

PGD: A Celebration of 20 years:

What is Reality and What is Not?

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Reality – (Three obvious ones)

PGD

- **Has led to the birth of thousands of healthy children to very desperate, genetically at-risk couples.**
- **Remains at the very limit of medical diagnostic testing**
- **The technology continues to improve -**
 - **but it is not reality to think PGD will ever have a 0% false positive or false negative rate**

**Reality: We still do not know
What is best to biopsy, and when?**



Polar Body



Blastomere



Trophoectoderm

Variation in Biopsy Skill

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Biopsies</u>	<u>+HCG / ET</u>
1	314	17%
2	427	26%
3	181	12%
4	712	31%

Reality: We all are controversial

- **PGD has raised international controversy**
 - How is it bioethically different from Prenatal Testing?
 - Who should control the use of these technologies?
 - Should there be government PGD testing standards?
- **What is the difference between a Disease *and* a Trait**
 - and who decides?

PGD Disorders (A, B, C)

- **ACHONDROPLASIA (FGFR)**
 - **ACTIN-NEMALIN MYOPATHY (ACTA)**
 - **ADRENOLEUKODYSTROPHY (ABCD)**
 - **AGAMMAGLOBULINEMIA-BRUTON (TYKNS)**

 - **ALAGILLE SYNDROME (JAG)**
 - **ALDOLASE A, FRUCTOSE-BISPHOSPHATE**
 - **ALPHA THALASSEMIA (HBA)**
 - **ALPHA-ANTITRYPSIN (AAT)**
 - **ALPORT SYNDROME (COLA)**
 - **ALS: AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS**
 - **ALZHEIMER DISEASE (PSEN)**
 - **AMYLOIDOSIS-TRANSTHYRETIN**
 - **ANGIOEDEMA, HEREDITARY (CNH)**
 - **ATAXIA TELANGIECTASIA**
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PGD Disorders (C-G)

- **CONGENITAL DISORDER GLYCOSYLATION,A**
- **CONGENITAL ERYTHROPOIETIC PORPHYRIA**
- **COSMAN-SEVERE CYCLIC NEUTROPENIA**
- **CRIGLER NAJJAR (UGTA)**
- **CYSTIC FIBROSIS (CFTR)**
- **CYSTINOSIS**

- **DARIER DISEASE (ATPA)**
- **DEAFNESS - GJB CONNEXIN**
- **DIAMOND BLACKFAN (DBA-RSP)**
- **DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY (DMD)**
- **DYSTROPHIA MYOTONICA- (DMPK)**

- **ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIA (I EDA)**
- **EMERY-DREIFUSS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY**
- **EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA SIMPLEX KRT**



PGD Disorders (M-P)



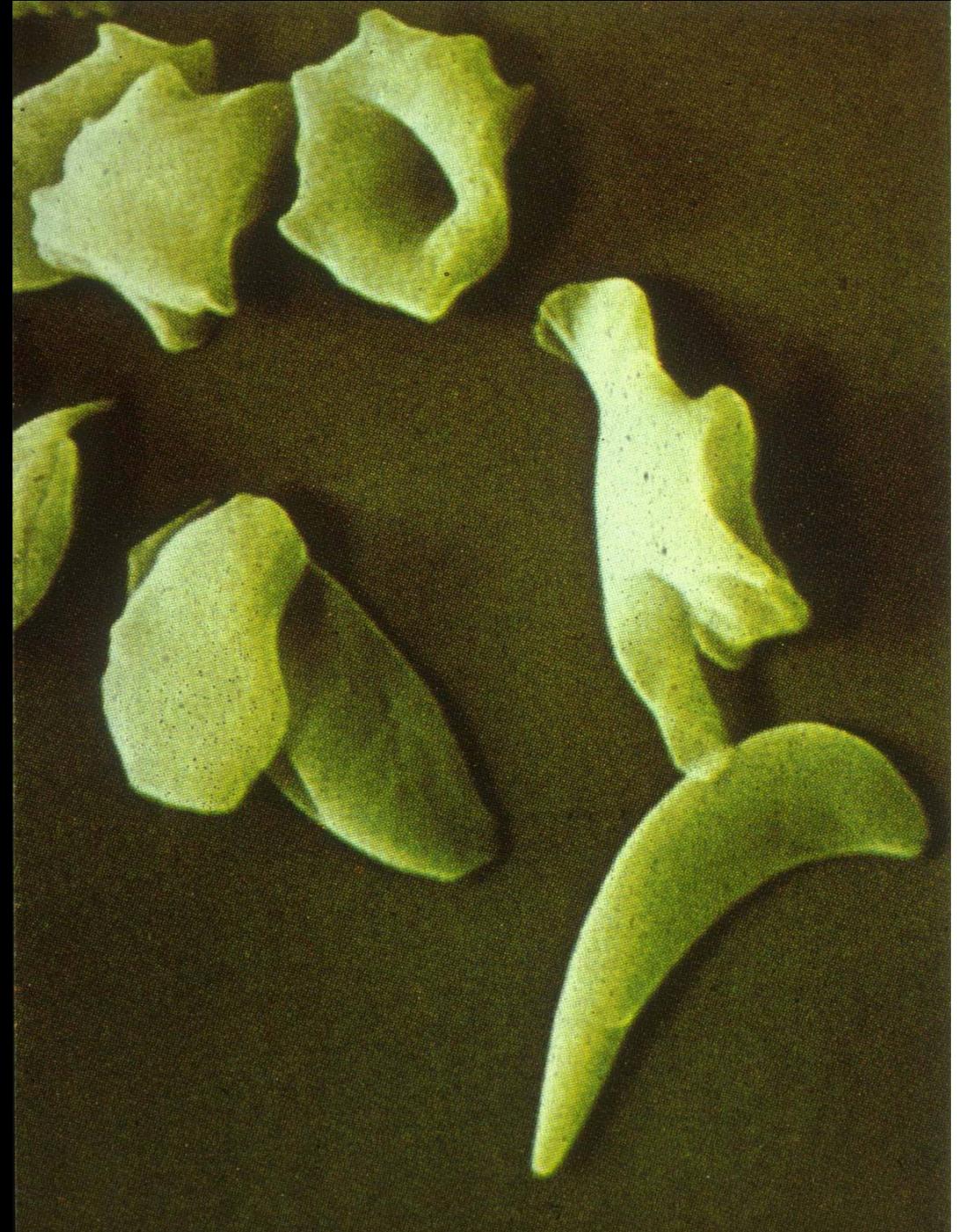
- OCCULOCUTANEOUS ALBINISM II- OCA
 - ORNITHINE TRANSCARBAMYLASE DEF (OTC)
 - OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA I (COLA)
 - OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA II/IV (COLA)
 - OSTEOPETROSIS-CLCN & TCIRG
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- PACHYONYCHIA CONGENITA (KRT)
- PACHYONYCHIA CONGENITA (KRTA)
- PELIZAEUS-MERZBACHER PMD
- PERIVENTRICULAR HETEROPIA (PH)
- **PERSISTENT HYPERINSULINEMIC HYPOGLYCEMIA OF INFANCY (PHHI)**
- PHENYLKETONURIA
- POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE
- POMPE - GLYCOGEN STOR DZ II
- PROPIONIC ACIDEMIA

PGD Disorders (R-Z)

3+ Case list

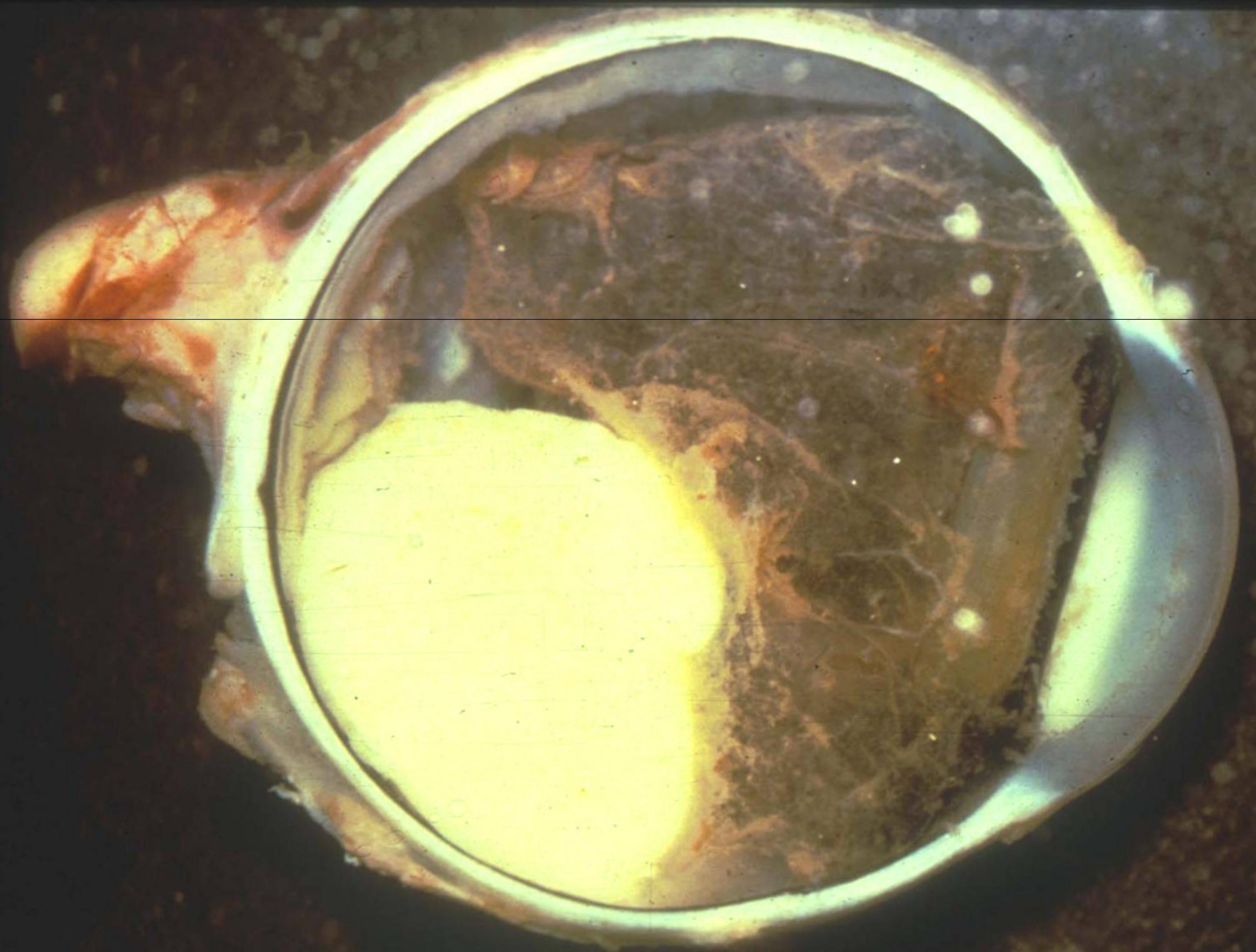
- RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA - RHO
- RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA (ADRP)
- RETINOBLASTOMA (RB)
- **RHESUS BLOOD GROUP D (RHD)**
- **SACRAL AGENESIS (HLXB)**
- SANFILIPPO A (MPSIIIA)
- SCIDX (ILRG)
- SEVERE COMB IMMUNODEF (SCID)
- SHWACHMAN-DIAMOND SYNDROME
- **SICKLE CELL (HBB)**
- SMITH-LEMLI-OPITZ (SLOS)
- SPINOCEREBELLAR ATAXIA
- **SPINOMUSCULAR ATROPHY (SMN1)**
- SUPRAVALVULAR AORTIC STENOSIS ELN
- SURFACTANT-PULMONARY B (SFTPB)



Spinal_Muscular Atrophy

226 PGD Families





Two IVF-PGD children without BRCA1 mutation Fertility Preservation – Oocyte Vitrification

42 babies
4 ongoing pregnancies



PGD for Cancer Susceptibility

- Ataxia Telangiectasia (AT)
- Bloom Syndrome (BS)
- BRCA1 and BRCA2
- Colon Cancer
 - MYH
 - HNPCC
 - MLH1 & 2;
 - MSH6;
 - PMS2
 - FAP (APC)
- Fanconi Anemia (A, C, D, G)
- Li-Fraumeni Syndrome (TP53)
- MEN 1a (MEN1)
- MEN2a (RET)
- Neurofibromatosis
 - NF1 & NF2)
- Retinoblastoma (RB1)
- Severe Comb Immunodeficiency
 - ADA
 - IL7 Receptor
- Von Hippel-Lindau (pVHL)
- Wiskott-Aldrich (WAS)

● PGD Pregnancy (ies)

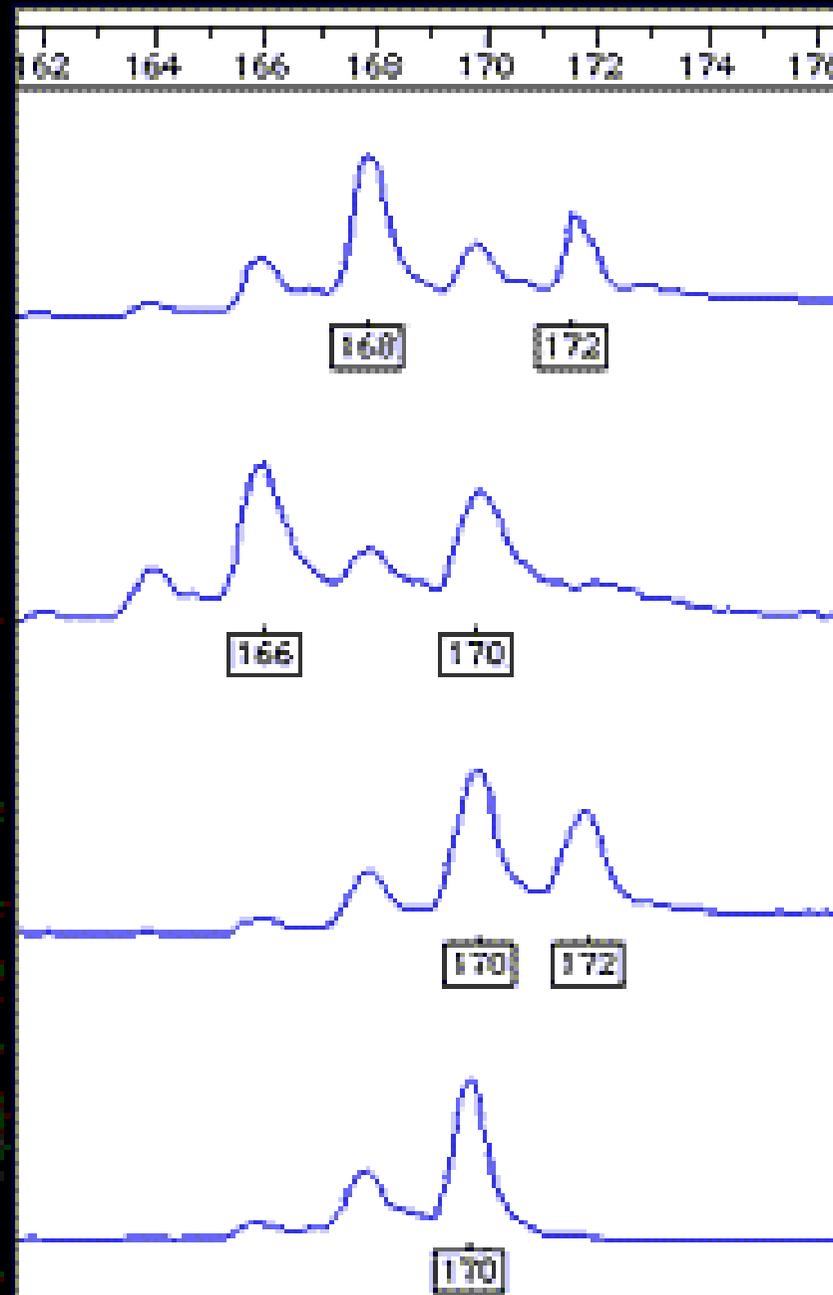
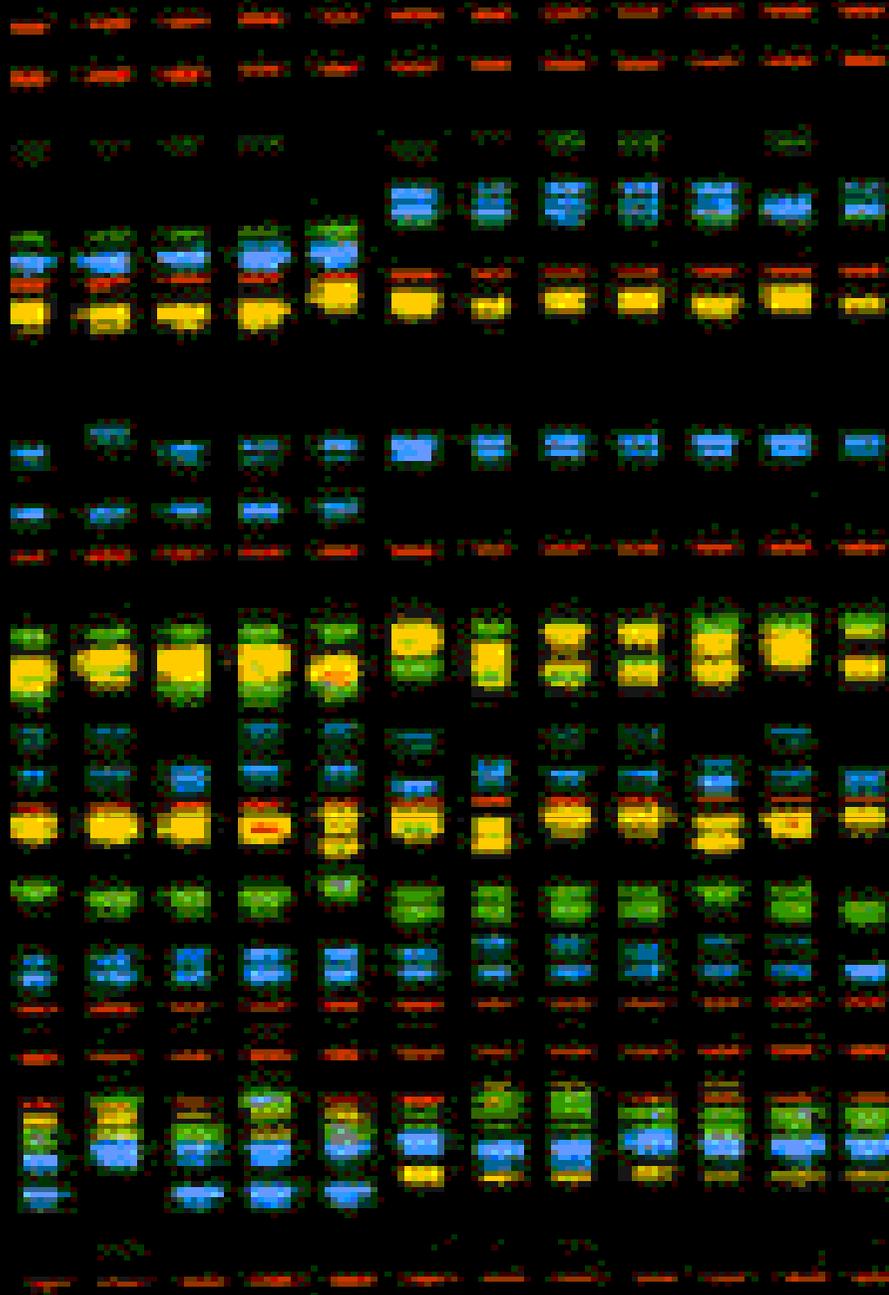
○ No Pregnancy / Not Performed

The Reality is –

- **High Throughput Genotyping is here**
- **We are still learning what to do with it**

Reality:

High Throughput Multiplex Genotyping is here



Reality: we don't know what to do with it



Not Reality - Designer Babies

- We can order up our babies to design specifications
- GATACCA is here

The Reality is – We still do not know:

- **The true degree of embryo mosaicism**
 - Important for test reliability
 - But does it even matter to normal human development?
- **How important are CNVs?**
- **How important are InDels?**

The Reality is – We still do not know:

- **Which InDels are important?**
 - 415,436 mapped so far
 - Single base-pair (many)
 - Multi-base pair
 - 3 bp – CFTR: Cystic Fibrosis
 - 4 bp – HexA: Tay Sachs
 - 2-14 bp repeats: Fragile X, Huntington, Myotonic Dystrophy...
 - Transposon mobile elements: Hemophilia, FSHMD, many cancers

Question

- **If we could –**
 - Sequence the entire genome of an embryo
 - Overnight
 - At a cost effective price
 - For clinical diagnostic decision making

- **Does this make any sense as a diagnostic goal?**



Reality

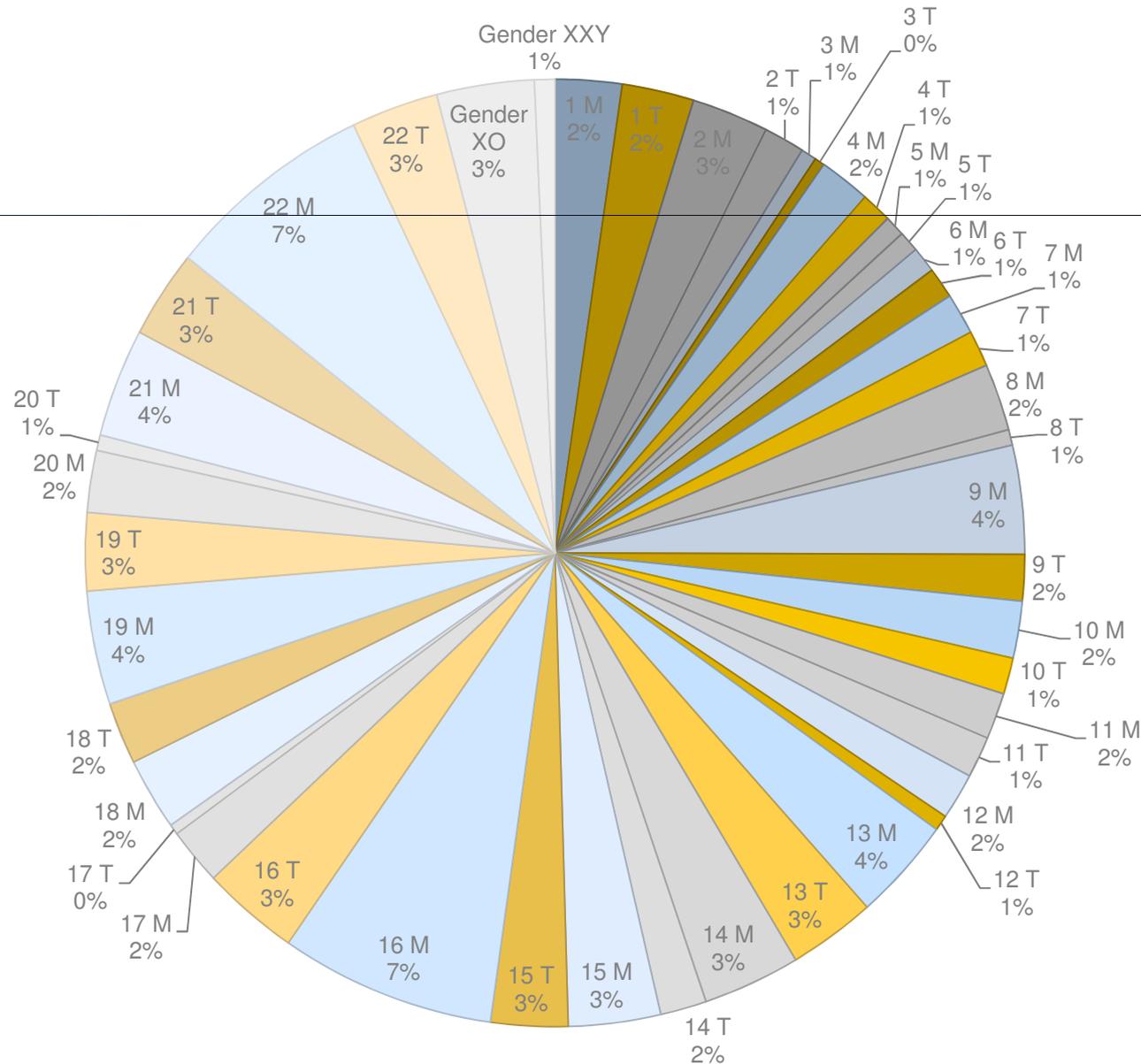
- **Awareness of mutations will increase PGD**
- **Homogenization of the human gene pool will decrease risk for recessive conditions**
- **The cost will continue to decline**
- **Technology is not the limit anymore**

Human Reproductive Reality

The incidence of aneuploidy after the first meiotic division is nearly 100,000 higher in human than in mouse

2,136 Embryos tested with array CGH (Genesis-24)

Percentage of Monosomies and Trisomies Seen in All Amped Samples



Reality

- **Long held hypotheses (even dogmas) in biology are sometimes proven incorrect**
- **We must avoid forcing data points into a preconceived model**

