixing experiments and by using obtained numerical values of
199 each embryo biopsy, we were able to determine the percentage of aneuploid cells present in BF,
200 ICM, TE cells. However, because the detection of low-grade mosaicism within an embryo may
201 be influenced in some degree to sampling error and technical artifacts (26, 32), we have
202 classified our embryos according to the current Preimplantation Genetic Screening International
203 Society (PGDIS) guidelines. Namely, embryos showing mosaicism of <20% were considered to
204 be euploid and >80% were considered as aneuploid embryos with full chromosome losses or
205 gains, while all the aneuploidies in the range of 20%-80% were classified as mosaic (Table 1).
206 Importantly, when evaluating the data, overall noise ratio was also taken into account and mosaic
207 aneuploidy calling was done with caution, as amplification artifacts can cause fluctuation in the
208 genomic profiles that may be difficult to distinguish from low-level mosaicism, especially in the
209 BF samples. We then compared the karyotypes of various biopsy types taken from the same
210 embryo and classified our results as was performed previously: (1) full concordance was
211 reported, if all biopsied samples were euploid or if the same chromosomes were affected in
212 biopsied samples (including mosaic and/or reciprocal losses and gains); (2) partial concordance
213 was reported, when at least one chromosome corresponded in both biopsies under comparison,
214 but the overall genomic profile did not completely match; and (3) discordance was reported,
215 when none of the affected chromosomes in one biopsy corresponded to other biopsies (21).
216 Based on the results of our study, a full chromosome concordance between the three cellular
217 populations was observed only in four embryos, of which three were uniformly euploid and one
218 had a reciprocal mosaic aneuploidy (e.g Embryo 1 in Table 1; Fig. 1). In general, reciprocal

219 aneuploidies in BF were observed in three embryos, indicating a post-zygotic nature of
220 chromosome abnormalities due to chromosome non-disjunction during mitosis. We have also
221 detected a potentially polyploid partially concordant embryo with multiple reciprocal losses and
222 gains in all three embryo compartments (Embryo 3 in Table 1; Fig. 2A). Such genomic profile
223 could be a consequence of chromosome missegregations during the first post-zygotic cleavages
224 that accumulated throughout the preimplantation development, resulting in an unviable embryo.
225 At the same time, we have observed another chaotic profile in the BF-DNA only, while the
226 corresponding TE and ICM had a euploid karyotype (Embryo 4 in Table 1; Fig. 2B). Similarly to
227 this, also embryo 7 showed multiple aneuploidy profile in the BF, while both ICM and TE were
228 normal. Owing to such differences in karyotypes, it comes as no surprise that in total the overall
229 number of affected pairs of chromosomes (22 pairs of autosomes and one pair of sex
230 chromosomes), including the potentially polyploid biopsies with whole affected genome, was
231 higher in ten BF samples (79/230), compared to corresponding TE (34/230) or ICM biopsies
232 (26/230) (both $P < 0.0001$), while no such difference was observed between the available 14 ICM
233 (27/322) and TE biopsies (35/322) ($P = ns$). As such, BF karyotype was discordant from ICM in
234 30.0% (3/10) of the cases and from TE in 20.0% (2/10) of the cases. Thus, BF-DNA karyotype
235 reached full concordance between either ICM or TE in 40.0% (4/10) of the embryos (Table 2). In
236 contrast, full concordance between ICM and TE was observed in 85.7% (12/14) of the embryos,
237 making TE more representative of embryonic chromosomal status than BF ($P < 0.03$). Therefore,
238 our data suggests that using BF-DNA as a single source of DNA for PGS can potentially lead to
239 an increased rate of false positive findings. This means that a viable embryo with euploid
240 genome can be discarded based only on the aberrant BF-DNA karyotype, leading to suboptimal
241 IVF success rate.

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243 **Discussion**

244 Blastocyst culture has become a milestone in ART and is now widely used for selection of viable
245 embryos for transfer. The design of our study enabled us to simultaneously compare for the first
246 time the molecular karyotypes of cells from three major blastocyst components: inner cell mass,
247 trophectoderm and blastocoel fluid, also taking into account the mosaic nature of embryos at this
248 late stage of preimplantation development. In our cohort of embryos, the BF-DNA karyotype
249 was fully concordant to ICM or TE cells in only 40.0% of cases, compared to 85.7% between

250 ICM and TE. This result is similar to previously published report, demonstrating 48%
251 concordance rate between BF and the rest of the analyzed ICM and TE cells (24), although it
252 drastically contrasts with the high concordance rates achieved by another group (20, 21). Such
253 contradictory outcome may be explained by different types of material analyzed and in our case
254 also by a different technological approach. The genomic profile of blastocysts may include
255 mosaicism that can be missed by aCGH, which is able to detect only high-degree mosaicism,
256 when >50% of cells are aneuploid (33). By using NGS method with improved resolution and
257 sensitivity, we were also able to determine embryos carrying 20-40% of abnormal cells.
258 Moreover, the reciprocal nature of some of the chromosome abnormalities indicate that what we
259 observed were not technical artifacts, but rather true biological events that happened during post-
260 zygotic cleavages. In addition, we have detected two embryos with the same full chromosome
261 aberrations in all three embryonic biopsies, indicating the meiotic nature of these aneuploidies
262 (e.g. Embryo 2 and Embryo 5).

263 The presence of embryonic DNA in BF suggest that potential mechanisms might exist by
264 which the genetic material is released into the blastocoel cavity, like cell lysis, apoptosis and
265 elimination of cellular debris (34). Interestingly, the intact ICM karyotype in the presence of
266 aneuploidy in BF-DNA in some of the embryos also seems to support the idea that aneuploid
267 cells are progressively depleted from the developing embryo through apoptosis, ensuring the
268 genomic integrity of the future fetus (35). This phenomenon might also be one of the biological
269 explanations of the high concordance rate previously observed between BF-DNA and
270 blastomeres (21), as aberrant cells may be marginalized into the blastocoel cavity at later stages
271 of development. Such mechanism may also likely explain why transfer of mosaic embryos can
272 lead to live birth (36), although the impact of embryonic mosaicism on pregnancy outcome is
273 currently under intense investigation (25, 27). Therefore, the biology behind data interpretation,
274 especially the one derived from BF-DNA, must be adequately elucidated to provide proper
275 patient counselling in everyday clinical practice.

276 In addition to biological challenges, technical limitations can also restrict the use of BF as
277 a source of DNA for PGS using NGS, as BF can contain a variable amount of cell-free DNA,
278 which may vary in size (19). Moreover, BF-DNA can become fragmented or degraded, which
279 can affect whole-genome amplification rates. In addition, the limited quantity of available
280 starting material may be prone to uneven amplification and allele drop-out (37). In addition,

281 library preparation methods and technical artifacts can result in an altered representation of the
282 genome that will reduce the reliability of chromosome analysis (31). Because VeriSeq™ protocol
283 is not suitable for handling DNA fragments less than 300bp, smaller fragments present in the
284 cell-free DNA may be lost upon library preparation for sequencing, leading to genomic
285 underrepresentation and overall higher noise ratio of the sequenced data. In contrast, the
286 amplification rate and quality of the data were much higher in TE and ICM cells, and our results
287 showed that TE is quite representative of ICM. In addition, no evidence of preferential allocation
288 of aneuploid cells to trophoctoderm was observed.

289 Based on our data, the genomic profiles of TE and ICM showed either generally lower
290 level of mosaicism or the absence of aneuploidy at all, if compared to BF-DNA profiles. Hence,
291 from the clinical and diagnostic point of view the use of insensitive to mosaicism aCGH platform
292 (that detects only >50% mosaicism) might seem like a more suitable approach for the analysis of
293 BF-DNA that could potentially increase the karyotypic concordance rate between different
294 embryo compartments, because the biologically irrelevant low-grade mosaicism in BF would not
295 be detected. On the other hand, embryos with normal TE and ICM karyotype also showed high-
296 grade mosaic aneuploidies in BF that would likely be interpreted as false positive finding using
297 aCGH, thus leading to misdiagnosis. Because such discordance was also evident in previous
298 studies using aCGH (22-24), together our results suggest that at this point chromosome analysis
299 of TE biopsy remains a more optimal and effective way of predicting the karyotype of the
300 blastocyst. However, a more sophisticated bioinformatical approaches are still warranted to
301 overcome the challenges in mosaic aneuploidy calling and help refine the criteria for embryo
302 selection for transfer without compromising the treatment success rate by excluding mosaic
303 embryos capable of resulting in viable pregnancies.

304 The limiting aspect of our pilot study was the number of embryos analyzed. In addition,
305 when looking at TE cells, we sequenced the whole trophoctoderm cell population. This is
306 opposite to TE biopsy, when only a small number of cells are analyzed that may not necessarily
307 represent the karyotype of the rest of the embryo. In our case, euploid cells could have
308 potentially normalized the genomic profile of TE samples, making low-level mosaicism
309 undetectable. Similarly, a mixture of cells with monosomy and trisomy of the same chromosome
310 (reciprocal aneuploidies) can also result in genomic normalization below the level of mosaicism
311 detection, leading to a false diagnosis of disomy. Finally, we also acknowledge that the

312 aspiration of BF was performed after embryo thawing, which can potentially affect the quality of
313 DNA and subsequent results. Another important consideration is whether any contaminating
314 genetic material from culture medium or extracellular vesicles can arise during BF isolation.
315 Perhaps, advanced genome-wide haplotyping technologies can shed some light on the true origin
316 of BF-DNA in blastocoel cavity.

317 In conclusion, we have corroborated that BF-DNA can be amplified and applied for next-
318 generation sequencing. However, based on the observations of this study, the results obtained
319 from BF-DNA do not seem to be comparable to those obtained via standard TE biopsies, and
320 BF-DNA does not adequately represent the rest of the embryo, making it diagnostically
321 unacceptable, at least using current methods and protocols. In addition, although the impact of
322 BF sampling seems less invasive, functional studies on the effect of BF biopsy on embryo
323 viability may be warranted, as blastocoel may contain proteins crucial for embryonic
324 development (38). Nonetheless, the potential use of blastocoel sampling cannot be ruled out in
325 the future, although the improvement of current sample handling protocols and development of
326 novel bioinformatical tools are required. Therefore, all the limitations must be carefully
327 evaluated before BF-DNA can be used as a single alternative approach for embryonic aneuploidy
328 screening.

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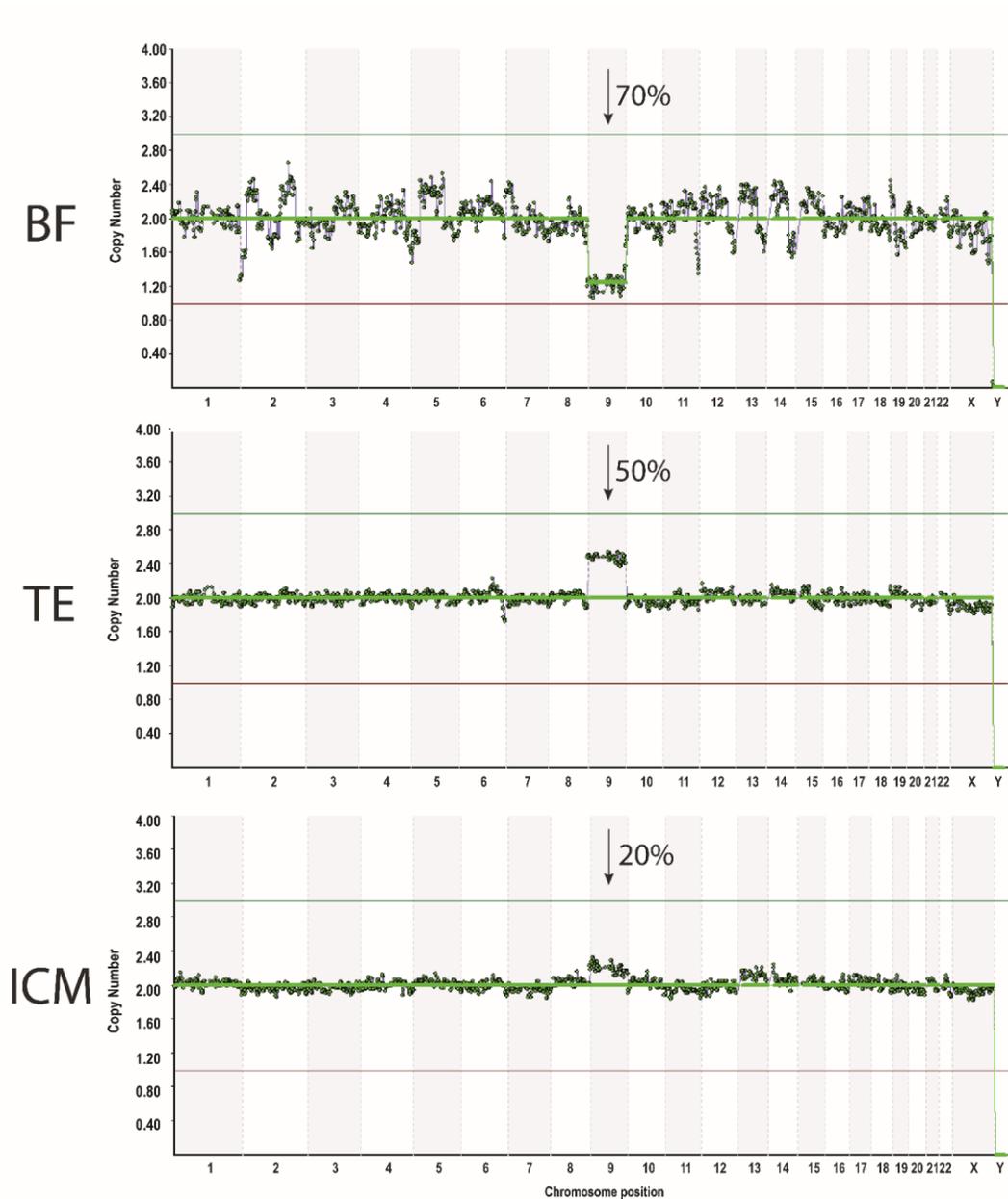
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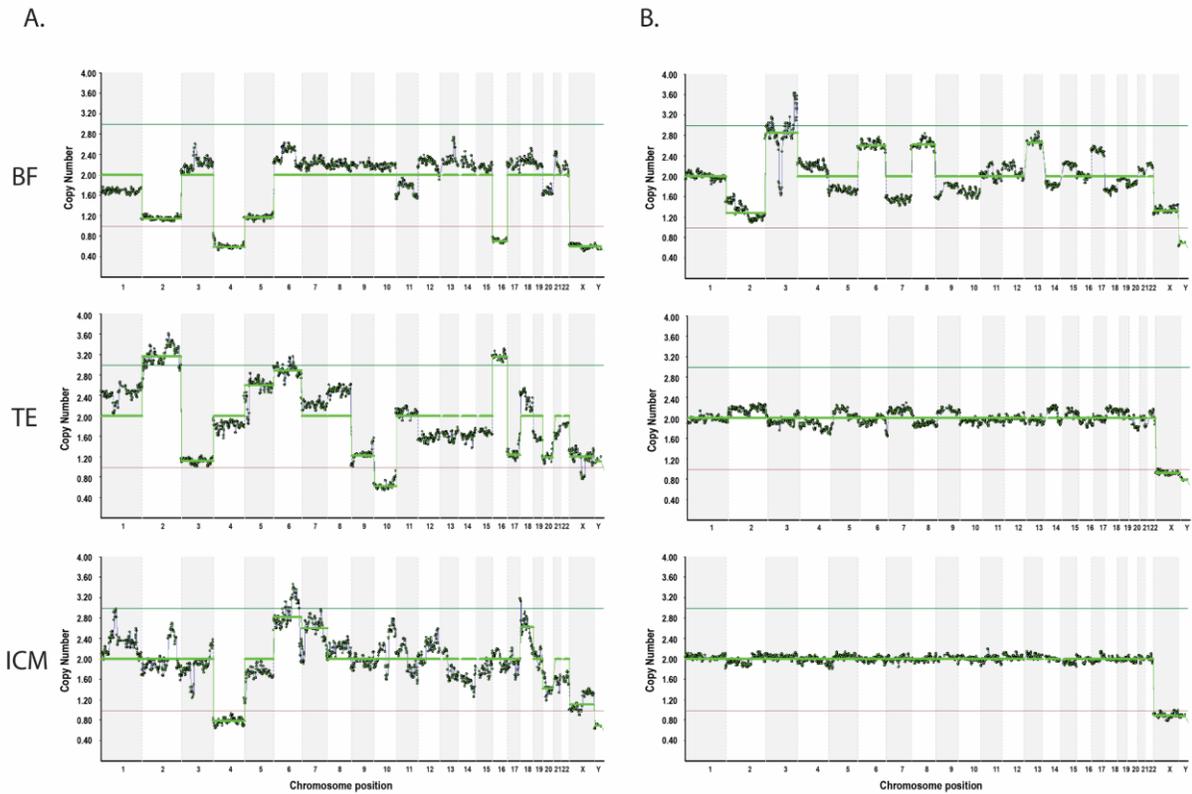
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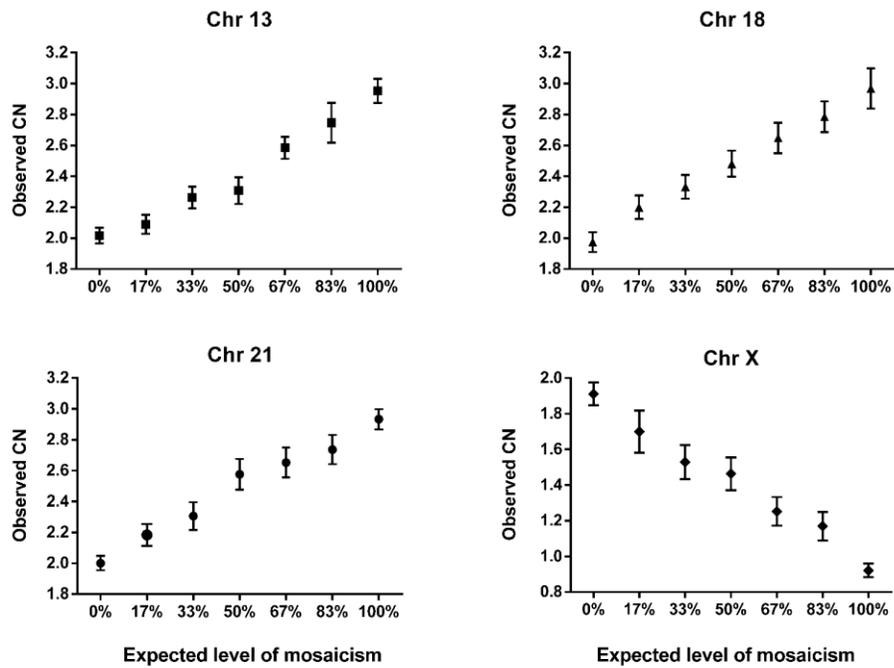
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452 **Figure 1. A fully concordant embryo with reciprocal mosaic aneuploidy**
453 Example of an embryo (Embryo 1; Table 1) with a 70% mosaic loss of chromosome 9 in the
454 blastocoel fluid (BF) and a reciprocal gain in the trophoctoderm cells (TE; 50%) and inner cell
455 mass (ICM; 20%). The decreased rate of mosaicism in the ICM suggests that aberrant cells may
456 be marginalized from the ICM lineage.



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458 **Figure 2. Examples of embryos with chaotic chromosome profiles**

459 (A) Embryo 3 (Table 1) with numerous losses and gains observed in all three blastocysts
 460 compartments. Deviations in the numerical values of autosomes and sex chromosomes suggest a
 461 potential polyploid karyotype. This embryo was classified as partially concordant. (B)
 462 Chromosome plots of Embryo 4 (Table 1) with a discordant karyotype between the blastocoel
 463 fluid (BF) and trophectoderm (TE) or inner cell mass (ICM).



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465 **Supplementary Figure S1. NGS proof-of-principle mixing experiments**

466 Cells with known aneuploid karyotype were mixed at different proportions with normal diploid
 467 cells to mimic mosaicism in embryos. Mixing experiments were done in at least three replicates
 468 and copy number (CN) value was evaluated. Each shape and error bar indicate mean and
 469 standard deviation of all independent measurements.

470 **Table 1. Molecular karyotypes of the blastocoel fluid, trophoctoderm and inner cell mass**

| Embryo # | Patient Age | Embryo Morphology | Blastocoel fluid (% of mosaicism) | Trophoctoderm (% of mosaicism) | Inner Cell Mass (% of mosaicism) |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1 | 39 | 3BB | 46,XX Mosaic -9 (70%) | 46,XX Mosaic +9 (50%) | 46,XX Mosaic +9 (20%) |
| 2 | 39 | 3-4BB | 45,XY, -13 Mosaic +1 (60%) Mosaic -16 (30%) Mosaic -21 (40%) | 45,XY, -13 | 45,XY, -13 |
| 3 | 39 | 3-4BB | Chaotic, likely polyploid | Chaotic, likely polyploid | Chaotic, likely polyploid |
| 4 | 33 | 3-4AB | Chaotic, likely polyploid | 46,XY | 46,XY |
| 5 | 33 | 4BB | 45,XY, -7 Mosaic -1 (50%) Mosaic +8 (60%) Mosaic +11 (50%) Mosaic +18 (40%) Mosaic +20 (40%) Mosaic +21 (50%) | 45,XY, -7 | 45,XY, -7 |
| 6 | 37 | 4-5BB | 44, XX,-9,-9 Mosaic -3 (60%) Mosaic -10 (80%) Mosaic -12 (70%) Mosaic -13 (80%) Mosaic +14 (50%) Mosaic -15 (70%) Mosaic +16 (50%) Mosaic +17 (50%) Mosaic +19 (50%) Mosaic +20 (50%) Mosaic -22 (70%) | 46,XX Mosaic +3 (20%) Mosaic +9 (50%) Mosaic +10 (30%) Mosaic +12 (20%) Mosaic +13 (30%) Mosaic +15 (20%) Mosaic -20 (30%) Mosaic +22 (30%) | 46,XX |
| 7 | 37 | 4-5AA | 47,XY,+11 Mosaic +2 (80%) Mosaic -9 (30%) | 46,XY | 46,XY |

| | | Mosaic -10 (30%) Mosaic -12 (30%) Mosaic -13 (40%) Mosaic +19 (50%) Mosaic -21 (50%) Mosaic -X (60%) | | | |
|----|----|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| 8 | 32 | 5BB | ND | 46,XY | 46,XY |
| 9 | 23 | 4BB | 46,XX | 46,XX | 46,XX |
| 10 | 23 | 5BB | 46,XX | 46,XX | 46,XX |
| 11 | 32 | 4BB | 46,XX | 46,XX | 46,XX |
| 12 | 32 | 4BB | ND | 46,XX | 46,XX |
| 13 | 32 | 4BB | ND | 46,XX | 46,XX |
| 14 | 42 | 3BC | ND | 46,XY | 46,XY |
| | | | | Mosaic -17 (80%) | Mosaic -17 (70%) |

471 **Note:** The chaotic likely polyploid profiles of embryos 3 and 4 are depicted in Fig. 2.; ND, chromosome profile not determined

Table 2. Concordance levels between the blastocoel fluid (BF), trophectoderm (TE) and inner cell mass (ICM)

| | Concordant | Partially concordant | Discordant |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| BF vs ICM | 40.0% (4/10) | 30.0% (3/10) | 30.0% (3/10) |
| BF vs TE | 40.0% (4/10) | 40.0% (4/10) | 20.0% (2/10) |
| TE vs ICM | 85.7% (12/14) | 7.1% (1/14) | 7.1% (1/14) |