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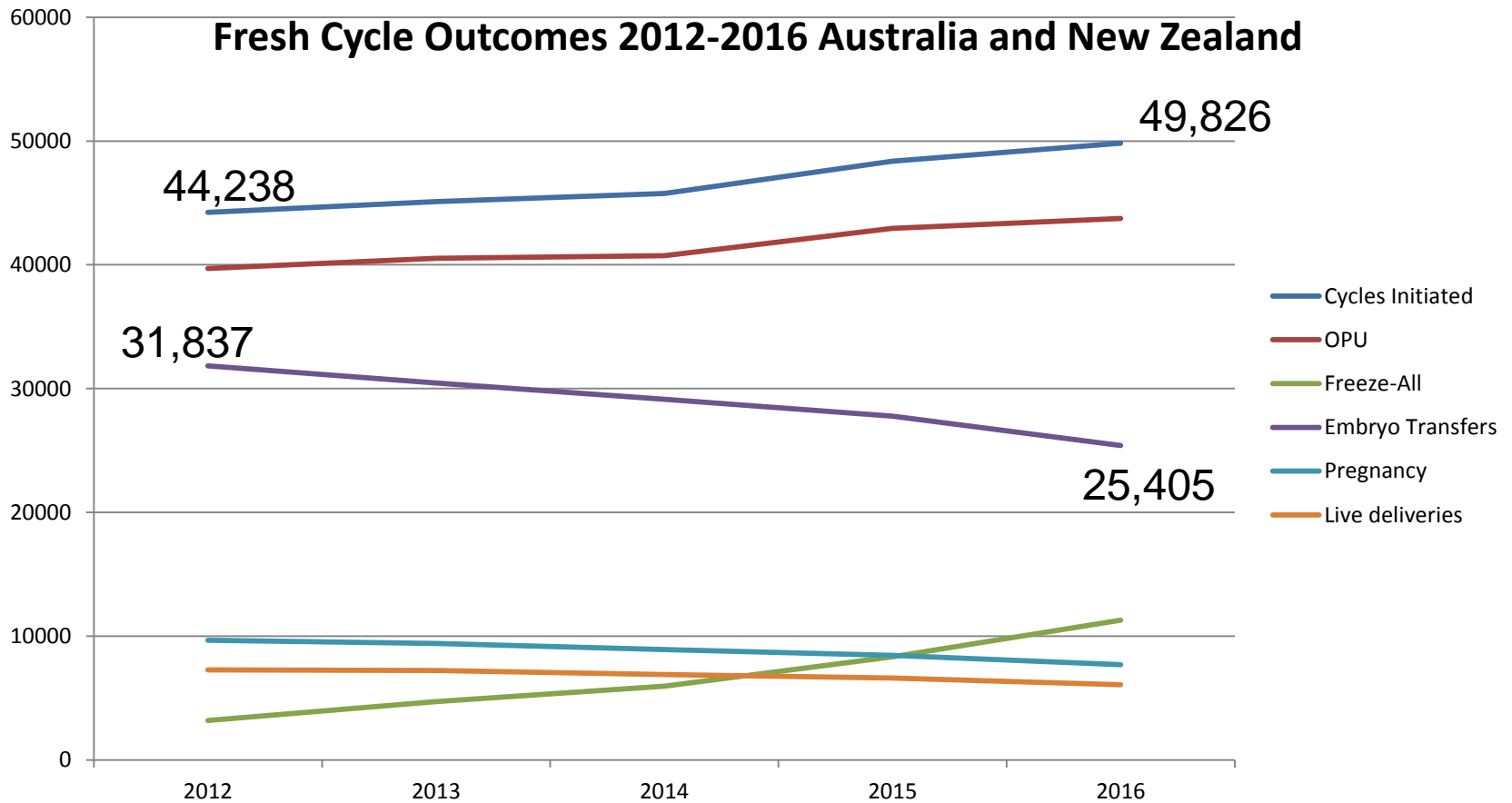
IVF-THE ULTIMATE GOAL



- FERTILISATION
- EMBRYO CLEAVAGE AND DEVELOPMENT
- POSITIVE HCG
- POSITIVE SAC ON ULTRASOUND
- POSITIVE FETAL HEART
- LIVE BIRTH (SINGLETON, TWIN, TRIPLET)
- SINGLETON, LIVE, HEALTHY, TERM BABY
- **HEALTHY FOR LIFE** ❤️

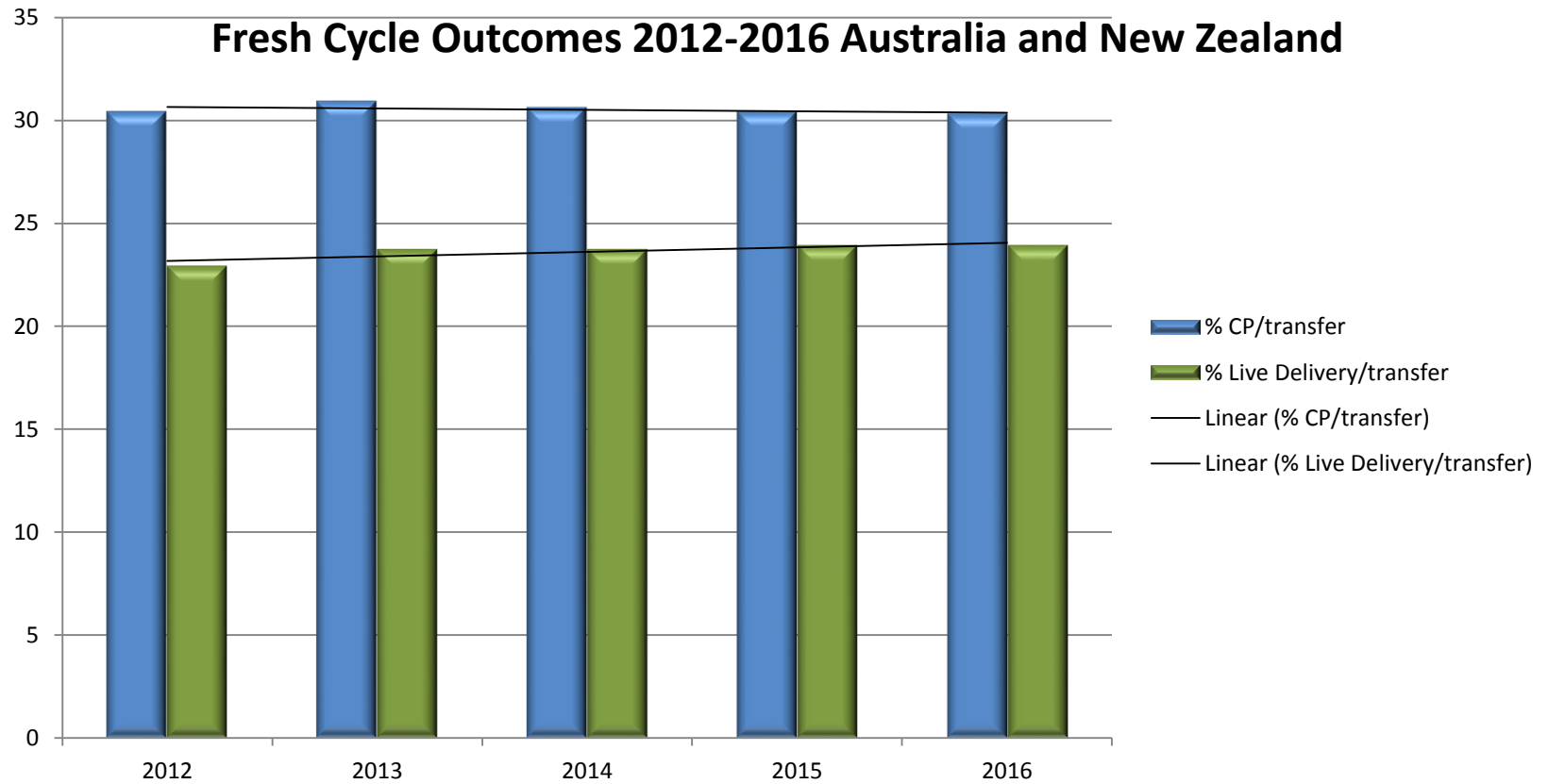


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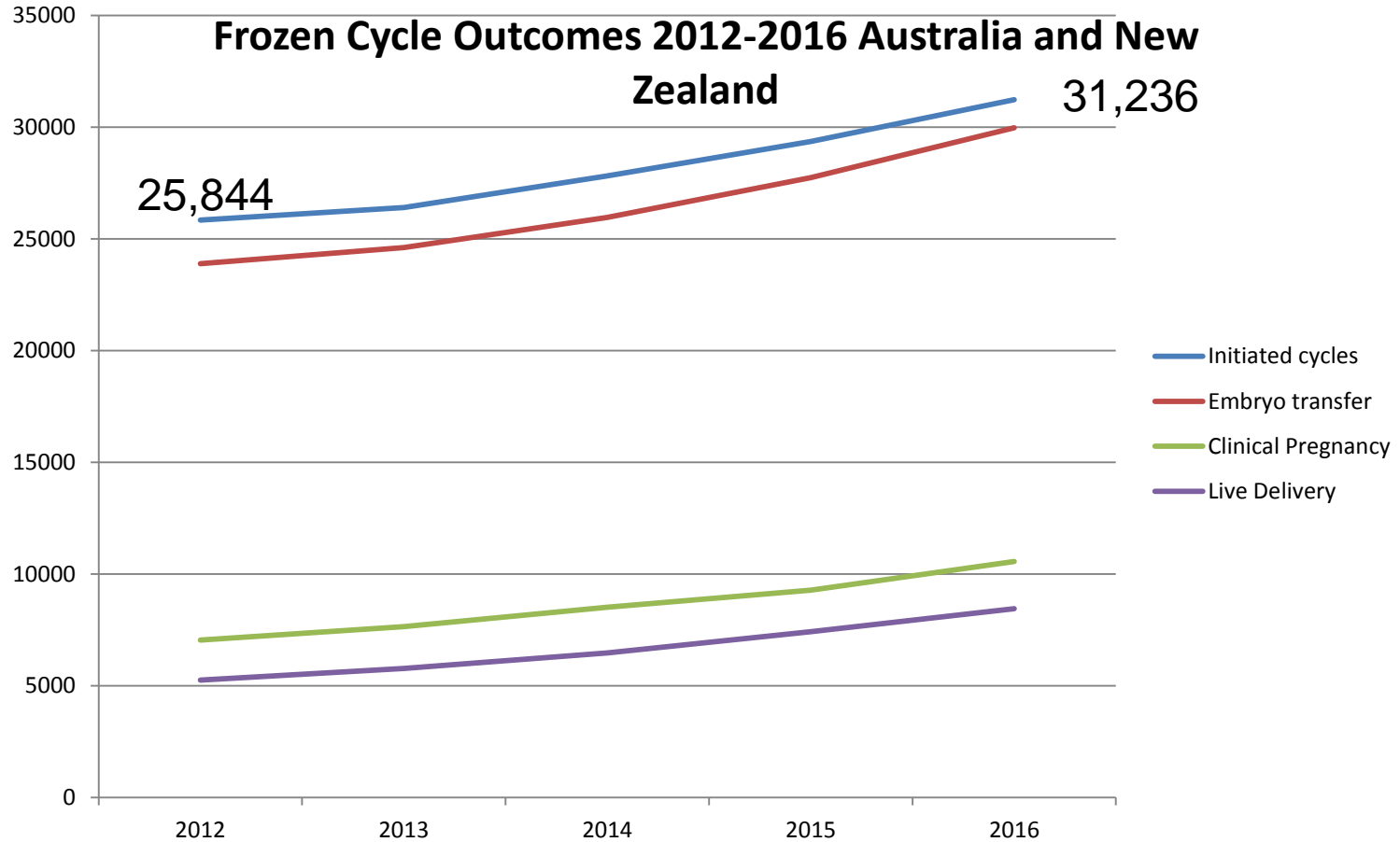
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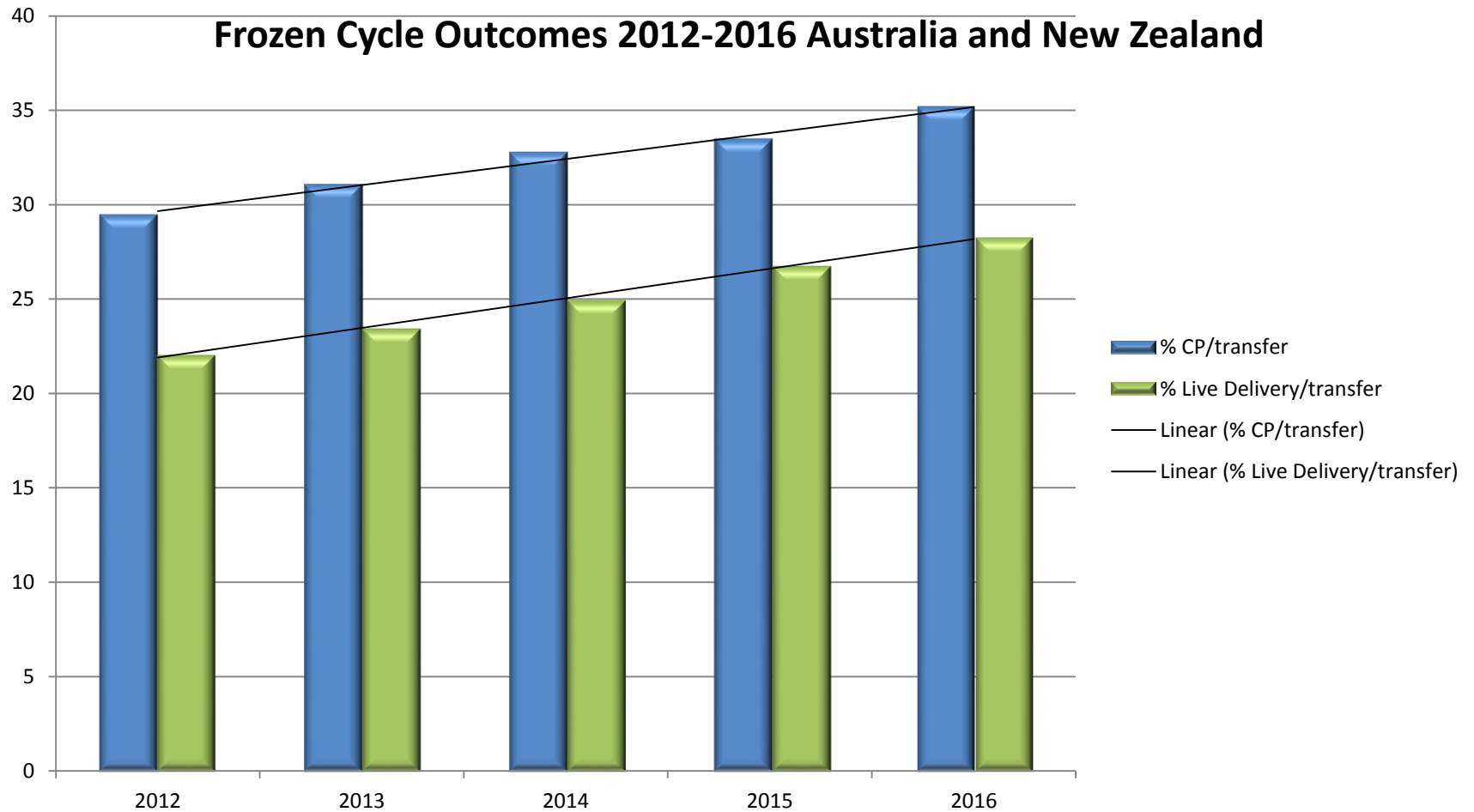
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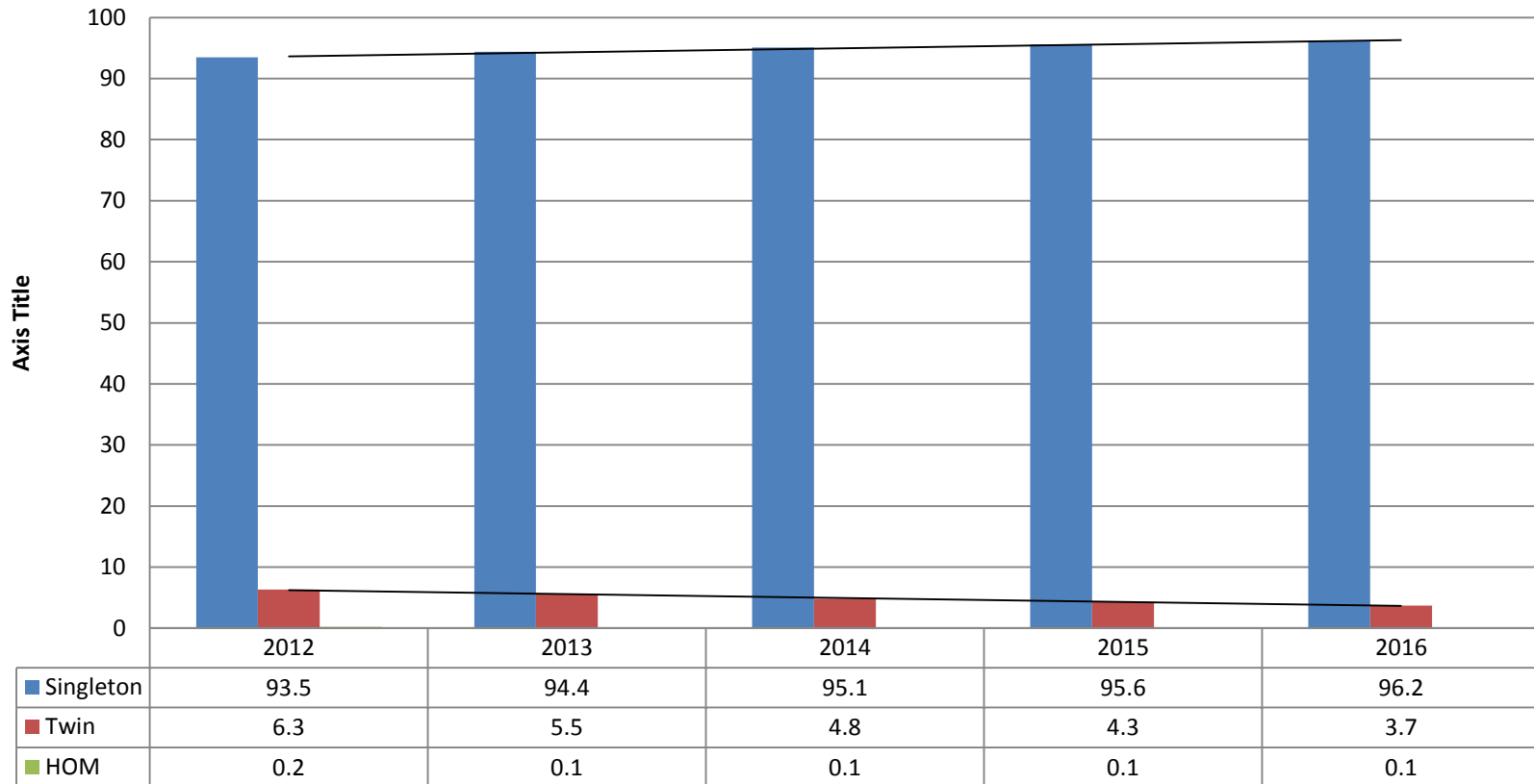


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MULTIPLE BIRTH



ART Multiple Birth 2012-2016



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PATIENT DEMOGRAPHIC



Maternal Age	Cycles	%
<30 years	4678	9.9%
30-34 years	12,447	26.4%
35-39 years	16,804	35.6%
40-44 years	12,200	25.9%
≥45 years	1,043	2.2%
Total	47,172	

Cause of Infertility:
10.7% Male Factor
31.3% Female factor
12.2% Combined
24.8% Unknown

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LIVE BIRTH RATES

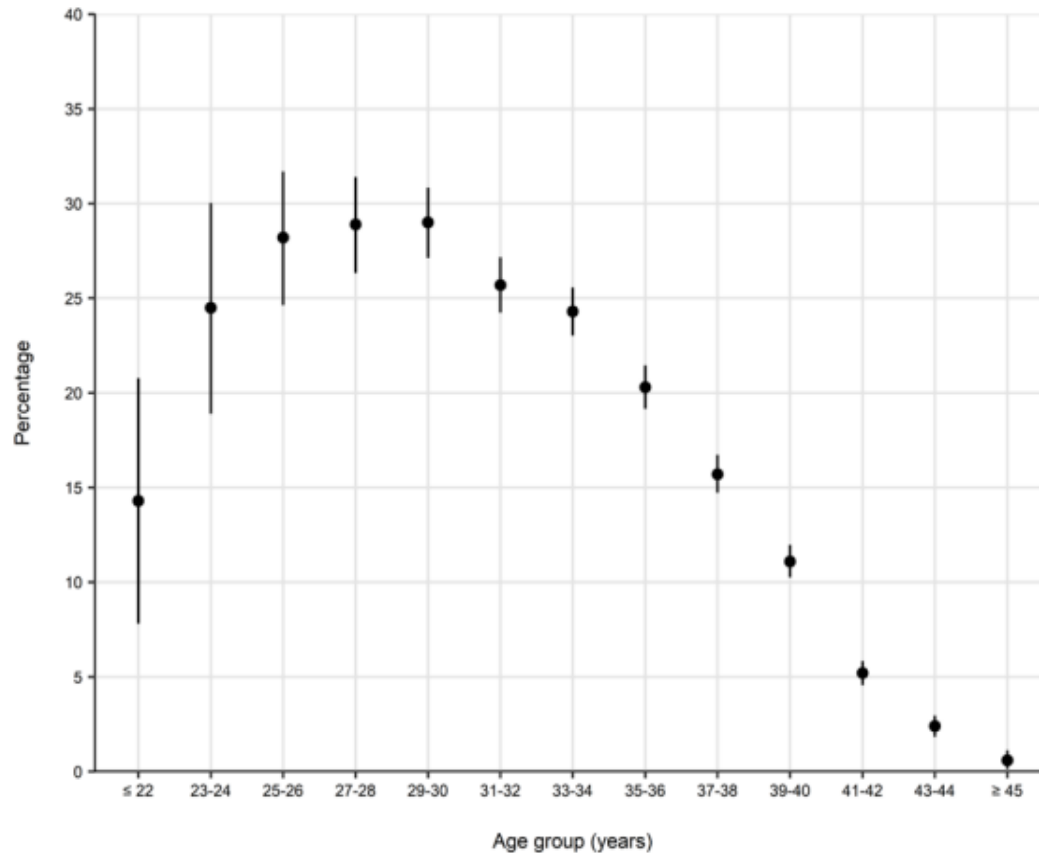
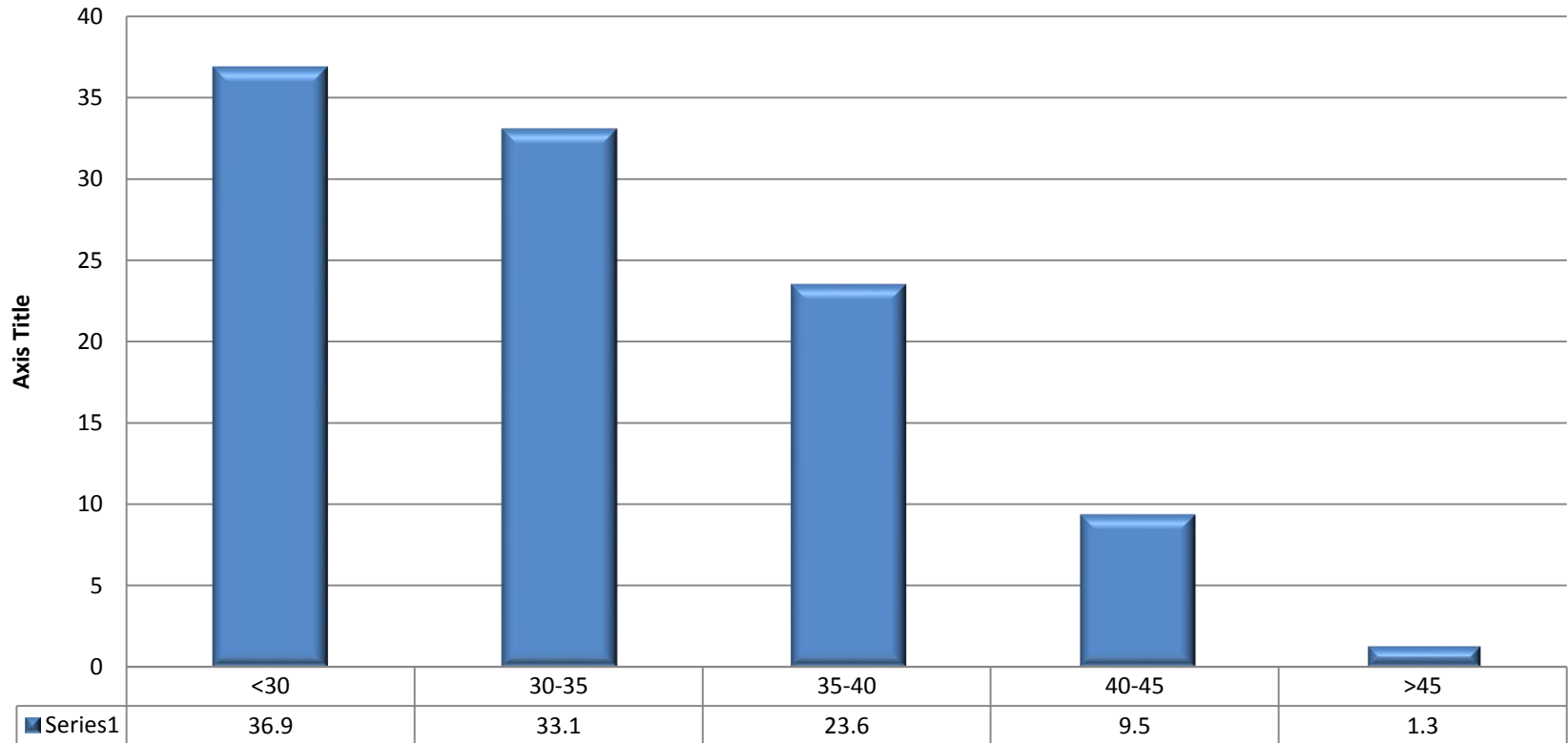


Figure 3: Live delivery rate (with 95% confidence interval) per initiated autologous fresh cycle (excluding freeze-all) by women's age at start of a treatment cycle, Australia and New Zealand, 2016

LIVE BIRTH



Live Birth/ Embryo Transfer





THE LATEST IVF SCIENCE: THE AGE OF AUTOMATION

AUTOMATED SEMEN ANALYSIS



- Historically performed manual semen analysis
- Takes 1 hour
- Manual counting
- Automated semen analysis
- IVD
- Computer/AI programs to perform (with <6% CV- most are <2%)
 - Count
 - Motility
 - Morphology
 - DNA damage
 - Vitality
 - WBC
- 2 minutes
- Fully automated reporting
- Images and video can be provided
- More accurate



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Automation is the key to standardized semen analysis using the automated SQA-V sperm quality analyzer

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Objective: To evaluate the performance of the automated semen quality analyzer system for assessing sperm quality.

Design: Double-blind prospective study.

Setting: Tertiary care hospital.

Patient(s): Fifty healthy men donated semen samples.

Intervention(s): None.

Main Outcome Measure(s): Precision, accuracy and agreement between automated and manual semen analysis methods was assessed for sperm concentration, motility, morphology, and known concentrations of latex bead quality control media.

Result(s): A good agreement was seen between the results of sperm concentration reported by the SQA-V automated analyzer (Spermalite/SQA-V; Medical Electronic Systems Ltd, Caesarea Industrial Park, Israel) and those obtained manually. A similar linearity was seen when the SQA-V results were compared with the manual data and also when the manual results of individual operators were compared with each other. The automated assessment of morphology showed high sensitivity (89.9%) for identifying percent normal morphology, and the precision of the SQA-V was considerably higher when compared with the manual method. The interoperator variability for manual assessment was significant. The automated analysis was quick compared with the manual method.

Conclusion(s): The SQA-V can be used interchangeably with manual semen analysis methods for examining sperm concentration and motility. The automated SQA-V analyzer is more precise and shows the ability to accurately classify normal versus abnormal sperm morphology. (Fertil Steril® 2007;87:156–62. ©2007 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

Key Words: Male infertility, semen analysis, sperm concentration, motility, SQA-V

TABLE 3

Coefficient of variation of automated SQA-V versus manual semen analysis results for sperm concentration, motility, and morphology and for the quality control for concentration.

Variable	CV (%)		
	SQA-V	First operator	Second operator
Sperm concentration	1.4	6.0	5.1
Motility	2.5	5.7	5.4
MSC	2.4	7.9	7.9
Morphology	2.7	14.0	14.7
Quality control			
Control beads 1	0.0	10.4	4.4
Control beads 2	0.0	10.4	9.7

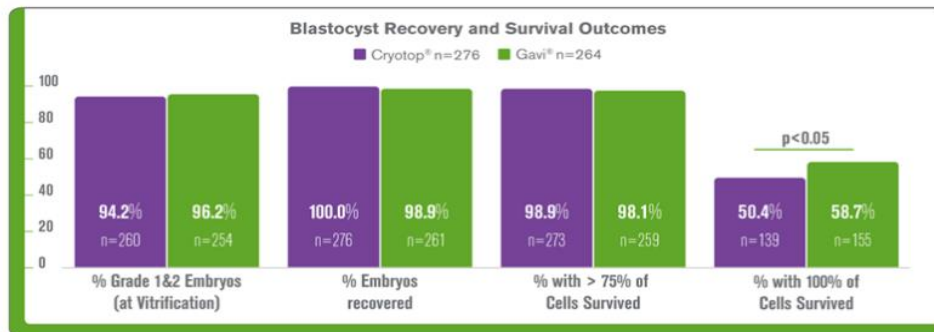
Note: CV = coefficient of variation; MSC = motile sperm count

Agarwal. SQA-V versus manual semen analysis. Fertil Steril 2007.

AUTOMATED VITRIFICATION



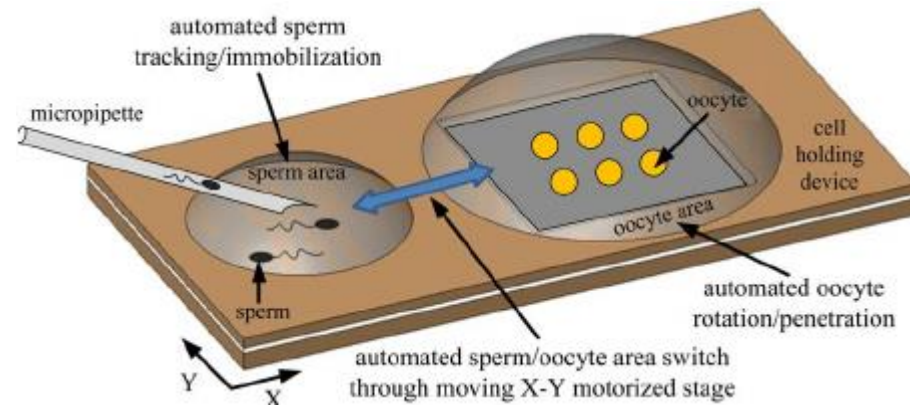
- GENEA BIOMEDEX
- VITRIFICATION IS THE BEST METHOD FOR OOCYTE AND EMBRYO CRYOPRESERVATION
- REMOVAL OF WATER FROM CELLS AND REPLACE WITH HIGH LEVELS OF CRYOPROTECTANT (WHICH CAN BE TOXIC) WITHIN 30-45 SECONDS
- STEEP LEARNING CURVE
- INTENSE FOCUS, SPEED AND PRECISION
- GAVI REMOVES THE OPERATOR VARIABILITY
- STANDARDISED VITRIFICATION
- MICROFLUIDICS



AUTOMATED ICSI



- PROTOTYPE DEVELOPED
- AUTO INJECTORS (ALREADY USED IN TRANSGENICS)
- USE OF MICRO-ROBOTICS- SPERM IMMOBILISATION
- FORCE SENSORS TO ENSURE EGG IS NOT LYSED (90% SURVIVAL RATES)
- AI IMAGE TRACKING
- HUMAN TRIALS HAVE COMMENCED



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Robotic ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection)

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TIMELAPSE



TIMELAPSE



- Dry incubator
- 15 patient capacity
- 16 embryos/dish
- Image taken of each embryo every 5 minutes
- Placed into a timelapse video

- 24hour monitoring of development compared to static observations
- Uninterrupted observation
- Gas mixer- negates need for pre-mixed gas
- Allows flexibility of staffing time
- Morphokinetic assessment to aid in embryo selection

TIMELAPSE



Review

Time-lapse culture with morphokinetic embryo selection improves pregnancy and live birth chances and reduces early pregnancy loss: a meta-analysis



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Table 4 – Chi-squared analysis of the time-lapse monitoring effect on clinical outcome.

	Time-lapse monitoring, n (%)	Conventional culture and evaluation, n (%)	P-value
Ongoing pregnancy	400/784 (51.0)	340/853 (39.9)	<0.0001
Early pregnancy loss	72/472 (15.3)	92/432 (21.3)	0.0186
Live birth	84/190 (44.2)	91/291 (31.3)	0.0040
Stillbirth	9/190 (4.7)	7/291 (2.4)	NS

NS, not statistically significant.

- Five studies with 1637 patients
- Time-lapse coupled with morphokinetic algorithm increased pregnancy rate and decreased pregnancy loss
- Increased live birth rates
- Multinucleation, reverse cleavage, direct abnormal cleavage, duration of cell cycles
- Multiple other studies claim no difference (equivocal pregnancy rates)

TIMELAPSE



- TIMELAPSE HAS ALSO BEEN USED TO PREDICT ANEUPLOIDY
- t3 (TIME BETWEEN ICSI AND DEVELOPMENT TO THE 3-CELL) AND t5-t2 (TIME BETWEEN 2-CELL AND 5-CELL) HAS BEEN STRONGLY ASSOCIATED WITH COMPLEX ANEUPLOIDY
 - PROPOSED COULD BE USED TO DISCARD HIGH RISK EMBRYOS
- EUPLOID EMBRYOS HAVE SHORTER TIME PERIODS TO START, COMPLETE AND EXPAND AND HATCH DURING BLASTOCYST DEVELOPMENT COMPARED TO ANEUPLOID EMBRYOS
- USED THIS INFORMATION TO ASSESS THOSE PREDICTED TO BE LOW RISK-RESULTED IN HIGHER IMPLANTATION RATES AND LIVE BIRTH RATES

Modelling a risk classification of aneuploidy in human embryos using non-invasive morphokinetics

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TIMELAPSE

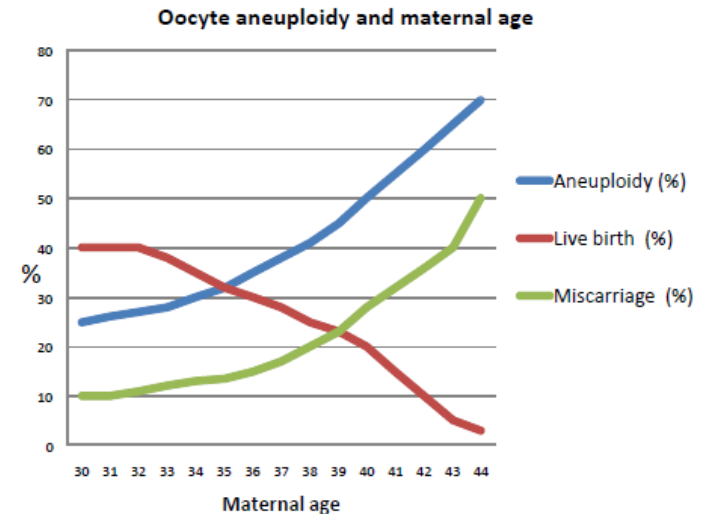


- OTHERS HAVE FAILED TO BE ABLE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN ANEUPLOID AND EUPLOID EMBRYOS USING MORPHOKINETIC PARAMETERS
 - MATERNAL AGE
 - MATERNAL BMI
 - SMOKING STATUS
 - STIMULATION REGIME
 - EMBRYO CULTURE MEDIA
 - OXYGEN CONCENTRATION
 - OIL OVERLAY
 - TEMPERATURE
- EMBRYOS WITH IRREGULAR CLEAVAGE CAN STILL BE EUPLOID
 - SELF CORRECTION (MOSAIC EMBRYOS DISCARD ANEUPLOID CELLS)
- CANNOT BE USED FOR PGT-A BUT COULD BE USED AS A RANKING SYSTEM

PGS



- Chromosome aneuploidy can cause IVF failure, miscarriage and birth defects.
- Chromosome aneuploidy occurs in the oocyte and increases with maternal age.
- Thus patients with;
 - Repeated IVF failure
 - Recurrent Miscarriages
 - Increase Maternal Age

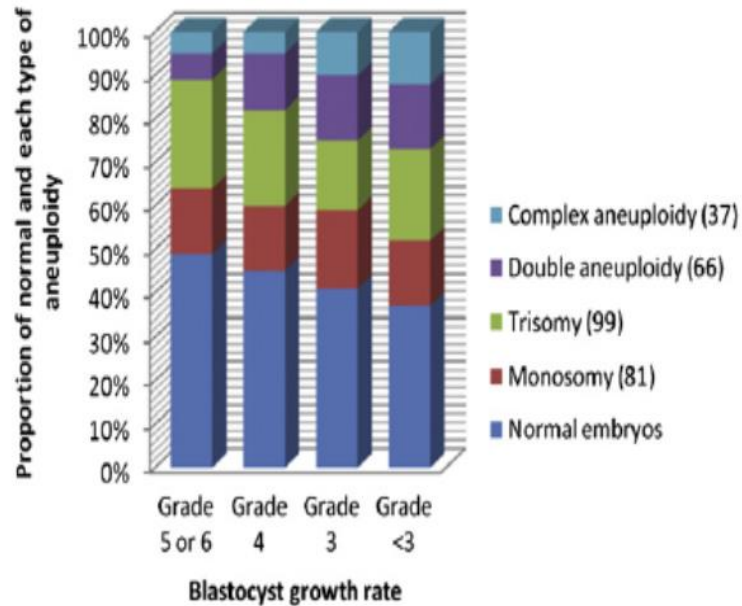


Aneuploidy and Morphology



FIGURE 2

Blastocyst morphologic grading and the proportion of euploid and aneuploid (divided by type) embryos.

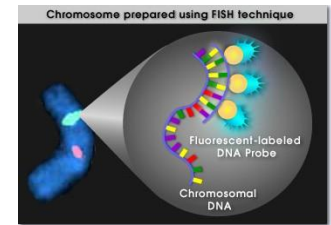


Alfarawati. Aneuploidy and blastocyst morphology. Fertil Steril 2011.

PGS 1.0 and 2.0



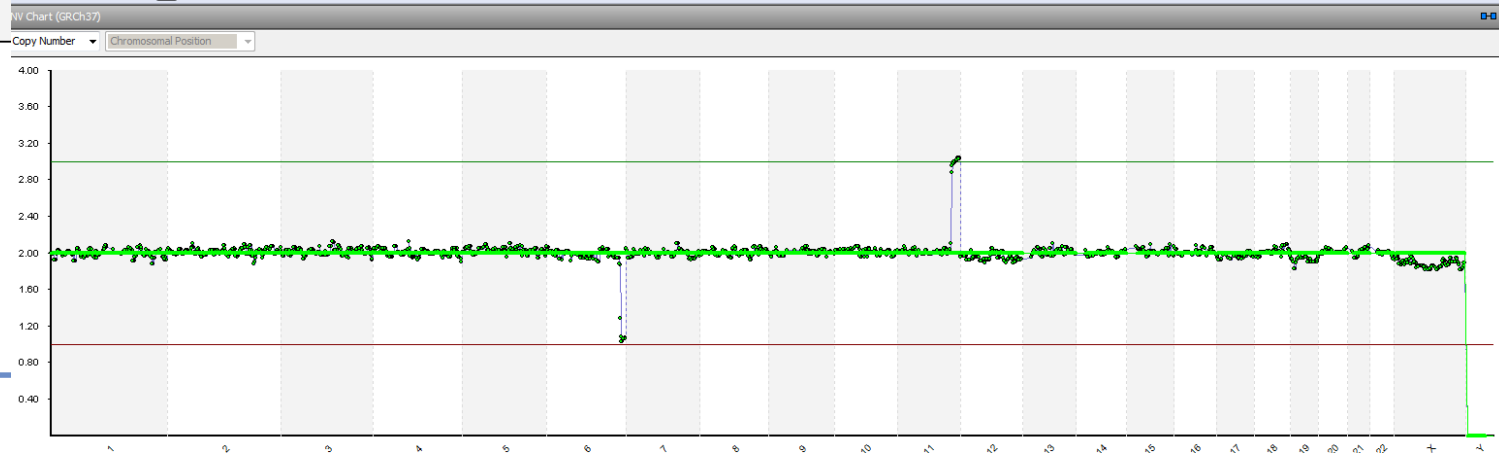
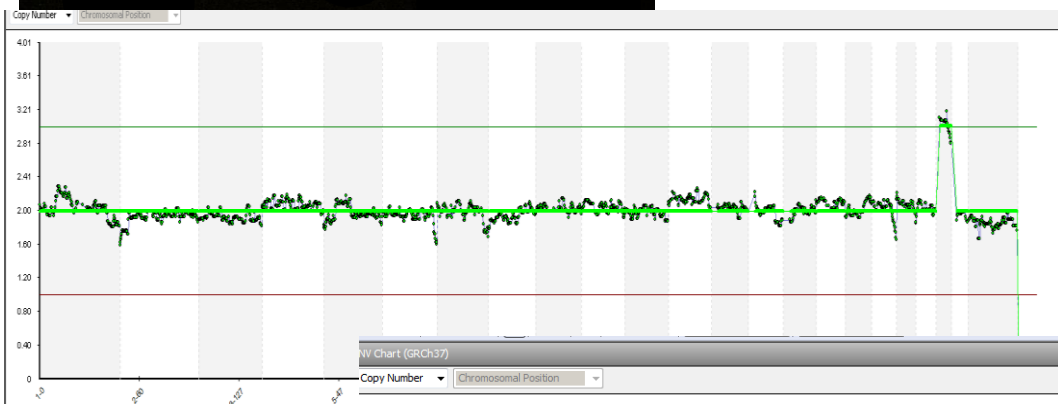
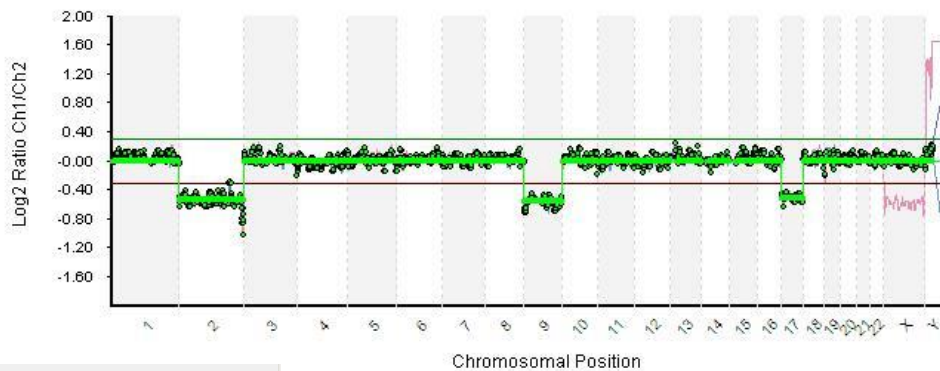
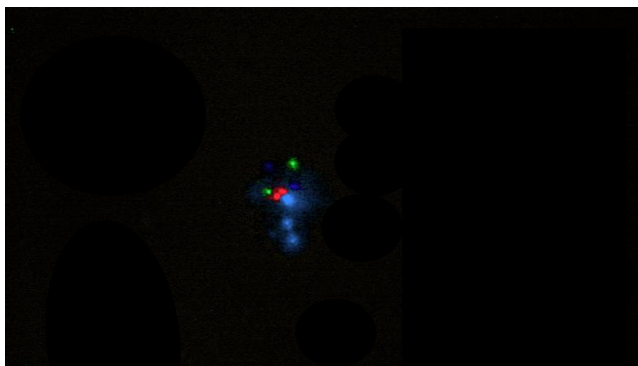
- FISH (FLUORESCENCE IN SITU HYBRIDISATION)
- PROBES HYBRIDISED TO DNA
- ~3 SPOTS/CHROMOSOME
- STUDIES DEMONSTRATED THAT FISH SCREENING WITH CL BIOPSY DECREASES PREGNANCY RATES (BY ~12%) (MASTENBROEK ET AL 2007, CHECA ET AL 2009, MASTENBROEK ET AL 2011)
- MICROARRAY BASED COMPETITIVE GENOMIC HYBRIDISATION (ARRAY-CGH)
- ANALYSES ALL 22 AUTOSOME PAIRS AND SEX CHROMOSOMES (X AND Y)
- COMPARES TO REFERENCE MALE AND FEMALE DNA
- 3000 SPOTS
- SUCCESS VERIFIED IN RCT 69.1% VS. 49.7% (YANG ET AL 2012)



NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING

- SCREENS ALL 22 PAIRS OF AUTOSOMES PLUS THE SEX CHROMOSOMES
- THE CHROMOSOMES ARE FRAGMENTED, SEQUENCED AND ALIGNED TO THE HUMAN GENOME.
- 1,000,000 SEQUENCE READS.

PGS



Aneuploidy Rates



ORIGINAL ARTICLE: ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

The nature of aneuploidy with increasing age of the female partner: a review of 15,169 consecutive trophectoderm biopsies evaluated with comprehensive chromosomal screening

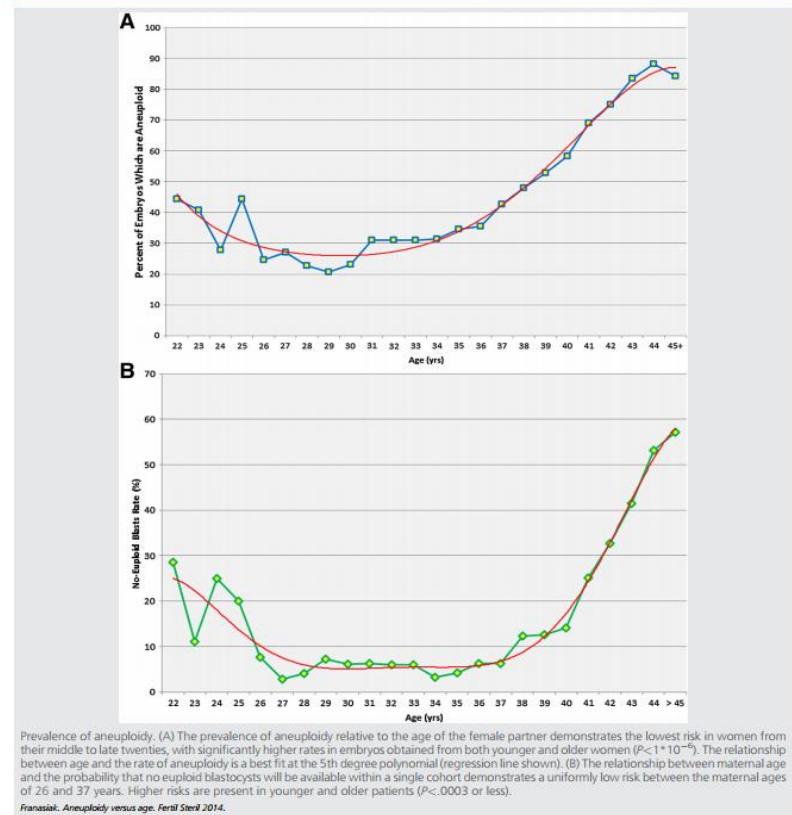
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- Aneuploidy increases after 26 years of age
- Also found to be higher in young infertile women <23 years (>40%)
- Patients with no euploid blasts after PGS increases with maternal age and is 60% for women aged >45
- % of patients in older age group that don't have embryos suitable for biopsy.
- 50% of cases had 3 or fewer embryos to biopsy, 20% had only 1x embryo to biopsy

ORIGINAL ARTICLE: ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

FIGURE 2



Effectiveness of PGS



ORIGINAL ARTICLE: GENETICS



Comprehensive chromosome screening improves embryo selection: a meta-analysis

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- 763 citations, 29 met inclusion criteria and 3x RCT and 8 OS were analysed
- 3x RCT (TE biopsy)-
 - clinical IR RR 1.29 (95% CI 1.15-1.45)
 - sustained IR RR 1.39 (95% CI 1.21-1.60)
- 8x OS (TE Biopsy)-
 - clinical pregnancy RR 1.78 (95% CI 1.60-1.99)
 - sustained IR RR 1.75 (95% CI 1.48-2.07)

Cost Effectiveness



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ASSISTED REPRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES

Cost-effectiveness of preimplantation genetic screening for women older than 37 undergoing in vitro fertilization

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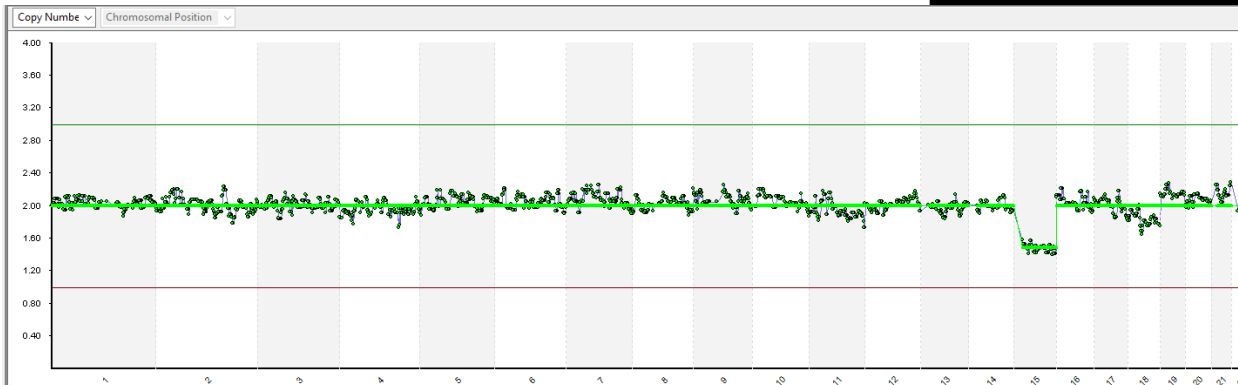
- Analytic model for women >37 having a fresh ET vs PGS (based on pregnancy rates)
- PGS increased live birth rate by 4.2% for a cost of \$4509
- Cost of achieving a live birth without PGS= \$145,063
- Cost of achieving a live birth with PGS=\$105,489
- Therefore PGS is cost effective in women aged >37

Mosaicism- Unforeseen complexity



A New Last Chance
There could soon be a baby-boom among women who thought they'd hit an IVF dead end.

By Stephen S. Hall



Mosaicism



- Mosaicism is seen in approximately 10-30% of embryos (Vera-Rodriguez et al 2016, 2017 Weisseman et al 2017)
- Different levels of mosaicism from different clinics (culture media, temperature, clinicians)
- Able to be quantified using NGS due to increased dynamic range
- >30%-<70% is classified as mosaic or euploid-aneuploid mosaic
- 1-2% of pregnancies have confined placental mosaicism
- CVS sampling that identifies mosaicism also had a risk of fetal mosaicism after amnio
- Not associated with AMA or DOR

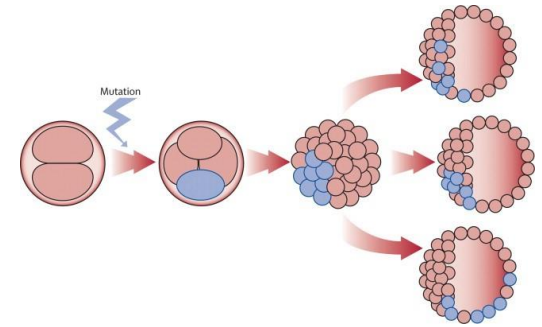
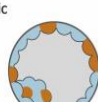



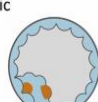





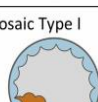

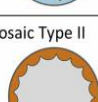



FIGURE 1

Mosaicism type	Possible TE biopsy	Diagnoses accuracy
Total Mosaic 	 Euploid	Misdiagnosis
	 Mosaic	Accurate
	 Aneuploid	Misdiagnosis
ICM Mosaic 	 Euploid	Misdiagnosis (Mosaicism never detectable)
TE Mosaic 	 Euploid	Misdiagnosis
	 Mosaic	Accurate
	 Aneuploid	Misdiagnosis
ICM/TE Mosaic Type I 	 Euploid	Misdiagnosis (Mosaicism never detectable)
ICM/TE Mosaic Type II 	 Aneuploid	Misdiagnosis (Mosaicism never detectable)

Mosaicism



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Healthy Babies after Intrauterine Transfer of Mosaic Aneuploid Blastocysts

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- Assessed 3802 blastocysts
- 4.8% mosaic
- Transferred 18 mosaic (euploid/aneuploid) embryos
- Signed patient consent with counselling
- Mosaicism range from 35%-50%
- +ve hCG of 44.4%
- All ongoing had CVS and all were NAD karyotype
- Live healthy birth of 33.3%

Table 1. Clinical Outcomes of Single Mosaic Blastocysts Transferred.*

Patient No.	Chromosomal Constitution	Mosaicism [†] percent	Karyotype [‡]	Clinical Outcome
1	arr(4)x1,(10)x1	40	46,XX	Baby healthy at birth
2	arr(6)x1,(15)x1	50	46,XX	Baby healthy at birth
3	arr(2)x1	40	46,XX	Baby healthy at birth
4	arr(2)x1	35	46,XY	Baby healthy at birth
5	arr(5)x1	50	46,XX	Baby healthy at birth
6	arr(5)x1,(7)x1	40	46,XX	Baby healthy at birth
7	arr(11)x1,(20)x3,(21)x3	30	NA	No pregnancy
8	arr(1)x1,(6)x3,(10)x3,(12)x3,(13)x3,(14)x3,(21)x3	50	NA	No pregnancy
9	arr(3)x1,(10)x3,(21)x3	35	NA	No pregnancy
10	arr(1)x3	50	NA	Biochemical pregnancy [§]
11	arr 9p21.2q34.3(26,609,645-140,499,771)x3	45	NA	Biochemical pregnancy [§]
12	arr(15)x3	30	NA	No pregnancy
13	arr(18)x1	50	NA	No pregnancy
14	arr(18)x1	50	NA	No pregnancy
15	arr(18)x1	40	NA	No pregnancy
16	arr(4)x1	50	NA	No pregnancy
17	arr(5)x3	40	NA	No pregnancy
18	arr 10q21.3q26.3(67,216,644-134,326,648)x3	50	NA	No pregnancy

* NA denotes not available.

[†] The approximate percentage of aneuploid cells in the transferred blastocyst is listed (see the Supplementary Appendix).

[‡] The karyotype was determined by means of chorionic-villus sampling.

[§] Biochemical pregnancy was defined by the presence of a low peak in levels of the beta subunit of human chorionic gonadotropin (β -hCG) (<100 mIU per milliliter), a rapid decrease in the urinary or serum β -hCG concentration, and no substantial delay in the onset of the next menstrual period, but with no detection of an identifiable pregnancy by means of ultrasonographic examination.

Mosaicism



Detailed investigation into the cytogenetic constitution and pregnancy outcome of replacing mosaic blastocysts detected with the use of high-resolution next-generation sequencing

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- 143 mosaics from 6 centers
- Mosaic rate of 9.55%- included those that had the potential for affected live birth (13, 18, 21, XY and UPD: 7, 14, 15)
- Implantation rate of 53% overall (76/143)
- Fetal Loss Rate of 24% (18/76)
- Ongoing implantation rate: 41% (58/143)
- Complex mosaic IR 10% (3 or more mosaicisms)
- 20-40% mosaic OIR of 56% vs. >40% OIR of 22%
- No karyotypes of babies or MC available

Mosaicism- PGDIS Statement



1. Transfer euploid as 1st priority
2. Embryos with >70-80% of cells demonstrating full aneuploidy should not be transferred
3. If only mosaic embryos are obtained another cycle should be offered
4. Mosaic embryos can be considered for transfer in the absence of alternatives
5. Those with 30-40% mosaicism should be considered over those with 50-80% mosaicism
6. If considering transferring a mosaic avoid those that can result in an affected live birth (13, 18, 21, 22) or those commonly associated with uniparental disomy (14 and 15) or those associated with growth restriction (2, 7, 16)- also reported affected individuals with mosaic monosomy of all these as well.

Mosaicism- PGDIS Statement



1. Mosaicism involving chromosomes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, have not been associated with the aforementioned adverse outcomes; only adverse outcomes have been observed when mosaicism is present in the fetus
2. Others could be considered for transfer however the following needs to be considered
 - High level genetic counselling
 - Signed patient consent
 - Pre-natal testing with amniocentesis
 - Follow-up on live birth outcome

Transfer of aneuploid



IN VITRO FERTILIZATION 2

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FURTHER EVIDENCE AGAINST USE OF PGS IN POOR PROGNOSIS PATIENTS: REPORT OF NORMAL BIRTHS AFTER TRANSFER OF EMBRYOS REPORTED AS ANEUPLOID. N. Gleicher,^a A. Vidali,^b J. Braverman,^c V. A. Kushnir,^d D. F. Albertini,^e D. H. Barad.^a
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1. TRANSFER OF ANEUPLOID MONOSOMY
2. CENTRE ALLOWS TRANSFER OF MONOSOMY EMBRYOS
3. 5/8 COUPLES OPTED FOR TRANSFER
4. 3/8 CONCEIVED AND DELIVERED
5. 3X BABIES WITH NAD KARYOTYPE

Patient	n Embryos transferred	Monosomy transferred	Outcome
1	2	13, 15, 1815, 16, 18	normal birth 46XY
2	1	21	normal birth 46XY
3	1	21	normal birth 46XY

Cell Free DNA- PGS 3.0



Genomic DNA in human blastocoele fluid

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Presence of embryonic DNA in culture medium

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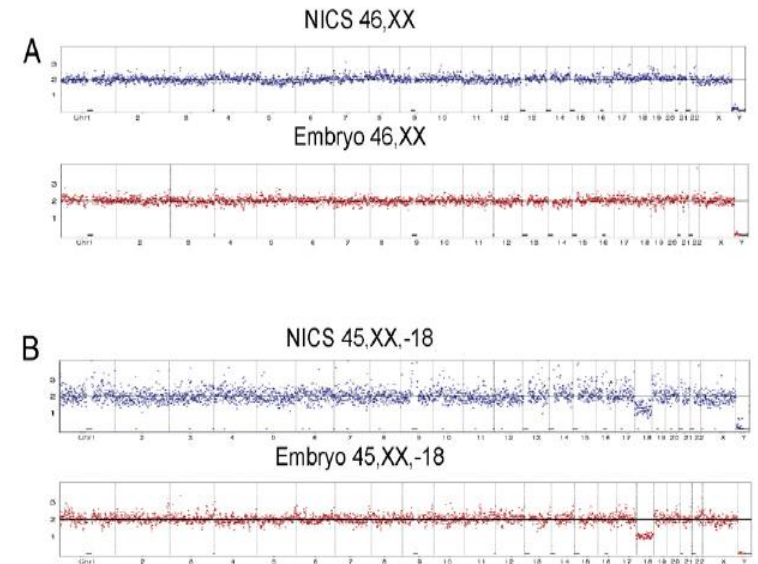
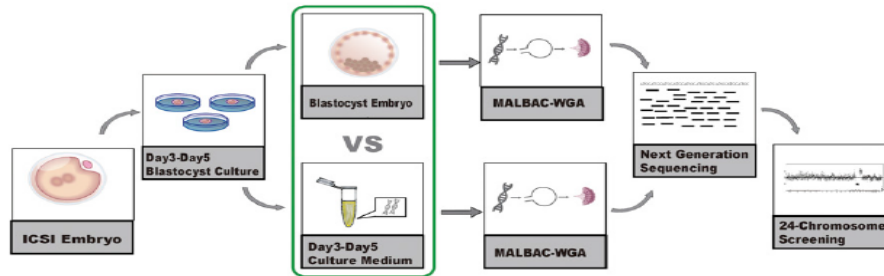
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Cell Free DNA



1. CULTURE MEDIA COLLECTED (NICS: NONINVASIVE CULTURE SCREENING)
2. AMPLIFIED
3. SEQUENCED
4. COMPARED TO PGS RESULT
5. >90% SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY

Conclusions



- NEW TECHNOLOGIES ARE MORE PRECISE AND ELEGANT HOWEVER BRING MORE COMPLEXITY TO TREATMENT
- AUTOMATION RESULTS IN
 - RESULTS BEING RELEASED QUICKER
 - MORE ACCURATE
 - REPEATABLE
 - MORE EFFICIENT
 - GREATER DETAIL
 - BETTER OUTCOMES FOR PATIENTS
- NEED TO BE CAREFUL THOUGH AS SO MUCH IS STILL UNKNOWN ABOUT THE EMBRYO THAT WE DON'T WANT TO DISCARD EMBRYOS THAT STILL GIVE THE PATIENT A CHANCE AT A HEALTHY BABY
- UPPER LIMIT OF SUCCESS- IT WILL NEVER BE 100%



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