

Chromosome 6 Marker – Counseling Issues

Only 2 other cases reported

## Chromosome 6 Marker – Case 1

### 35 yr Male

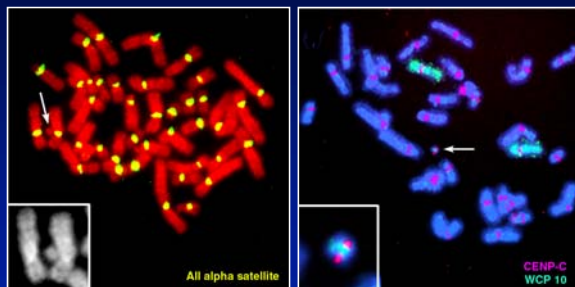
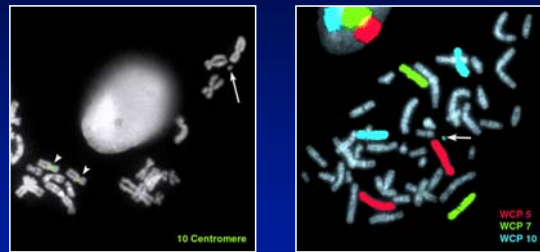
- Severe MR & Seizures
- Unusual facies, thick lips w/ lower lip everted
- Scoliosis
- Truncal obesity
- Soft skin, lax joints
- Thick tapering fingers
- Marker CEP 6 + / wcp +

## Chromosome 6 Marker – Case 2

### Infant

- Ascertained b/c of IUGR @ 35wks – Delivery @ 38wks
- Severe Transient Neonatal Diabetes
- No other significant clinical features
- Marker CEP 6 + / wcp +
- rev. ish – 6p21.2-6q10
- UPD of normal chr 6 homologues

47,XY,+mar



First report of partial tetrasomy 10p resulting from an anaphoid marker chromosome with a neocentromere.

## Trisomy 10p Syndrome - Clinical Features

- Distinct craniofacial anomalies
- Various organ malformations
- Skeletal abnormalities
- Bilateral foot deformities
- Flexion abnormalities, especially talipes-equinovarus
- Severe mental and psychomotor retardation
- Developmental delay
- Seizures
- Hypotonia

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In any event, the absence of major structural anomalies does not eliminate the risk of other features such as mental/psychomotor retardation, developmental delay and seizures.

## 47,XY,+mar (is it ???)



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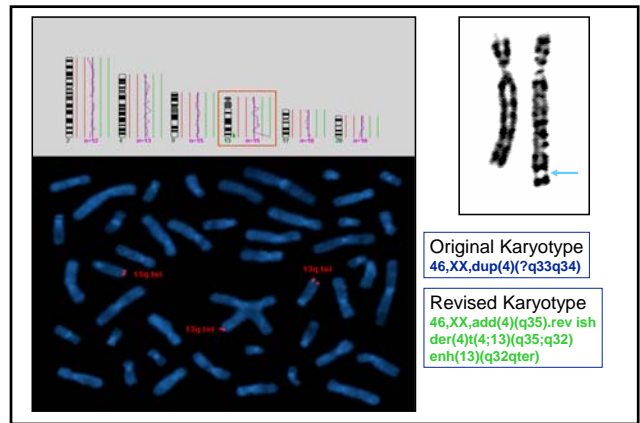
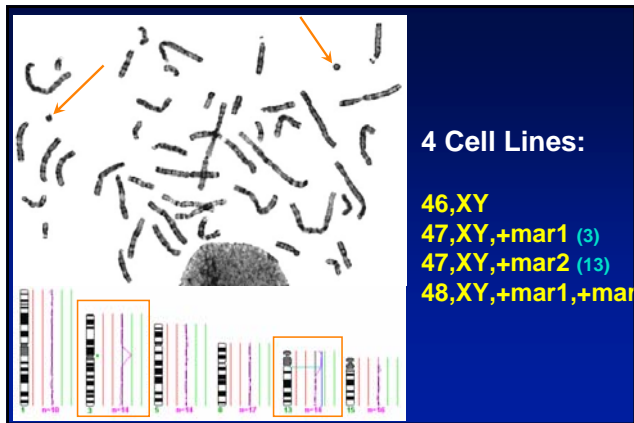
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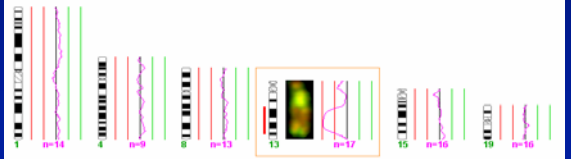
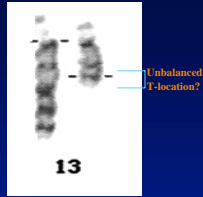
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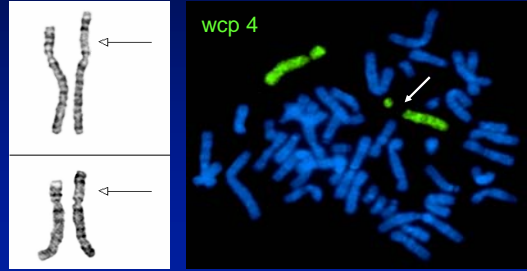
**Patient Details:**

- Developmental Delay
- Microcephaly
- Bilateral Colobomas (w/ eye size discrepancy)
- VSD
- Hydronephrosis
- Bilateral undescended testes
- Bilateral hip dysplasia
- 5<sup>th</sup> finger clinodactyly
- Low set ears
- Hypertelorism

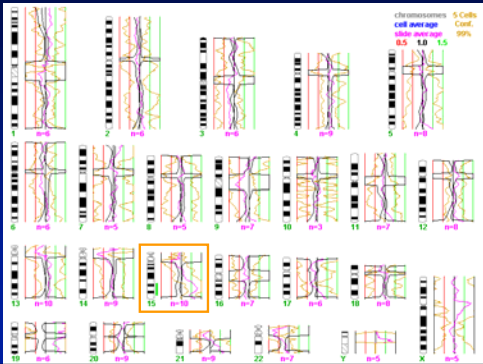


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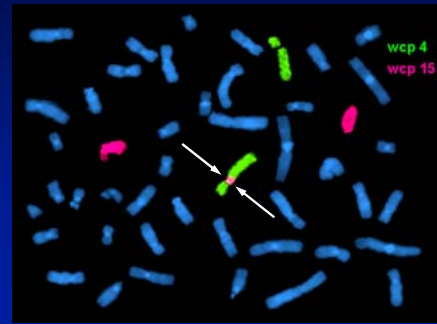
**Chromosomal Insertion**



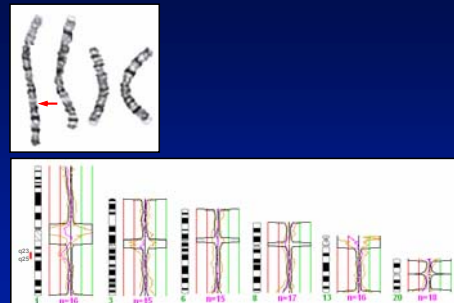
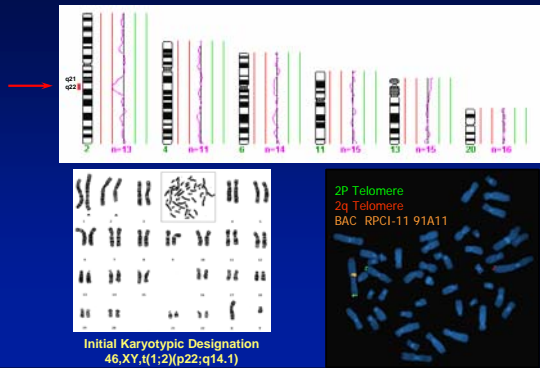
**CGH Workup of Insertion 4**



**Validation of CGH Findings in Insertion 4 Case**



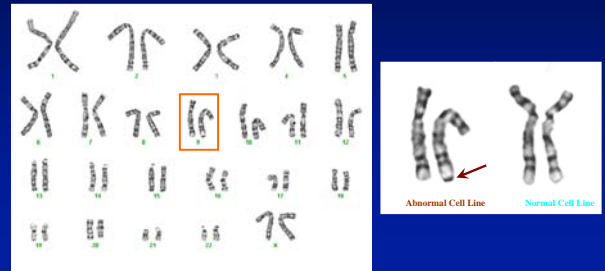
**CGH in a patient with an "Apparently Balanced Translocation" and Clinical Abnormalities**



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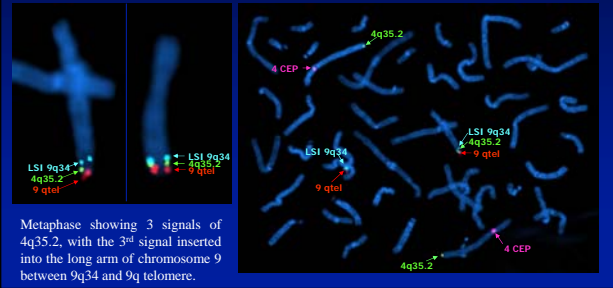
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Centromeres & Neocentromeres

- Centromeres are functionally defined as the chromosomal regions responsible for ensuring the proper segregation of replicated sister chromatids during mitosis and meiosis
- All normal human chromosomes contain alpha satellite DNA at their centromeres
- Neocentromeres are new centromeres that have formed on low or single copy DNA, and do not contain satellite DNA, yet they have fully formed kinetochores containing all the normal functional kinetochore proteins thus far examined
- Neocentromeres provide mitotic stability to rearranged or marker chromosomes that have separated from endogenous centromeres and would normally be acentric and lost
- Neocentromeres often result in partial tri- or tetrasomy because their formation confers mitotic stability to acentric chromosome fragments that would normally be lost

### Clinical Features of the Shprintzen-Goldberg Syndrome



- Scaphocephaly
- Ocular proptosis
- Strabismus
- Micrognathia
- Pectus excavatum
- Arachnodactyly
- Camptodactyly of 5th fingers
- Enlargement of palatal shelves

### Case 1- Clinical Features

#### At Birth:

- 2317g product of a 37 week IVF pregnancy in a 37 year old gravida 5, para 1031 mother
- She was 47 cm long with a head circumference of 32 cm
- Dysmorphic skull
- Horseshoe kidney with hydronephrosis, metopic and bilateral coronal craniosynostoses (craniotomy at 5 months)

#### At 4.5 years:

- Turricephaly
- Thoracodorsal scoliosis
- Absence of digital flexion creases and contractures of fingers 2, 3 and 4 bilaterally
- Clinodactyly of both fifth fingers
- Non-verbal and severely developmentally delayed



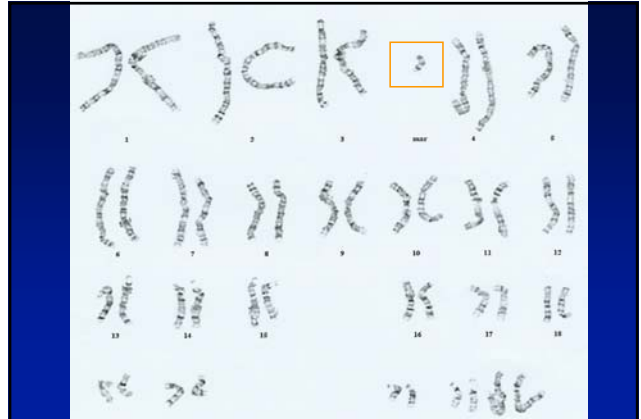
### Case 2- Clinical Features



## Case 1- Cytogenetic Findings

### Amniocentesis:

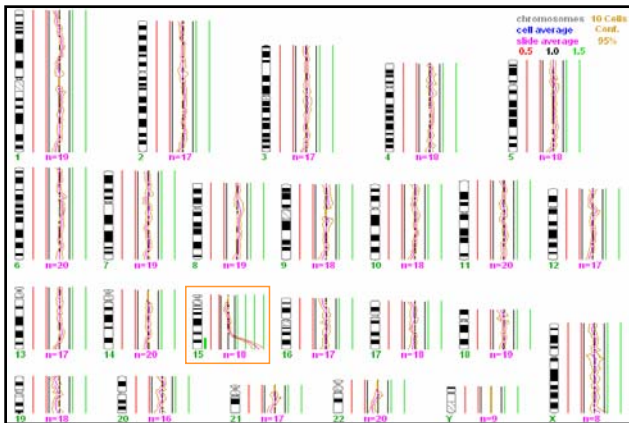
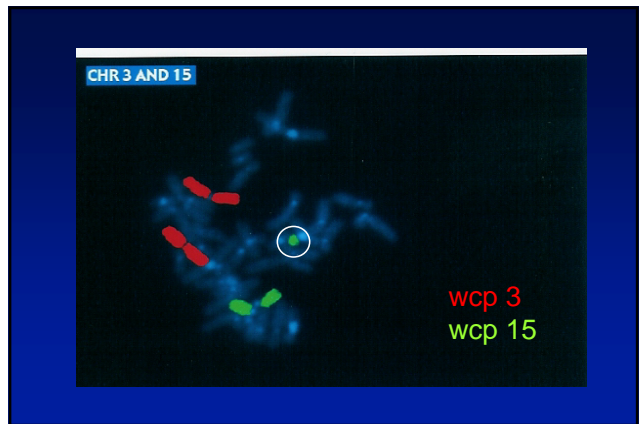
- Revealed mosaicism for a small marker chromosome



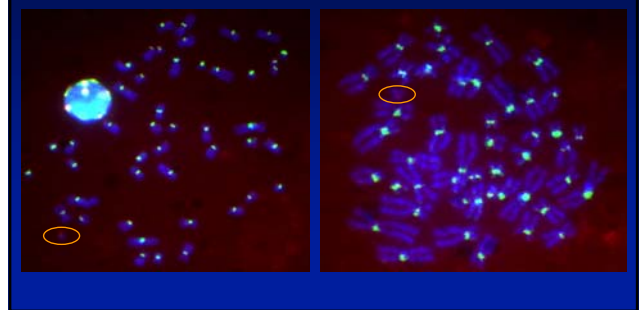
## Case 1- Molecular Cytogenetic Findings

### Postnatal:

- Painting with multiple whole chromosome paints (wcp) revealed the marker to be derived from chr. 15
  - Marker lacks 15 centromeric alpha satellite
  - Marker does not contain 15q11-q13 region (PW/AS)
  - Marker does not contain 15q22 region (PML)
- Molecular cytogenetic analysis using Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH) showed an overrepresentation of 15q24-qter, consistent with tetrasomy of this region
- Tetrasomy confirmed using a subtelomeric probe for 15q
- The marker was positive for CENP-C indicating the presence of a functional centromere and thus confirming the presence of a neocentromere



## Neo 15q - CENP C & Alpha Satellite





### Case 2- Cytogenetic Findings

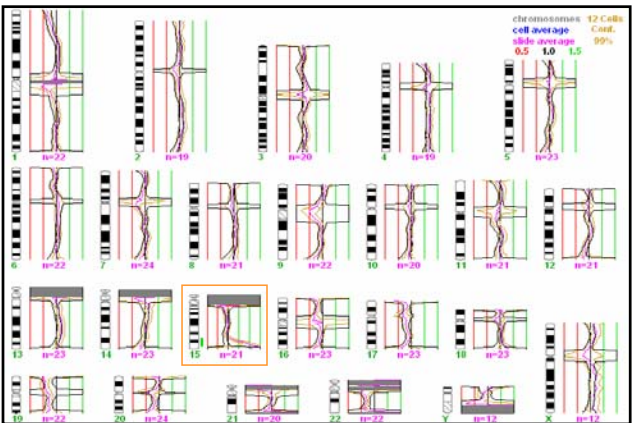
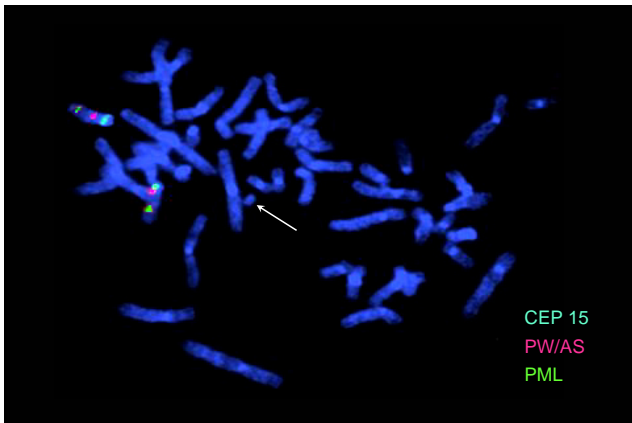
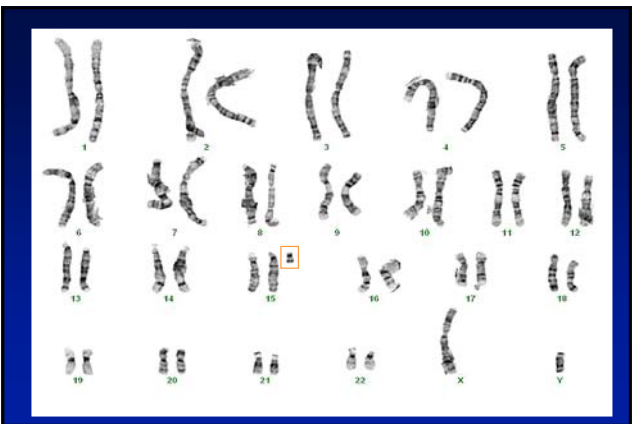
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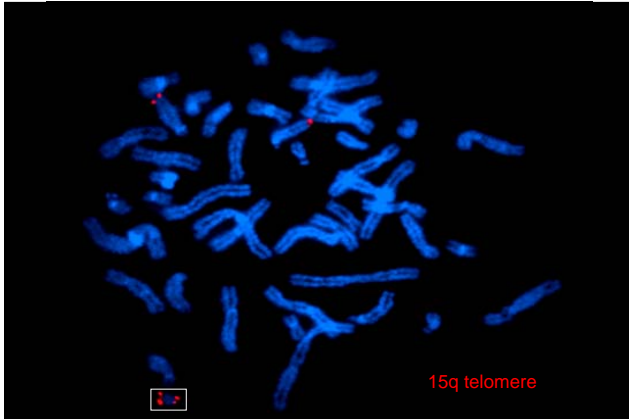
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- NOR negative
- C-band negative

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## Mechanism Leading to SGS

- Dietz et al. (1995) found that SGS is associated with mutation in the fibrillin-1 gene (15q21.1), the same gene that is mutant in the Marfan syndrome
  - One of their patients was a 7-year-old girl with typical ocular, skeletal, and cardiovascular features of Marfan syndrome
    - Hypotonia, scaphocephaly with craniosynostosis, low-set anomalous ears, hyperelastic skin, diastasis recti, and mental retardation
  - She was found to have a 3668G-A transition in the FBN1 gene, resulting in a cys1223-to-tyr substitution within one of the repetitive EGF-like domains
  - The mutation was heterozygous and was a de novo event

## Distal 15q Neocentromeres & SGS

- Gene regulation of FBN1 gene (15q21.1) by genes in 15q24-qter region
- Gene dosage versus actual presence of neocentromere ?
  - Trisomy vs tetrasomy
- FBN1 gene is not etiology of SGS
  - SGS due to dysregulation of genes in 15q24-qter ?