

# CYTOGENETIC ■ & CHROMOSOME

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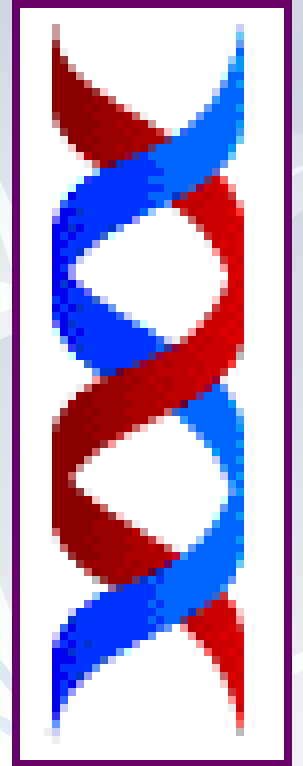
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# Cytogenetics

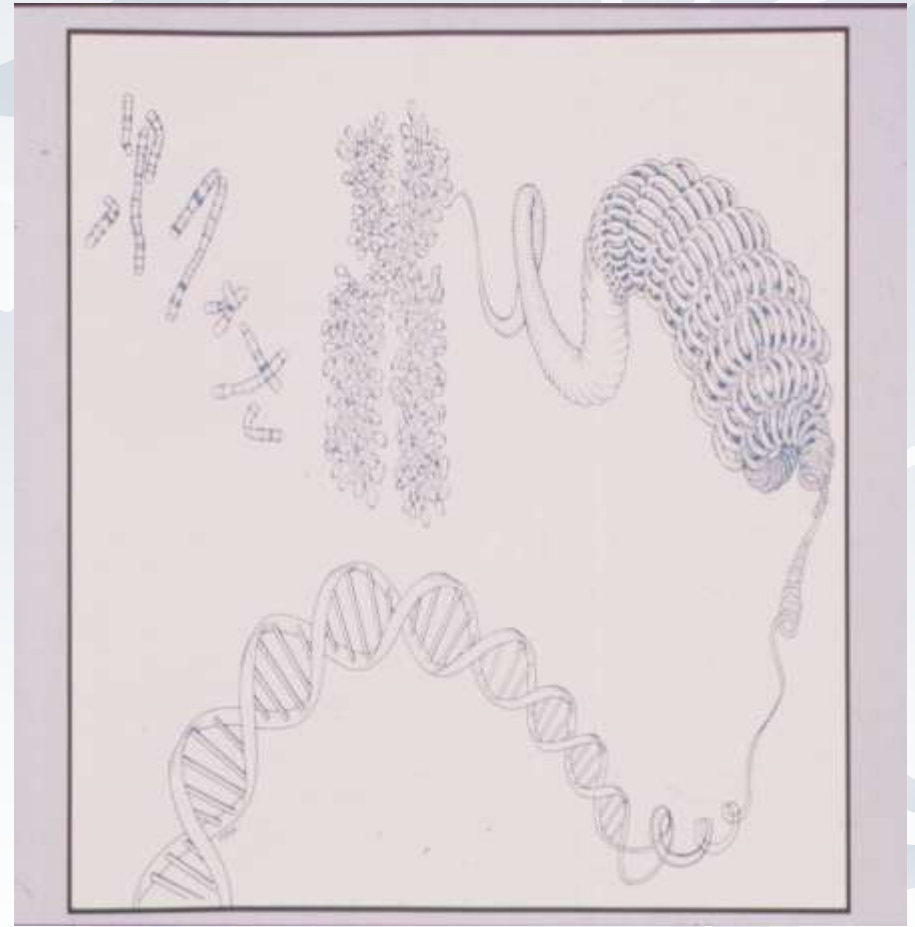
- Definition

**Cytogenetic** is the study of genetic material of cell



# CYTOGENETICS

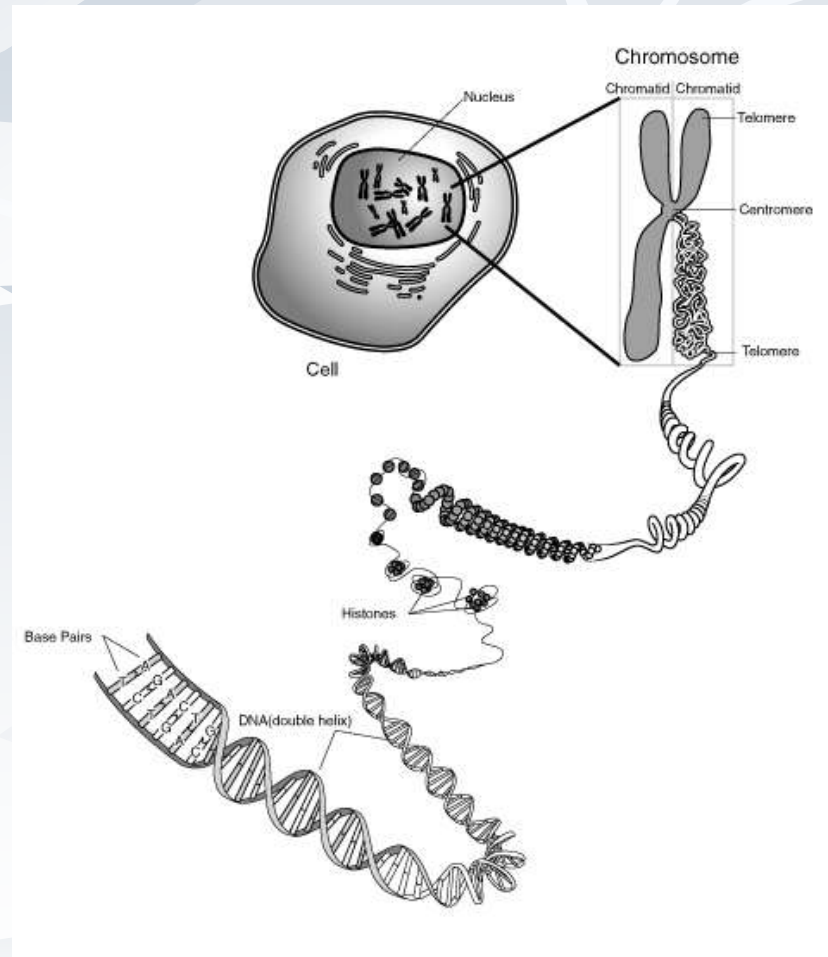
- The study of chromosome and the related disease states caused by abnormal chromosome number and/or structure.



# What are chromosomes?

*Chromosomes are the cellular structures that carry genes*

**Chromosomes are distinct dense bodies found in the nucleus of cells , composed of protein and DNA.**



# What are chromosomes ? (Cont)

- **The total number of bases in all the chromosomes of a human cell is approximately six billion and individual chromosomes range from 50 to 250 million base.**
- **The DNA sequence for a single trait is called a gene.**
- **Each chromosome contains a few thousand genes.**
- **The estimate for the number of genes in humans are thought to be between 30,000 and 40,000 genes.**
- **Genes can be as short as 1000 base pairs or as long as several hundred thousand base pairs. It can even be carried by more than one chromosome.**

**Chromosome**



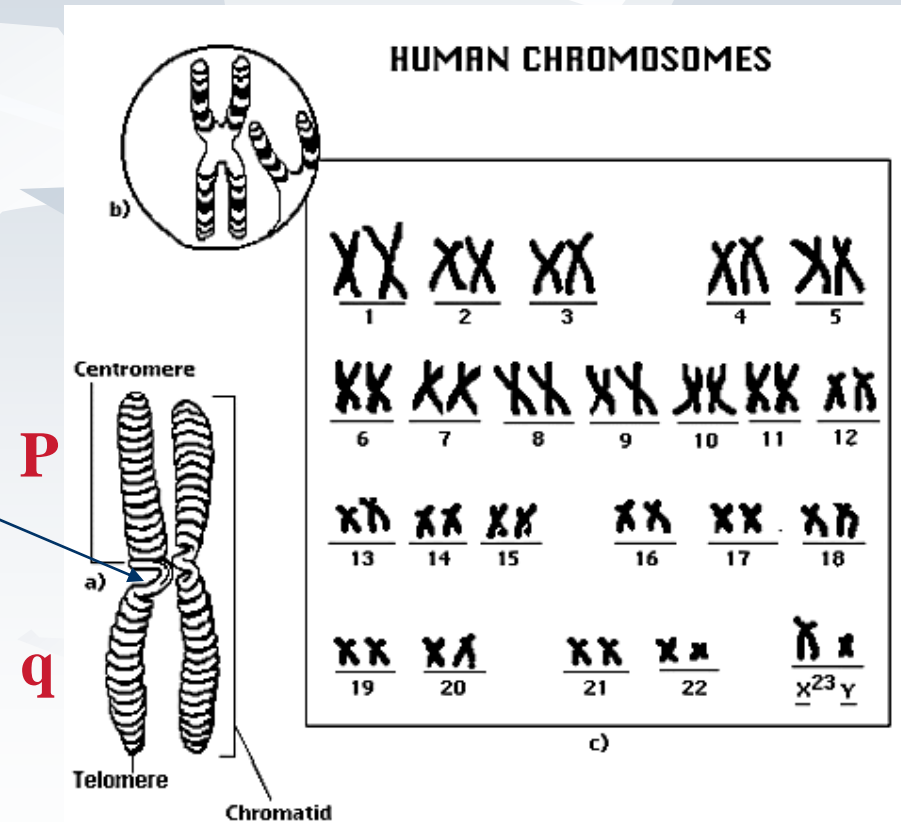
**Gene**

# What are chromosomes ? (Cont)

- The number of chromosomes in human cells is **46** with **22 autosomal pairs** (one of each type contributed by the mother and one of each type from the father) and **2 sex chromosomes** - **2 X chromosomes** for **females** (one from father and one from mother) or **an X and a Y chromosome** for **males** (the X from the mother and the Y from the father).

# Cytogenetic Nomenclature

- Each chromosome is visualized as **two chromatids** that are joined at a central constriction called the **centromere**.
- The centromere divides the chromosomes into two arms: a **short arm (P)** and a **long arm (q)**

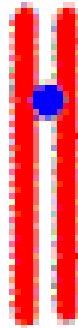




# Centromeric position and arm length



Metacentric



Submetacentric



Acrocentric

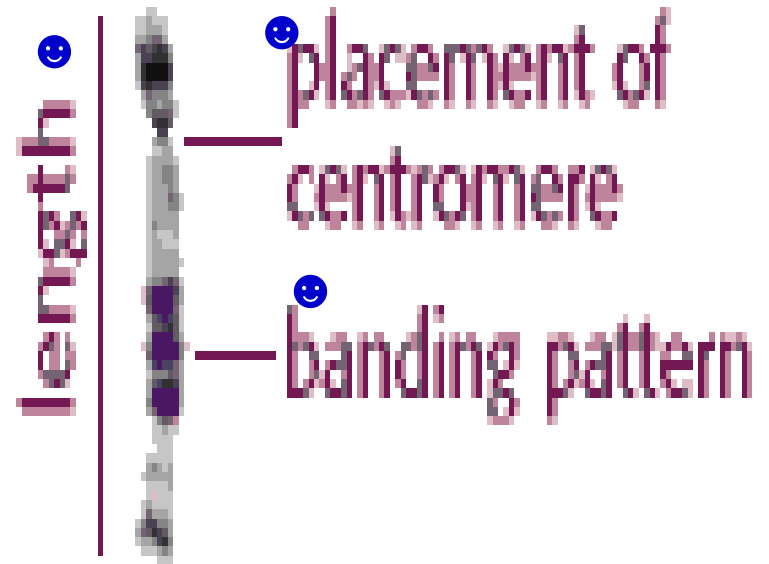
# Chromosomes are divided into 7 groups, A.....G

- **Group A:** 1,2,3
- **Group B:** 4,5
- **Group C:** 6-12, x
- **Group D:** 13,14,15
- **Group E:** 16,17,18
- **Group F:** 19,20
- **Group G:** 21,22,Y

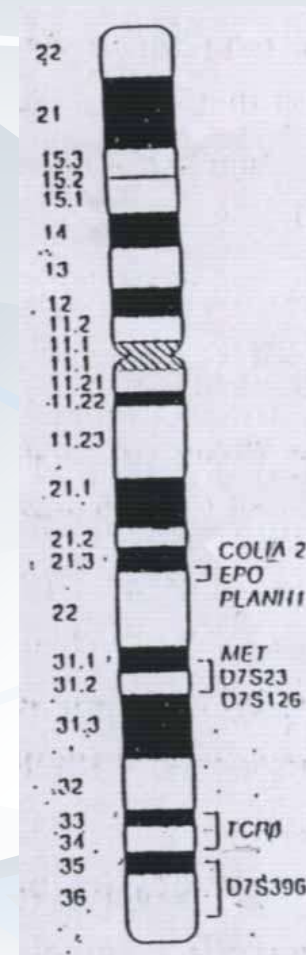
# Identifying features of a chromosome

- ☺ **Size** (large, medium, small)
- ☺ **Position of centromere**
  - metacentric
  - acrocentric
  - submetacentric
- ☺ **Banding pattern**

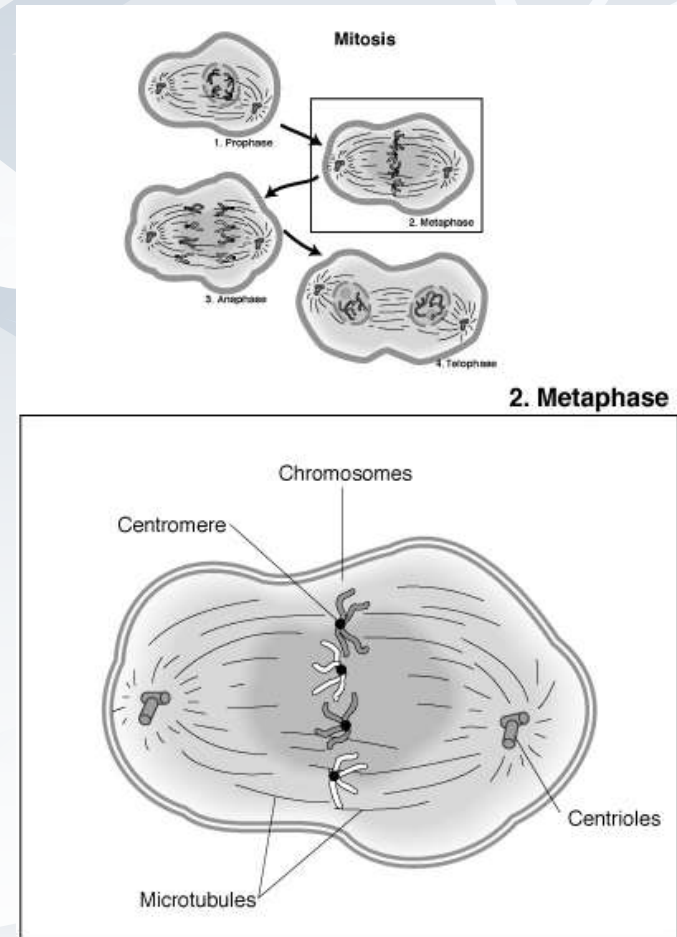
## Identifying features of a chromosome



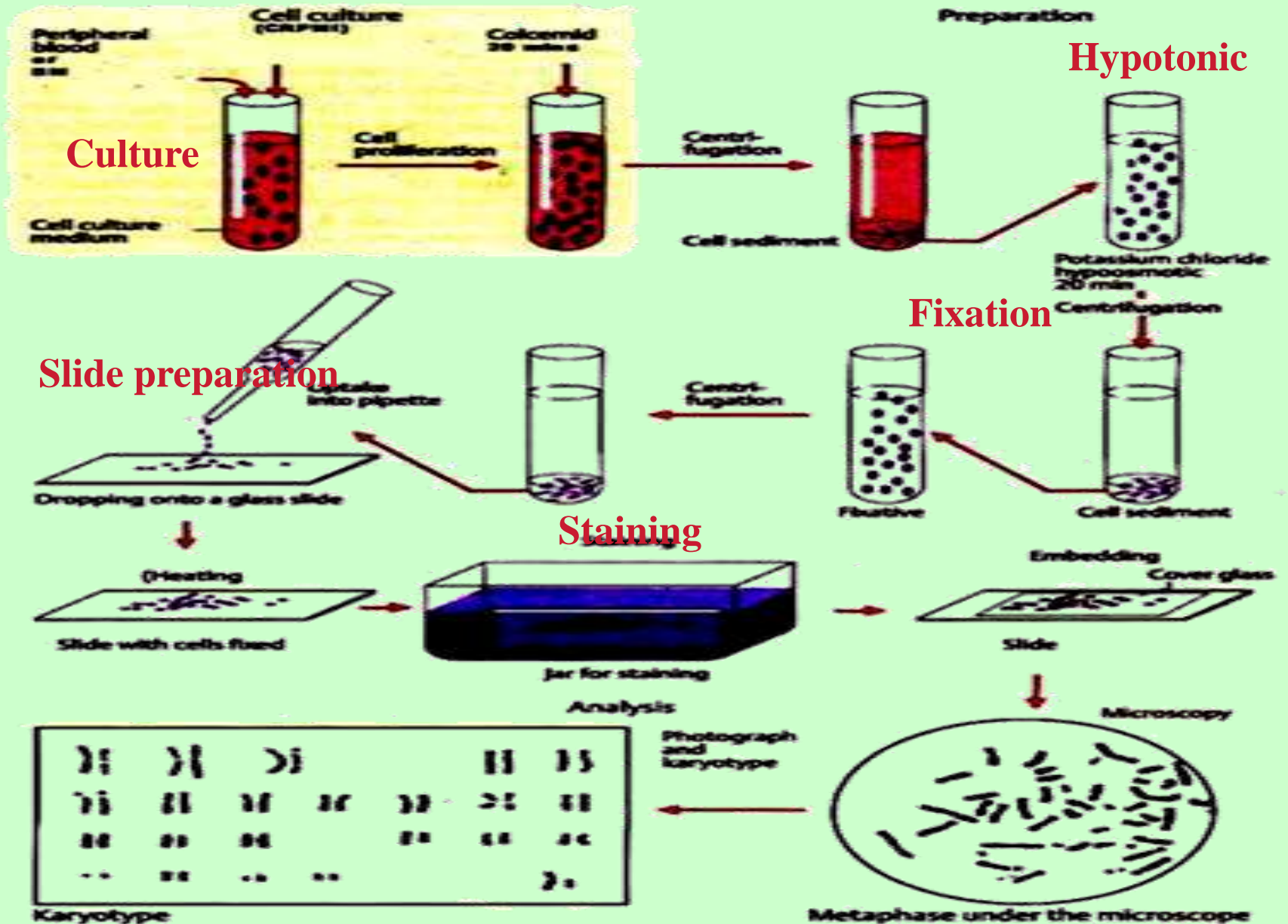
- **Chromosome bands:** part of a chromosome that is distinguished from adjacent parts by appearing **darker** or **lighter** with one or more banding techniques
- In high resolution banding, bands are divided into **sub-bands**. (1q31.1).



- The chromosomes are most easily seen and identified at the metaphase stage of cell division.

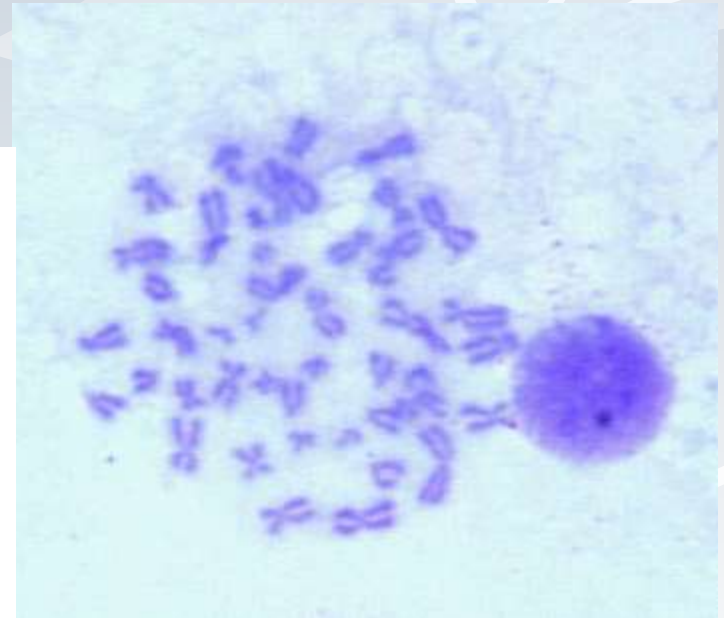


# Conventional Cytogenetic Analysis



# Metaphase spread

Human male  
G-bands



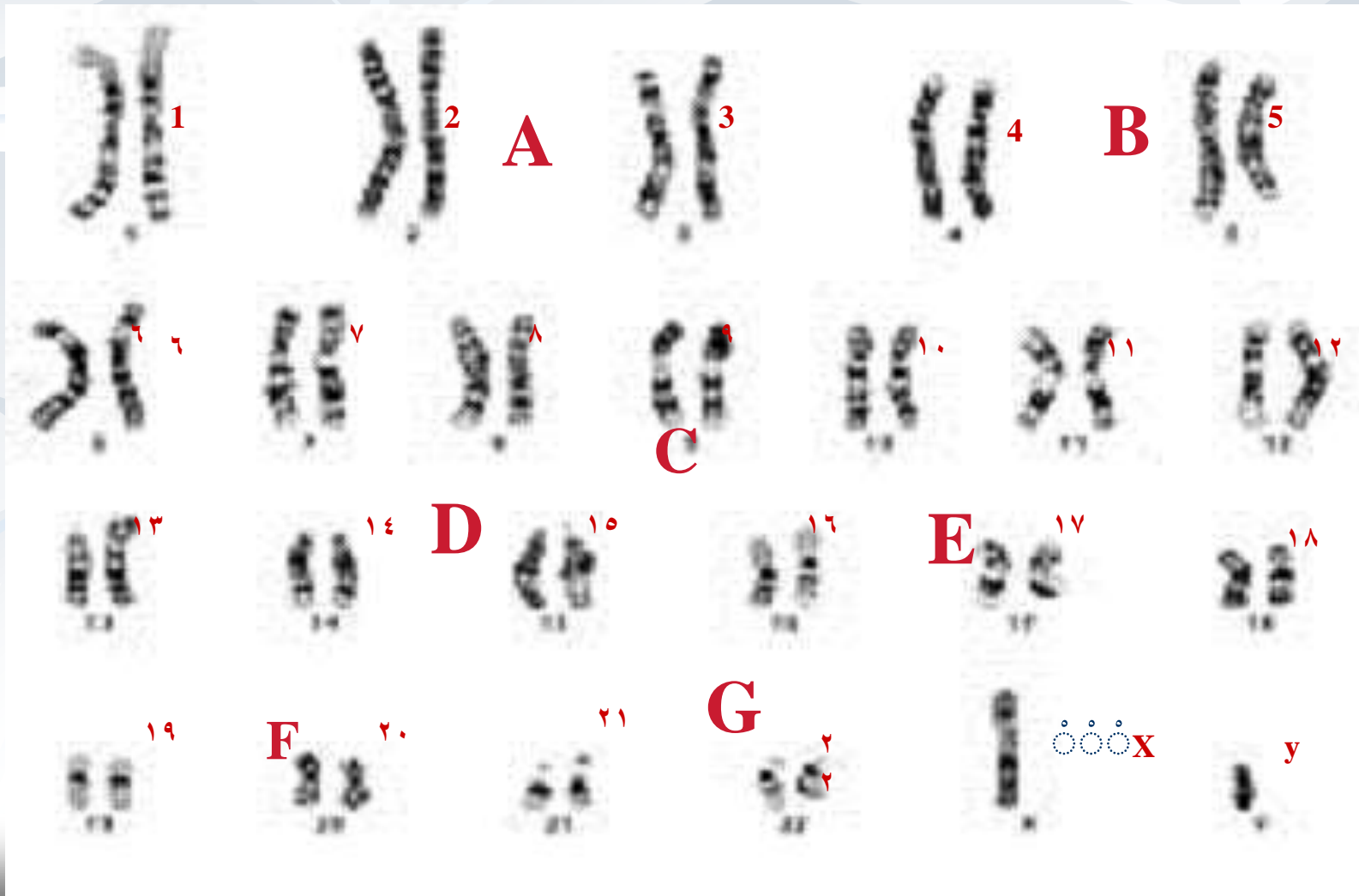
# CHROMOSOMES BANDING

Type	Stain	Area Stained	Effect
Q-banding	Quinacrine	Chromosome arms; mostly repetitive AT-rich DNA	Under UV light, distinct fluorescent banded pattern for each chromosome.
G-banding	Giemsa	Chromosome arms; mostly repetitive AT-rich DNA	Distinct banded pattern for each chromosome; same as Q-banding pattern except single additional band near centromere of chromosomes 1 and 16
R-banding	Variety of techniques	Chromosome arms; mostly unique GC-rich DNA	Reverse banding pattern of that observed with Q- or G-banding
C-banding	Variety of techniques	Centromere region of each chromosome and distal portion of Y chromosome; highly repetitive, mostly AT-rich DNA	Largest bands usually on chromosomes 1, 9, 16, and Y; chromosomes 7, 10, and 15 have medium-sized bands; size of C-bands highly variable from person to person



**A karyotype:** Arrangement of chromosomes from a particular cell, the largest chromosomes are first and the smallest ones are last.

It is a description of the number and structure of the chromosomes.





1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8



9



10



11



12



13



14



15



16



17



18



19



20



21



22



X

Y

# Chromosomal abnormalities

- **Numerical:** A karyotype with abnormal No. of chromosomes.
- **Structural:** Alterations in the structure of chromosomes.

# CHANGES IN NUMBER, OR SETS, OF CHROMOSOMES

A) Polypoidy - change in complete sets of chromosomes  
( $3n$ ,  $4n$ , etc)

plants > animals.

B) Aneuploidy - change in the no. of chromosomes

- nullisomy  $2n-2$
- monosomy  $2n-1$
- trisomy  $2n+1$
- tetrasomy  $2n+2$

Gene dosage effect

- 1- Sex-chromosomal aneuploids .
- 2- Autosomal aneuploids .

- **Diploid cell:** A cell with a normal complement of structurally normal chromosomes.
- **Pseudodiploid cell:** A cell with 46 chromosomes but with numerical chromosomal abnormality (e.g. loss of one chromosome & gain of another) or structural abnormality.
- **Aneuploid cell:** Cell with abnormal number of chromosomes.

# Abbreviations

del = deletion ■

der = derivative ■

dup = duplication ■

inv = inversion ■

ins = insertion ■

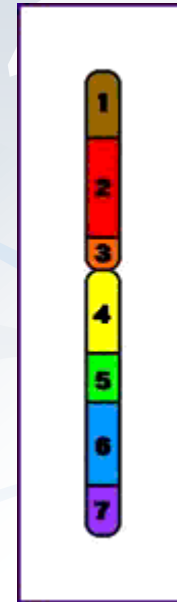
t = translocation ■

add = additional material of unknown origin ■

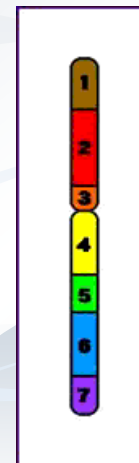
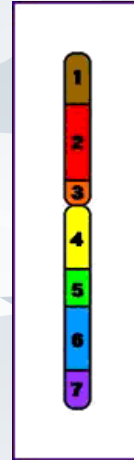
mar = marker chromosome of unknown origin ■

- ***Interstitial deletion:***

**loss of internal segment.**

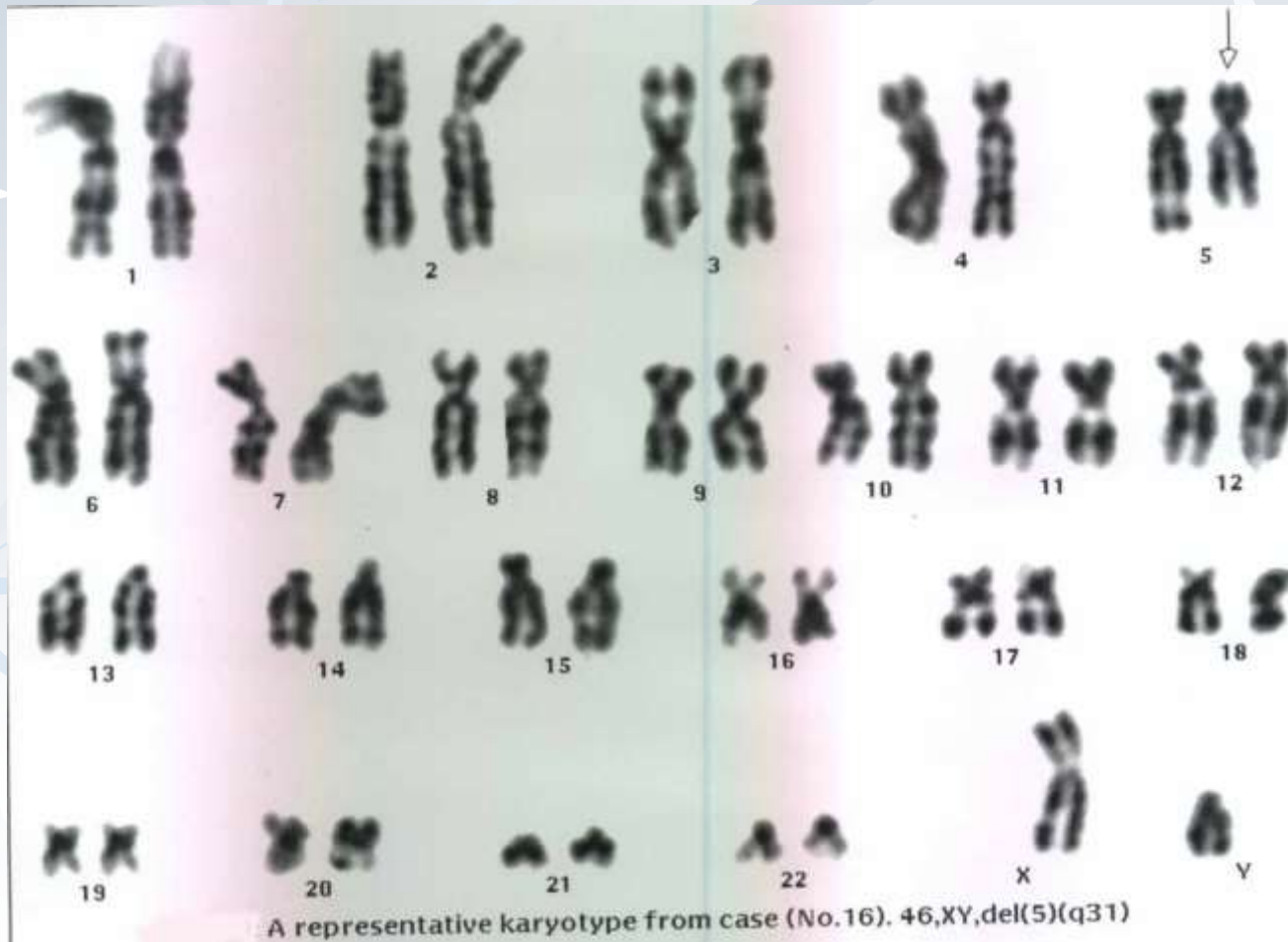


*Terminal deletion*  
loss of tip of  
chromosome





# 46,xy,del (5)(q31)



# 46,xy,del(7)(q22;q32)

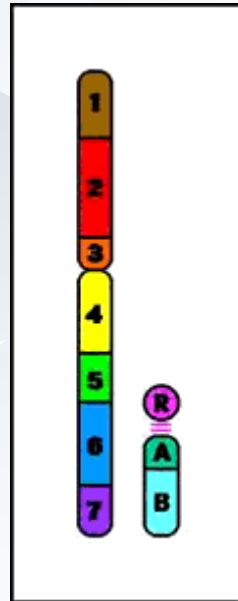


- **Translocation (t)**: relocation of material from one chromosome to a different chromosome.

***Reciprocal***: exchange of material between different chromosomes.  $t(9;22)(q34;q11)$

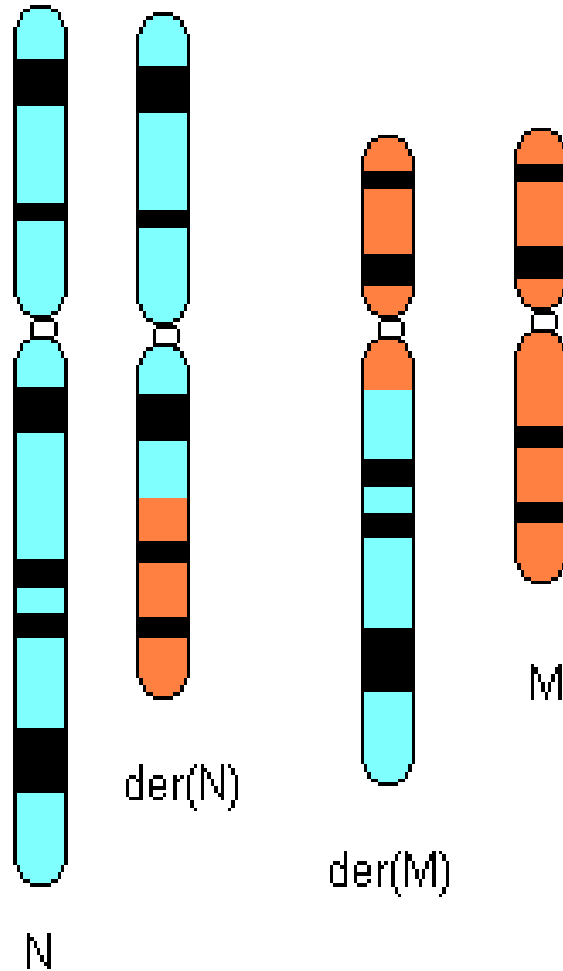
***Non-reciprocal***: rare

# Reciprocal Translocation

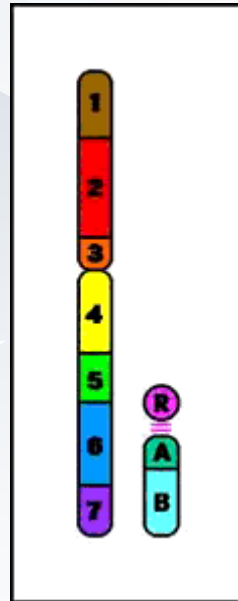


# Reciprocal Translocation

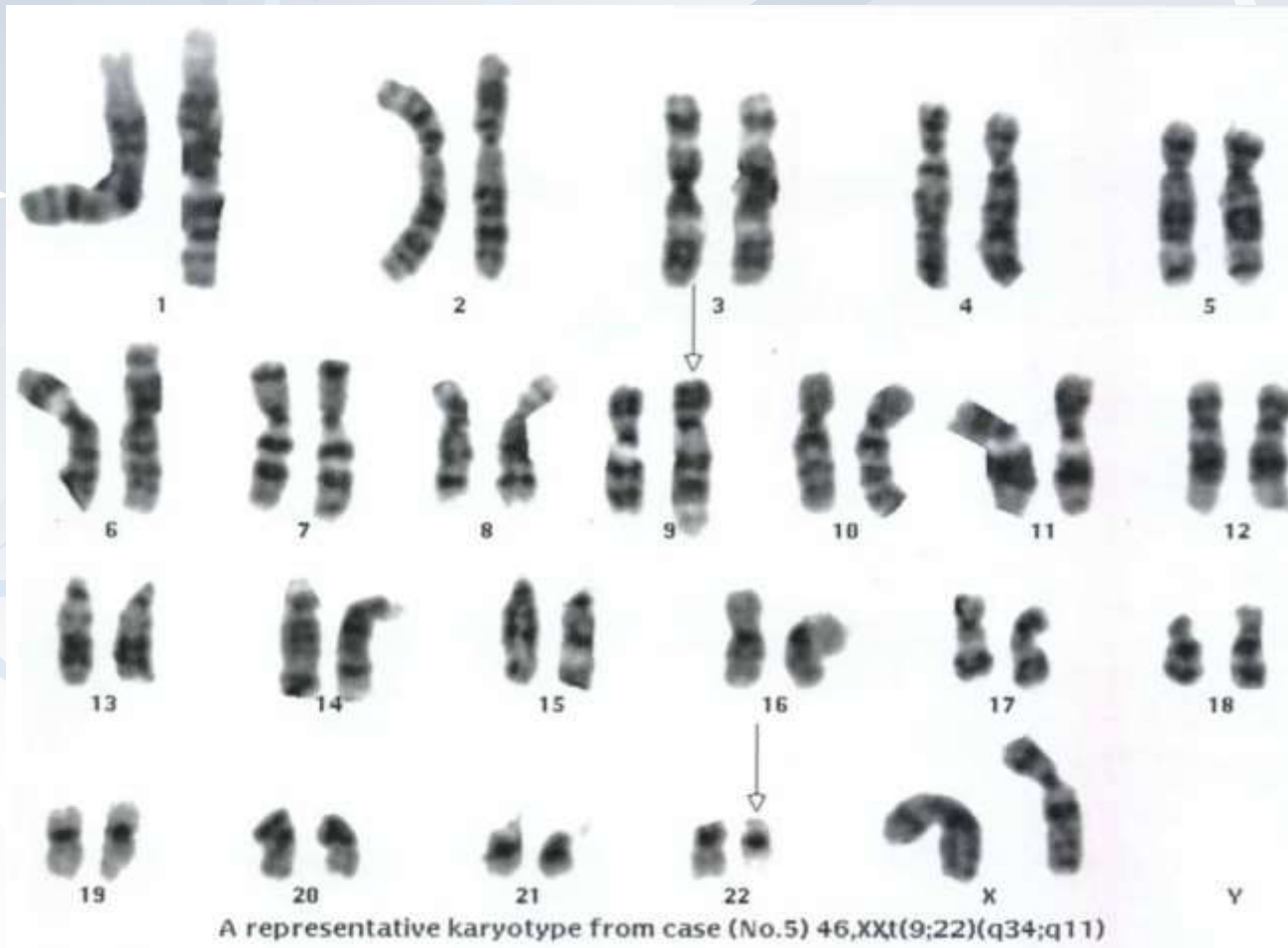
reciprocal translocation  
between chromosomes N and M



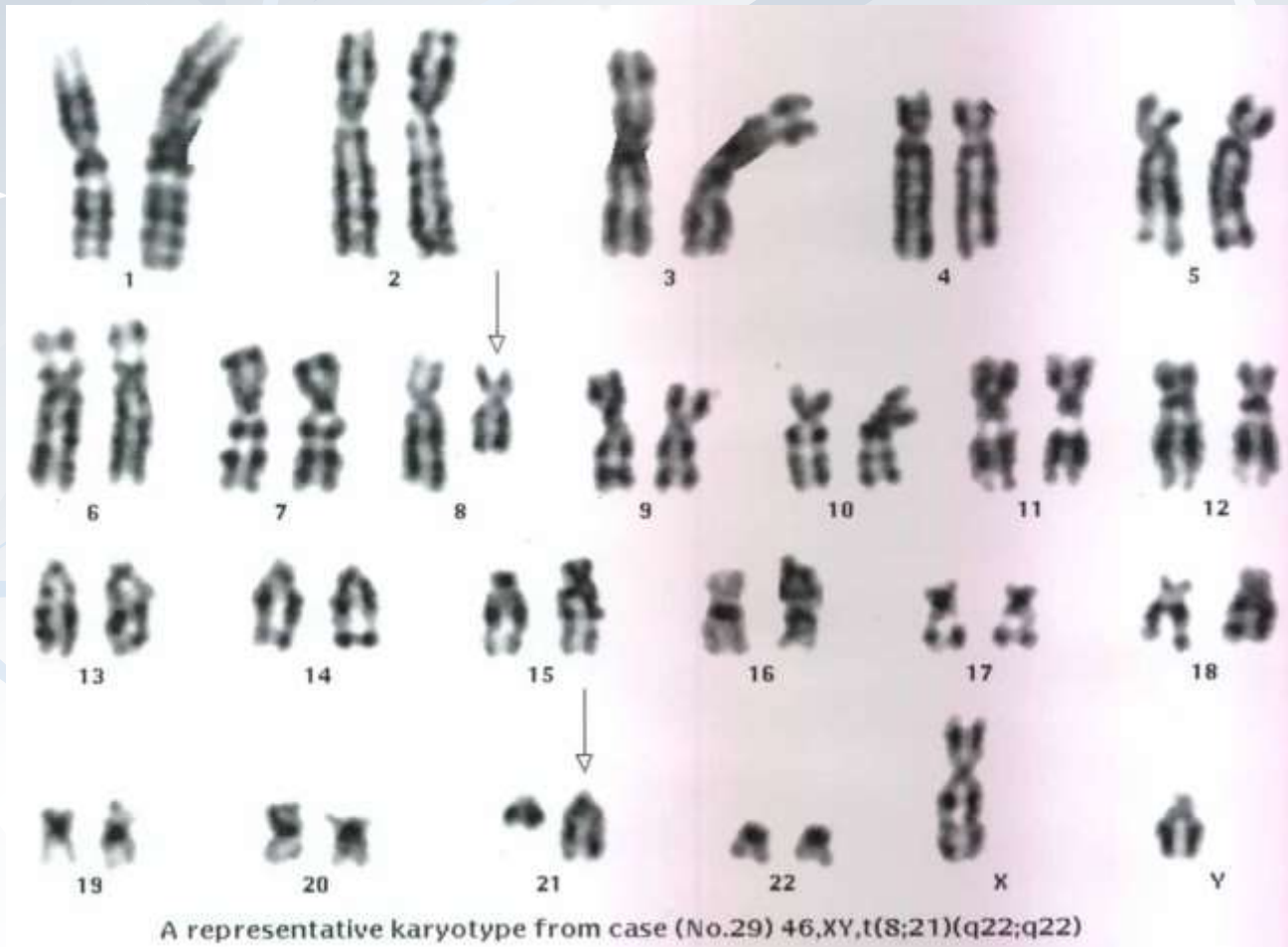
# Non-reciprocal translocation



# 46,xx,t(9;22)(q34;q11)



# 46,xy,t(8;21)(q22;q22)



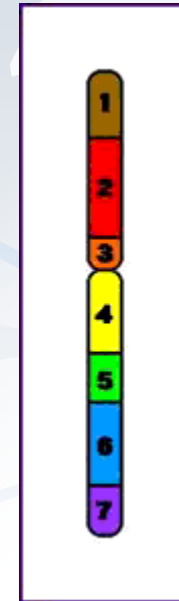


- **Inversion (inv):** it is 180 rotation of a chromosome segment
- *Pericentric*  
*Paracentric*

# Pericentric Inversion

- **Pericentric:**

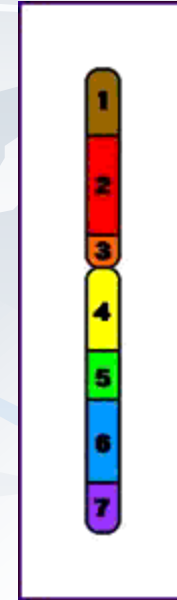
The inverted segment include the centromere  
**inv (16)(p13;q22)**



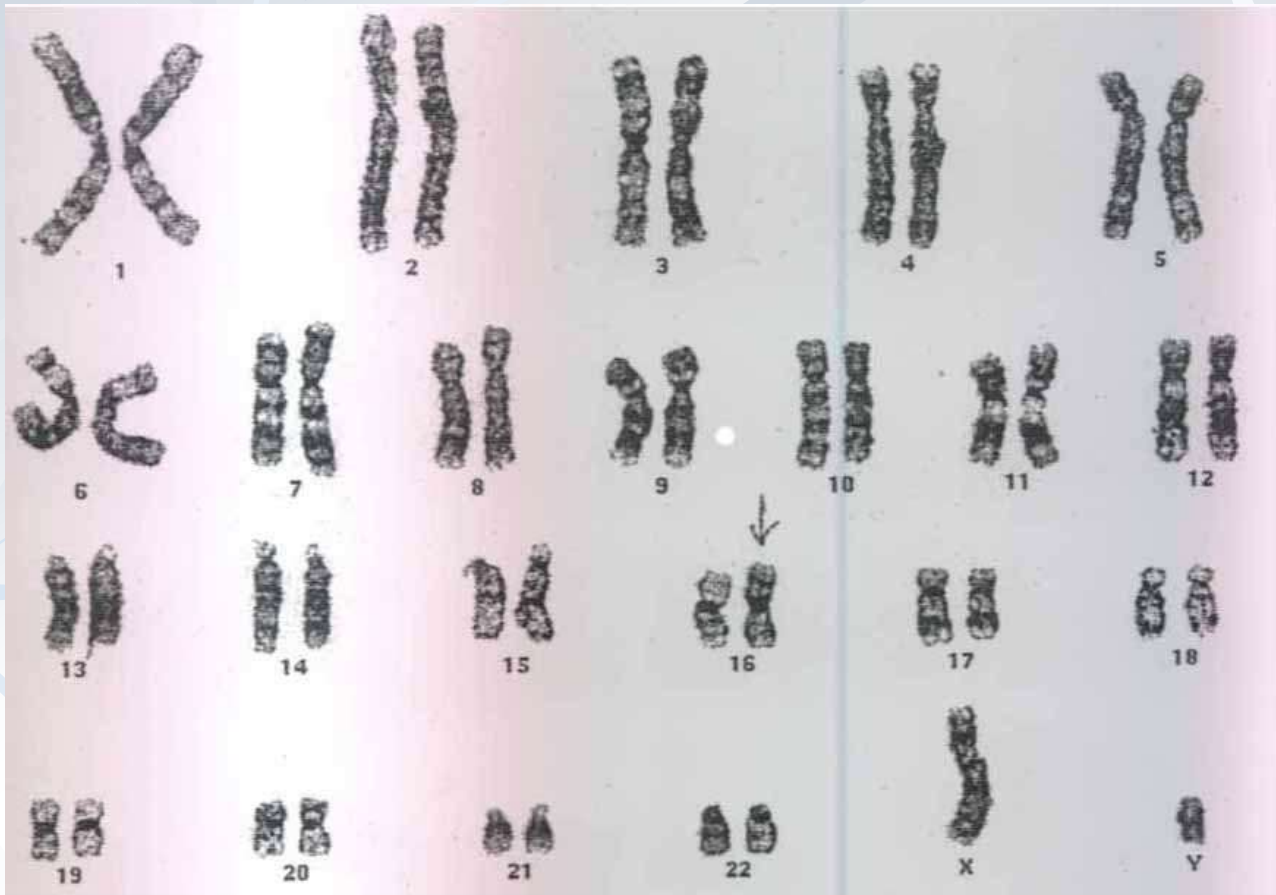
# Paracentric inversion

- **Paracentric:**

The inverted segment  
within either the short  
or long arm  
 $\text{inv}(3)(q21;q26)$

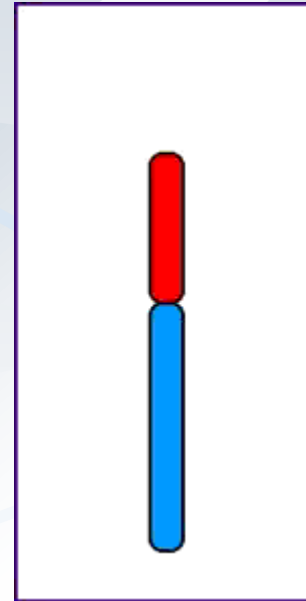


# 46,xy,inv(16)(p13;q22)

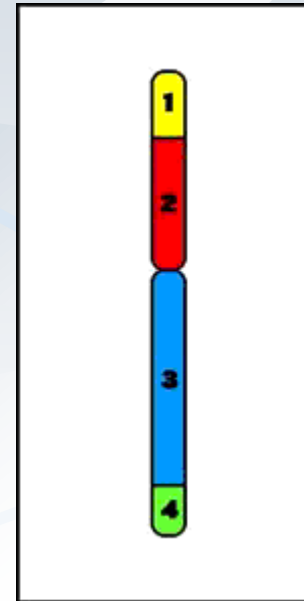


A representative Karyotype from case (No.13) showing 46,XY, inv(16)(p13q22)

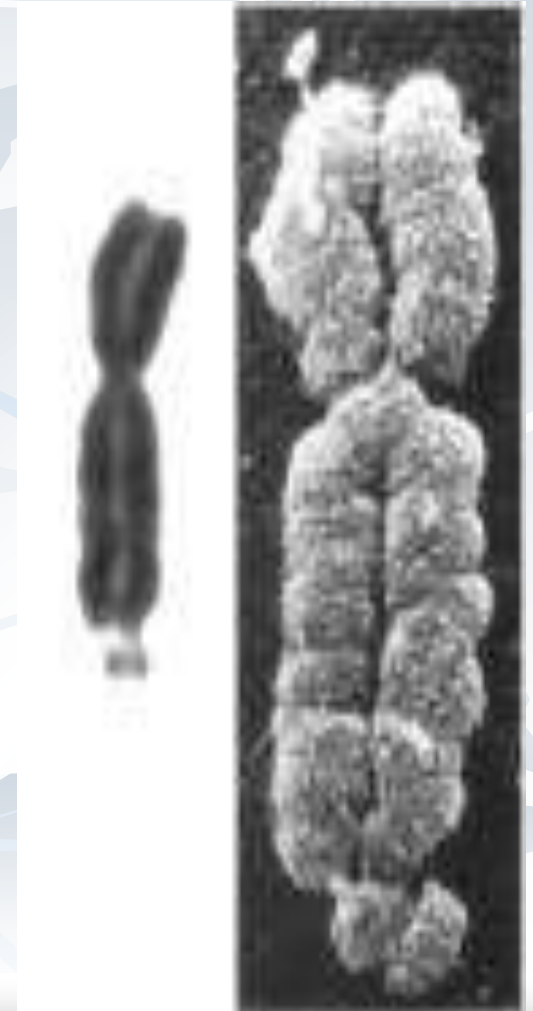
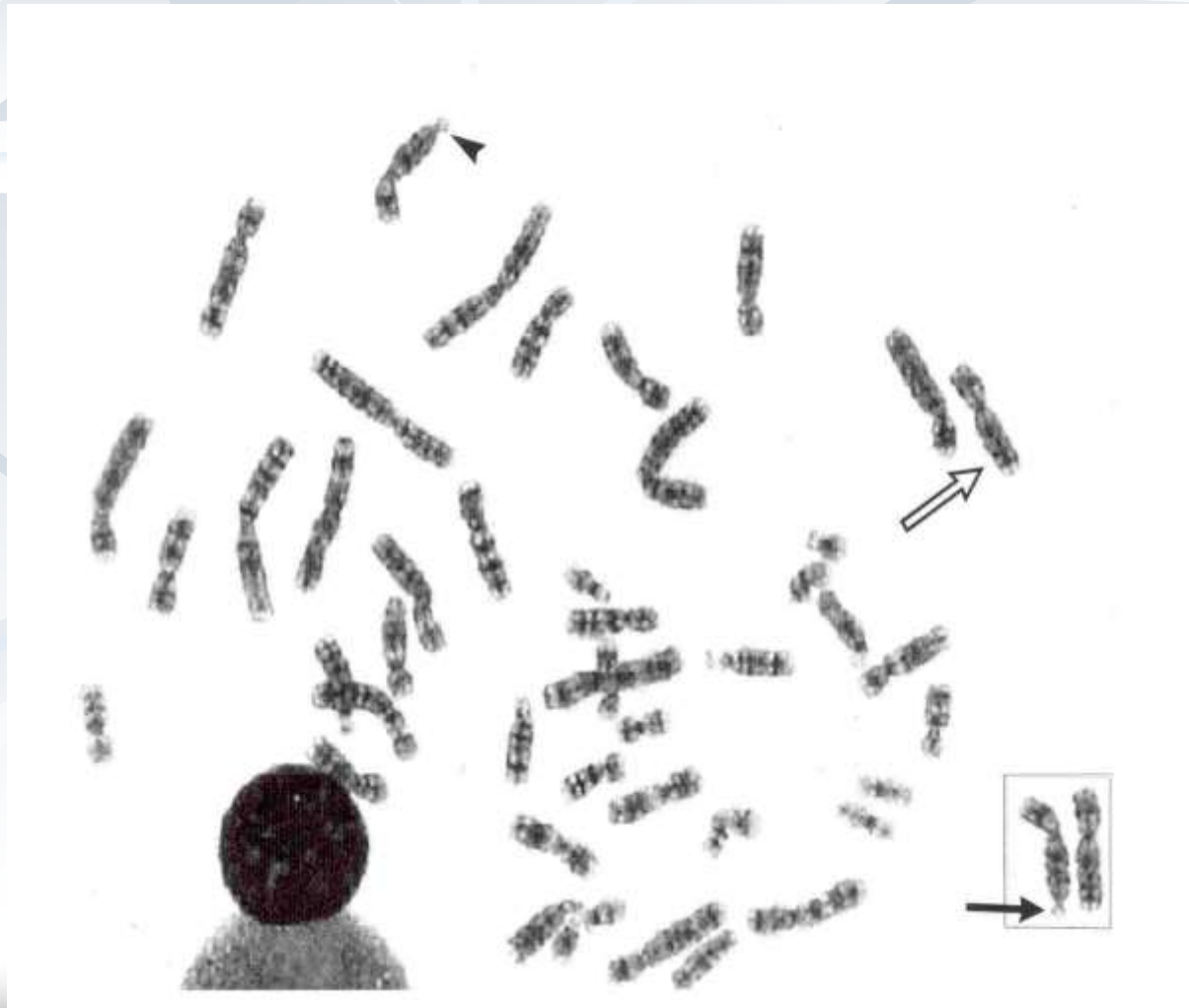
- **Isochromosome (i):**  
**Two identical**  
**chromosome arms**  
**positioned as mirror**  
**images of each other**  
**i(17q)**



- **Ring chromosome(r):**  
breaks have occurred  
in both the short and  
the long arms and the  
break points have  
joined together .....  
closed ring



# Fragile-X-Syndrome



# Thank you

