



Low-pass sequencing for CNV detection in hemato/onco routine diagnostics?

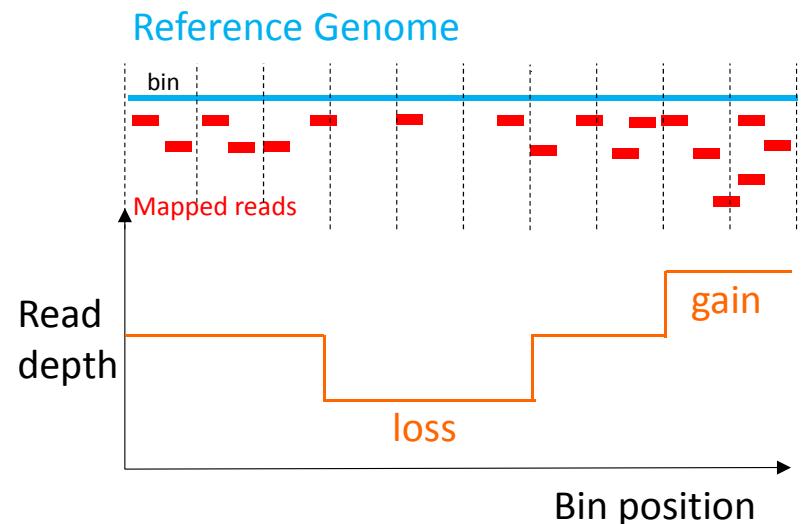
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Low-pass sequencing (LPS) or shallow sequencing

- **Depth of coverage method:** infers copy number from the observed sequence depth across the genome and does not require both ends of the molecule to be sequenced
- **Divide** the reference genome into **bins** and count the number of reads into each bin: copy number is inferred from the observed read counts across the genome.

QDNA seq pipeline

- **No normal reference** necessary (reduces cost by half, samples for which normal reference is not available can be analyzed, avoids measurement noise from the reference sample)
- **Use of fixed-sized bins** (=key feature of QDNaseq), allows relatively rapid analysis
- **BAM files** as input (produced by BWA algorithm)



Method: QDNA Seq

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DNA copy number analysis of fresh and formalin-fixed specimens by shallow whole-genome sequencing with identification and exclusion of problematic regions in the genome assembly.

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Abstract

Detection of DNA copy number aberrations by shallow whole-genome sequencing (WGS) faces many challenges, including lack of completion and errors in the human reference genome, repetitive sequences, polymorphisms, variable sample quality, and biases in the sequencing procedures. Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) archival material, the analysis of which is important for studies of cancer, presents particular analytical difficulties due to degradation of the DNA and frequent lack of matched reference samples. We present a robust, cost-effective WGS method for DNA copy number analysis that addresses these challenges more successfully than currently available procedures. In practice, very useful profiles can be obtained with ~0.1× genome coverage. We improve on previous methods by first implementing a combined correction for sequence mappability and GC content, and second, by applying this procedure to sequence data from the 1000 Genomes Project in order to develop a blacklist of problematic genome regions. A small subset of these blacklisted regions was previously identified by ENCODE, but the vast majority are novel unappreciated problematic regions. Our procedures are implemented in a pipeline called QDNAseq. We have analyzed over 1000 samples, most of which were obtained from the fixed tissue archives of more than 25 institutions. We demonstrate that for most samples our sequencing and analysis procedures yield genome profiles with noise levels near the statistical limit imposed by read counting. The described procedures also provide better correction of artifacts introduced by low DNA quality than prior approaches and better copy number data than high-resolution microarrays at a substantially lower cost.

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HiSeq 4000

- 1 run yields 210–250 Gb of data for 1x50bp
- 8 lanes per run (26 250 000 000 bp per lane)
- One lane contained 14 to 18 samples
- Sequence 35 bp per read
- On average: 46,9 million total reads per sample
- (on average: human genome has 3,2 billion nucleotides)

Output of QDNAseq

- Read counts per bin
- Corrected for GC-content and sequence mappability
- Filtered (of problematic genomic regions)
- Median-normalized
- Log₂-transformed
- Picking up aberrations: calls starting from 500 à 600kb
- Mean coverage +/-0,17
 - [(PF_READS_ALIGNED * Read length) / genome length; with genome 1-22 +X +Y hg19: 3.095.677.412 and read length 35 nt]

Noise in copy number profiles comes from the statistics of counting as well as from the many steps during the analysis of the sample

Noise sources:

- Sample acquisition and storage/transportation
 - DNA extraction
 - Array: DNA labeling, hybridization
 - NGS: library prep, sequencing
 - Computational processing
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- The **variances** of all these independent sources of noise are **additive**
 - Look at the variances of the profiles to investigate their noise characteristics
 - **Noise in LPS** is dominated by **counting statistics** for most of the samples, so can be **reduced by read depth**

Compare signal-to-noise ratio of array versus
shallow sequencing

Array-CGH Leuven

- Oxford Gene Technology's CytoSure Haematological Cancer + SNP array (8x60k format)
- 60.000 spots
- Targets regions important for CLL, MM, MPN and MDS
- Backbone: 1 probe every 117kb
- Average gene resolution: 1 probe every 68 kb
- LOH regions > 30 Mb
- Segmentation based normalisation

=> **Dye Swap**: every sample is analysed twice

CLL: current routine diagnostic methods

- Karyotype at diagnosis after 3 day culture stimulated with CpG/IL2
- FISH after culture
 - LSI ATM (SO) / CEP12 (SG), 11q22/centromere 12 (Vysis)
 - LSI13 (RB1) (SG) / D13S319 (SO), 13q14 (Vysis)
 - LSI TP53 (SO) / CEP17 (SG), 17p13.1/centromere 17 (Vysis)
- CLL FU: FISH for TP53 if the patient needs (new) treatment

CLL: DNA for array-CGH and LPS

- DNA extracted from **uncultured** whole blood sample (<3ml; EDTA)
- Chemagen B-4K method
- Magnetic polyvinyl alcohol beads (M-PVA beads) which will bind the DNA after lysis of the blood
- DNA concentration and purity: measured by DropSense96 (UV-VIS absorption analysis) (Beer-Lambert law)

Beer's Law

The Beer-Lambert Law (λ specific):

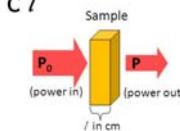
$$A = \varepsilon c l$$

A = absorbance (unitless; $A = \log_{10} P_0/P$)

ε = molar absorptivity ($L \cdot mol^{-1} \cdot cm^{-1}$)

l = path length of the sample (cm)

c = concentration (mol/L or M)



Concentration ↑ Absorbance ↑

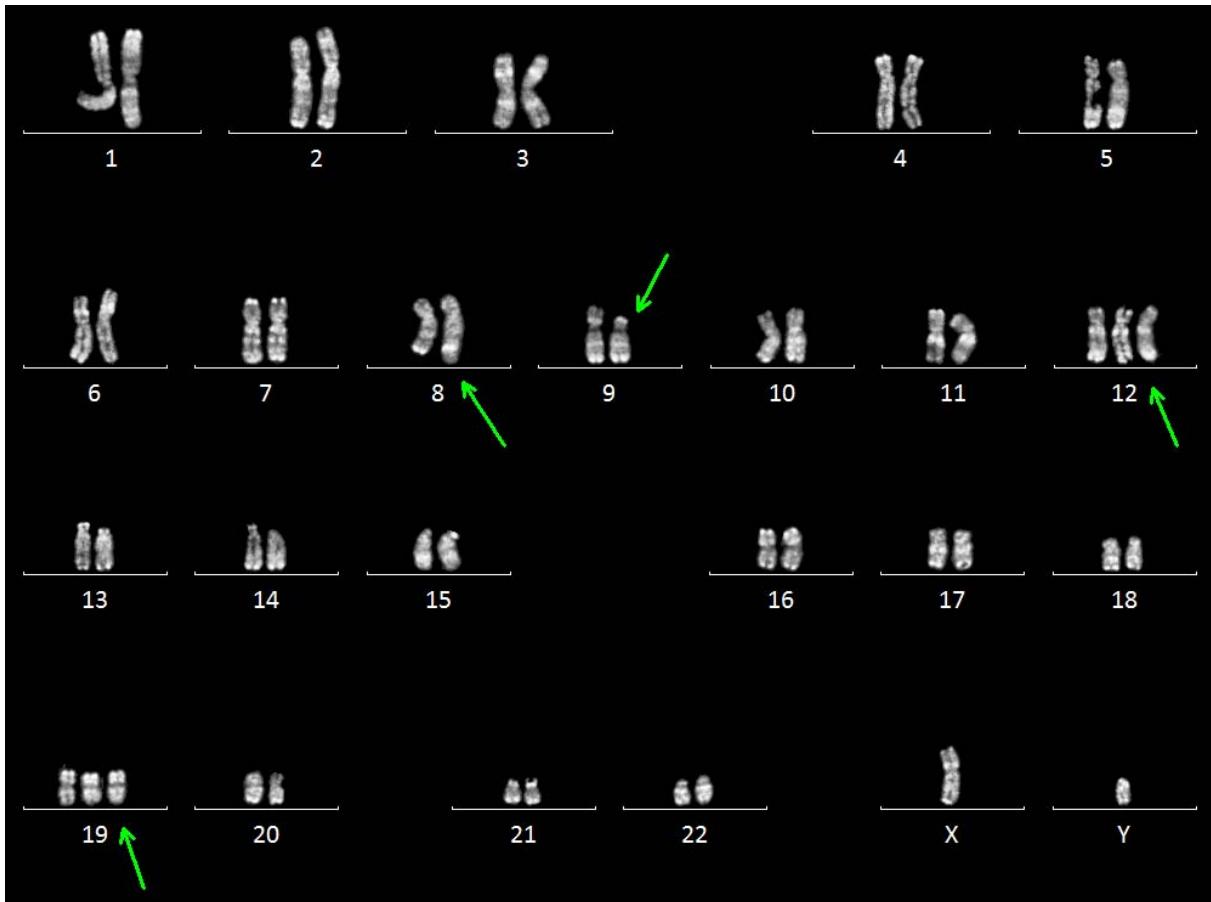
Path length ↑ Absorbance ↑

Molar Abs. ↑ Absorbance ↑

CLL case 8: karyotype and FISH

Caryotype: 48,XY,+12,+19[1]/48,sl,t(8;9)(q24;p12)[9]

Anomalies clonales complexes (3). Pronostic moins favorable.



Loss of 13q14 not detected in karyotype; but
only using karyotyping the t(8;9) is observed!

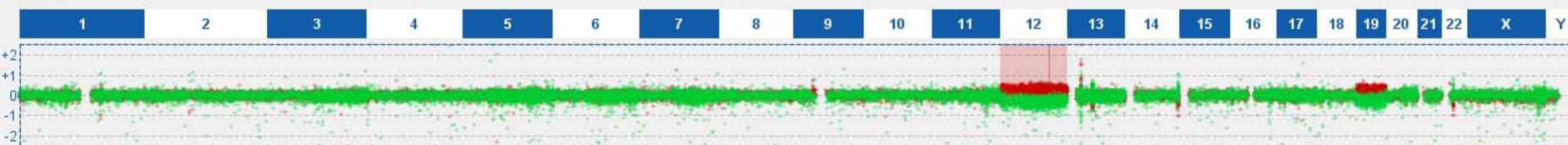
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FISH results:

Probe	Result
LSI ATM (SO) / CEP12 (SG), 11q22/centromere 12 (Vysis)	gain 12 (51%)
LSI13 (RB1) (SG) / D13S319 (SO), 13q14 (Vysis)	loss 13q14 (51%)
17p13.1/centromere 17 (Vysis)	normal 17p13

CLL case 8: array-CGH profile, whole genome view

Overview



DLR Spread: 0.1318

Red Signal Intensity: 759.888

Green Signal Intensity: 521.413

Red Background Noise: 8.104

Green Background Noise: 7.5138

Red Signal-to-Noise Ratio: 93.7667

Green Signal-to-Noise Ratio: 69.394

Green Signal Reproducibility: 0.0589

Red Signal Reproducibility: 0.0616

Non-Uniform Features: 0%

Red Signal Intensity (SNPs): 173.6497

Green Signal Intensity (SNPs): 116.2103

Control of the quality parameters: **OK**

DLR (derivative log ratio): < 0,20

Red signal intensity: >300

Green signal intensity: >200

Red background noise: <15

Green background noise: <15

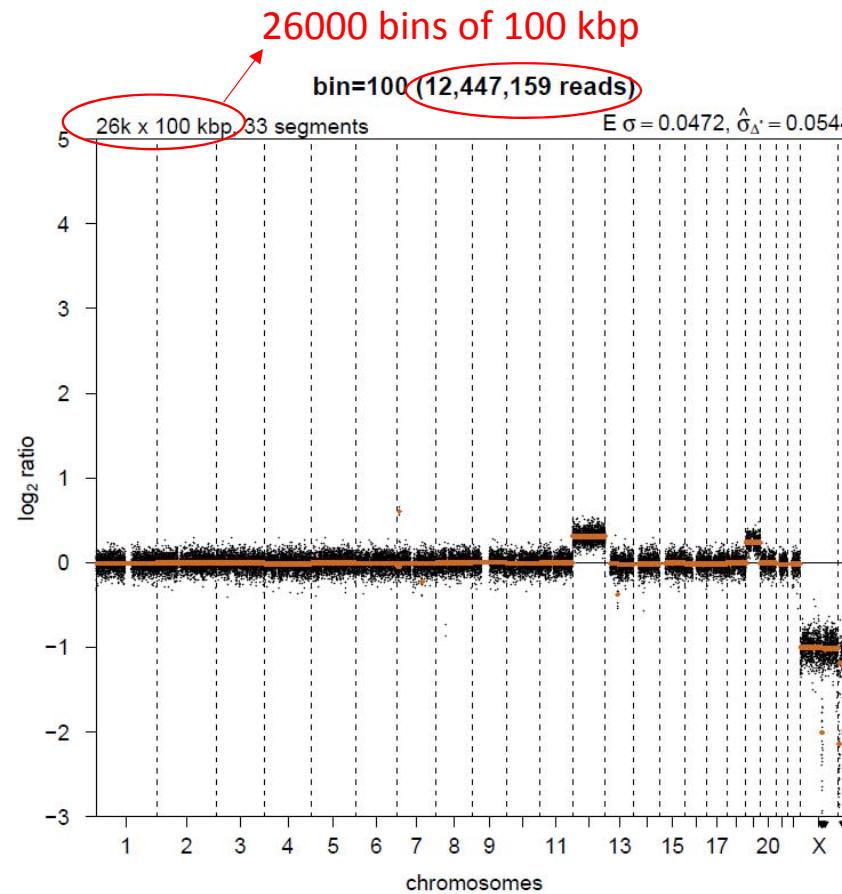
S/N (red/green signal to noise): > 30

FISH, array-CGH or LPS: same conclusion:

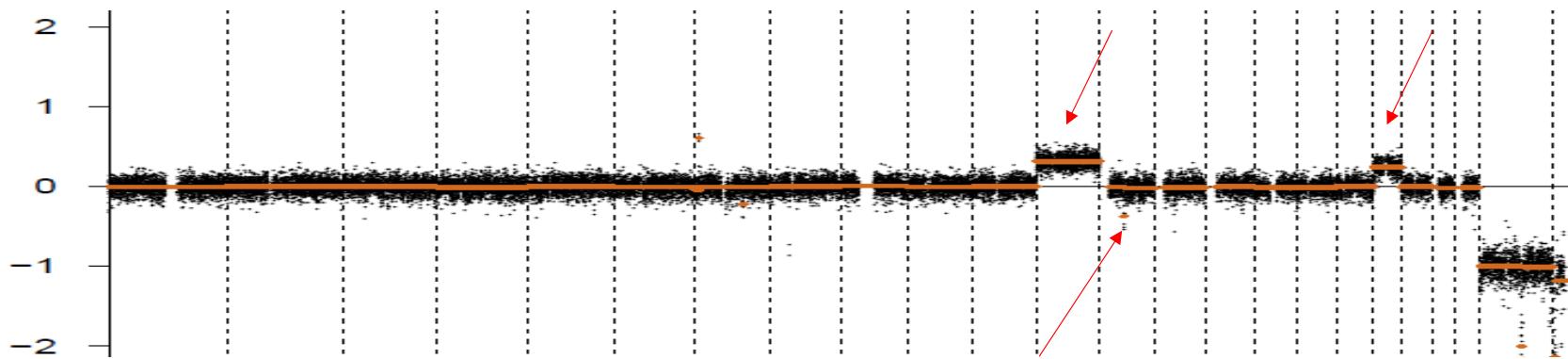
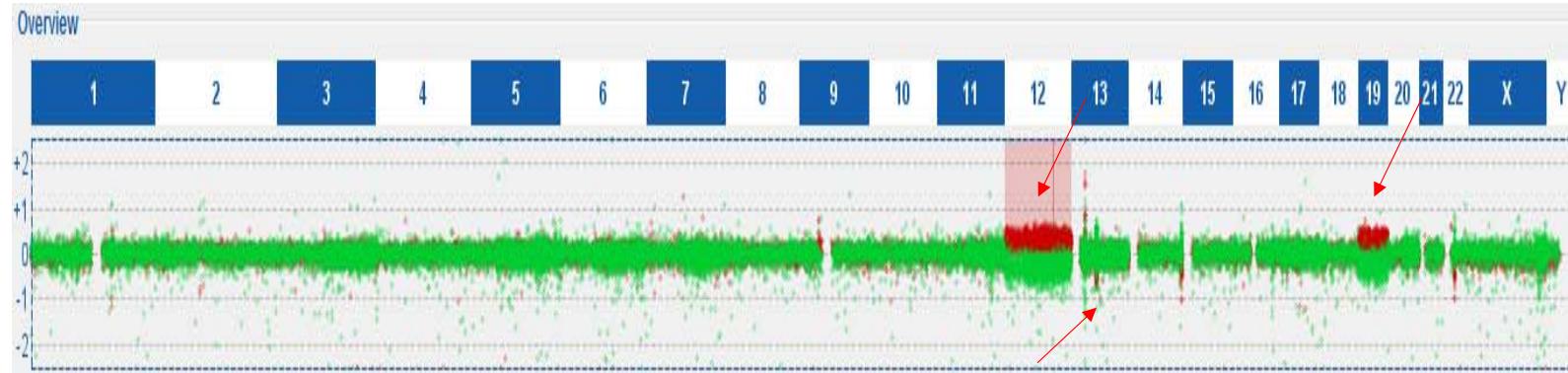
- 13q loss (containing *DLEU1*, *DLEU2*, *DLEU7*, *MIR15A* and *MIR16-1* and NOT *RB1*) and trisomy 12 are recurrent abnormalities in CLL.
- Trisomy 12 is associated with an intermediate prognosis.

Note: chromosome 19 not analysed by FISH ...

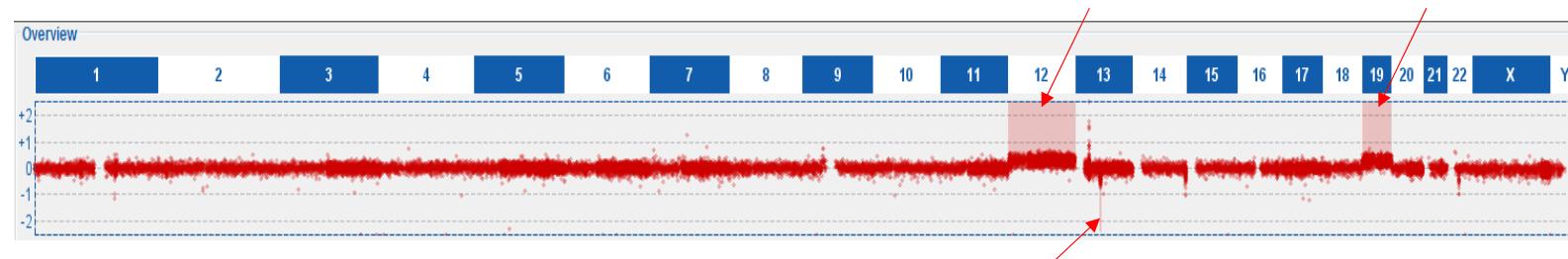
CLL case 8: array-CGH profile, whole genome view



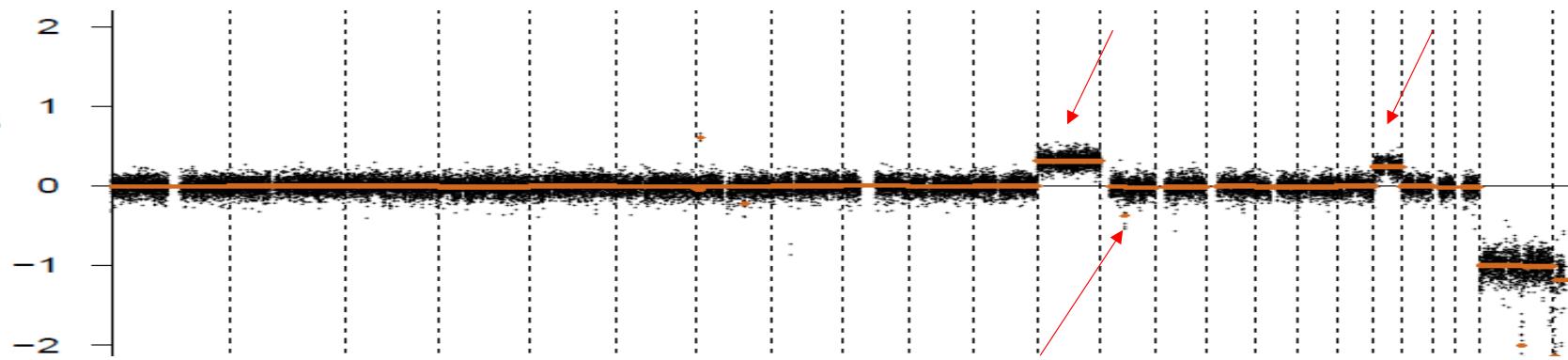
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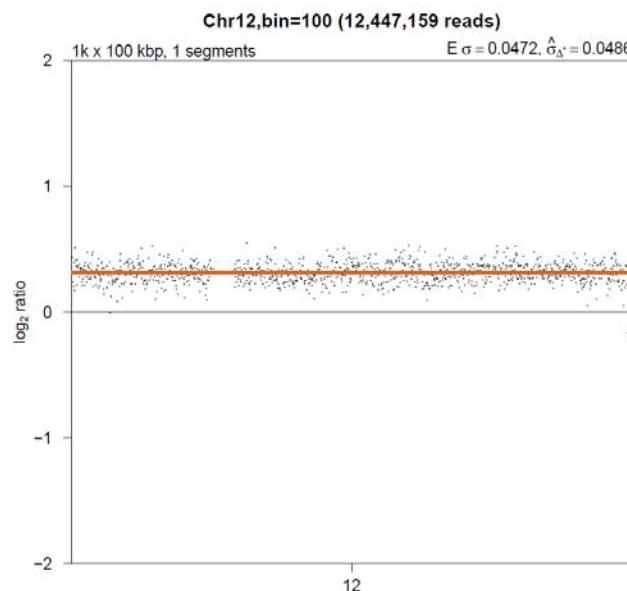
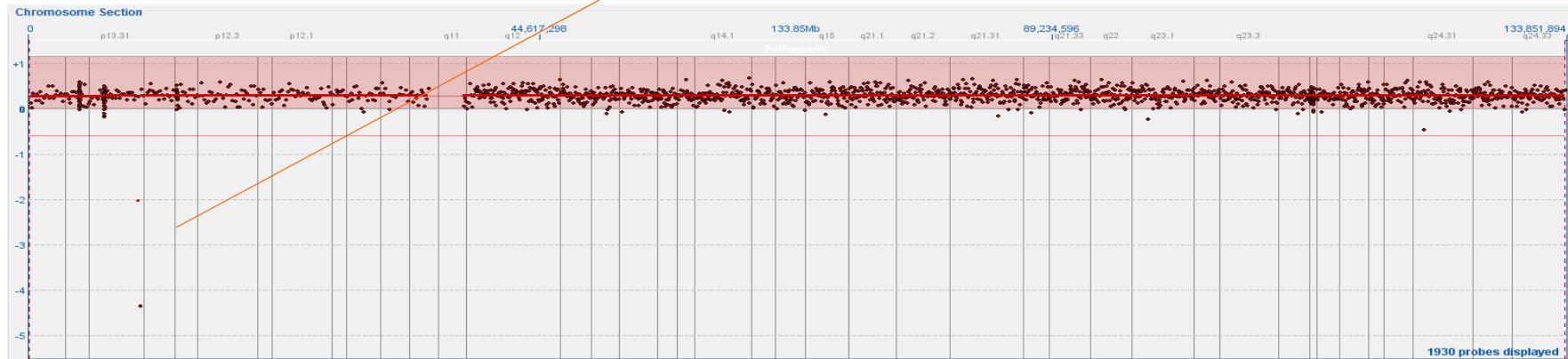


Visualisation
without Dye Swap



Chromosome 12: array vs LPS

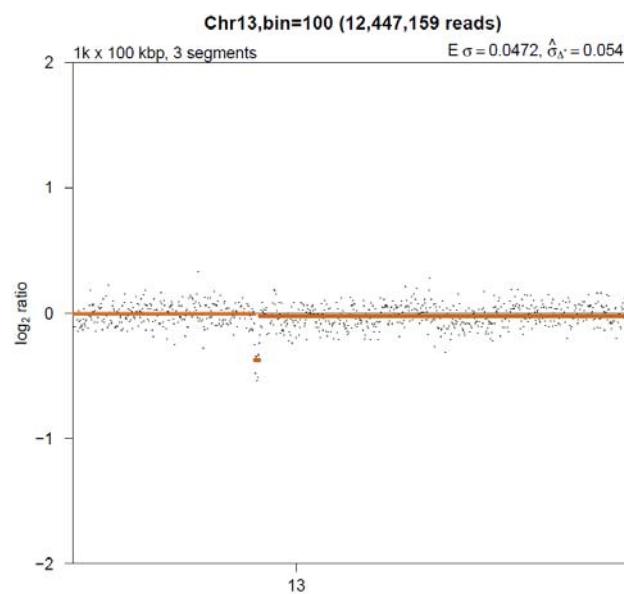
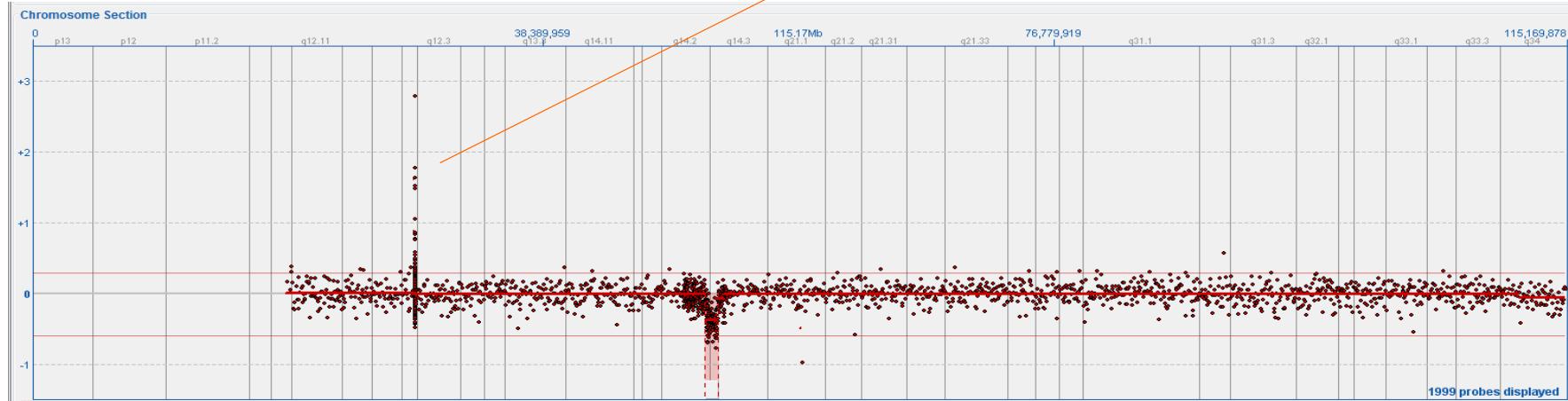
Outliers are frequently observed, all over the genome



- The trisomy 12 is very clear
- Clean profile

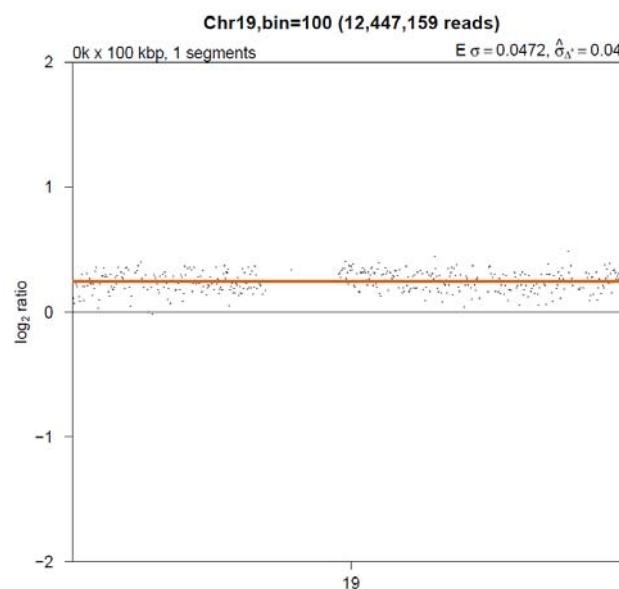
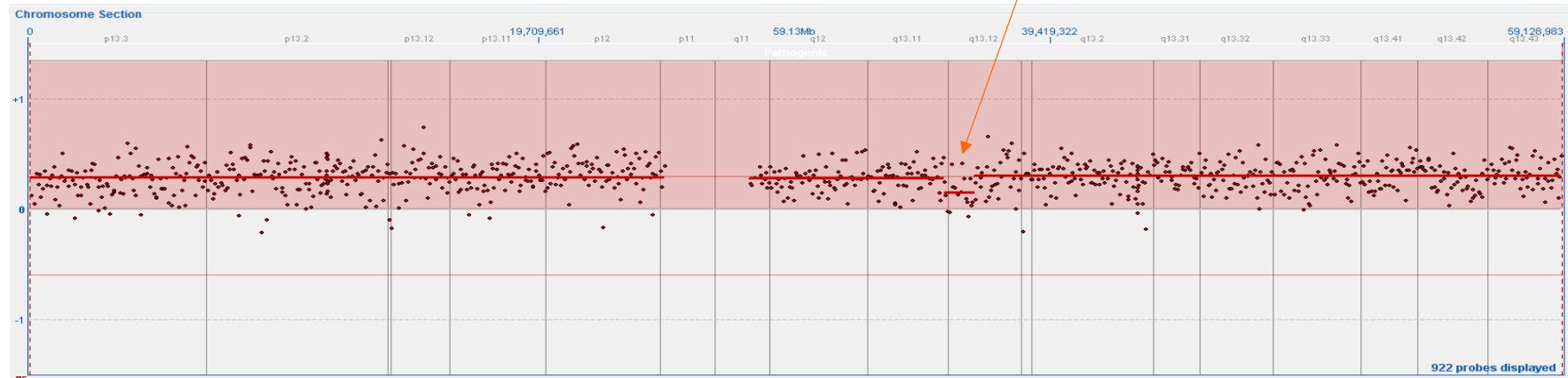
Chromosome 13: array vs LPS

error in OGT array design



Chromosome 19: array vs LPS

Fluctuations like this are common using these arrays, all over the genome



Output LPS data in Excel

chr	start	end	Size	sample	AVG_score	regcount	DupDel	ISCN_notation
12	400000	131000000	130,6 Mb	GC042604_100	0,41509009		GAIN	arr[hg19]12p13.33q24,33(400,000-131,000,000)x3
13	50600000	51100000	0,5 Mb	GC042604_100	-0,49875		LOSS	arr[hg19]13q14.2q14.3(50,600,000-51,100,000)x1
19	7500000	56900000	49,4 Mb	GC042604_100	0,399923077		GAIN	arr[hg19]19p13.2q13,43(7,500,000-56,900,000)x3

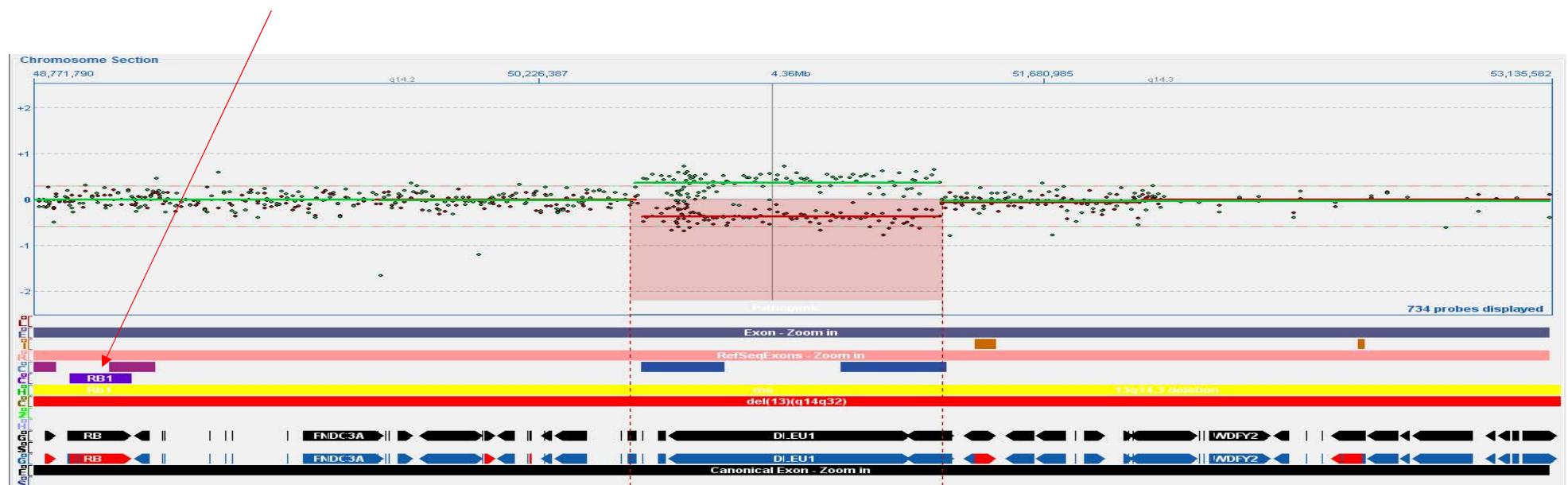
Visualisation
software?

Output Array data from CytoSure in pdf

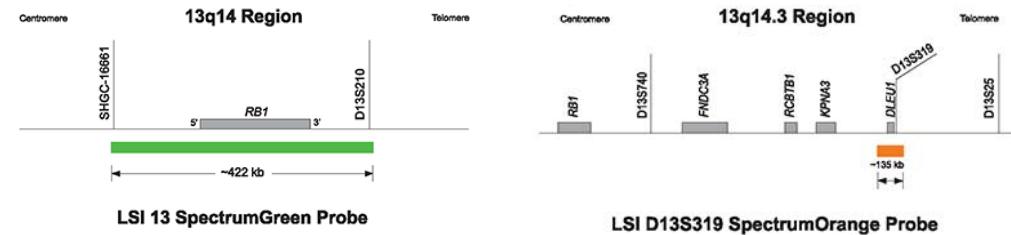
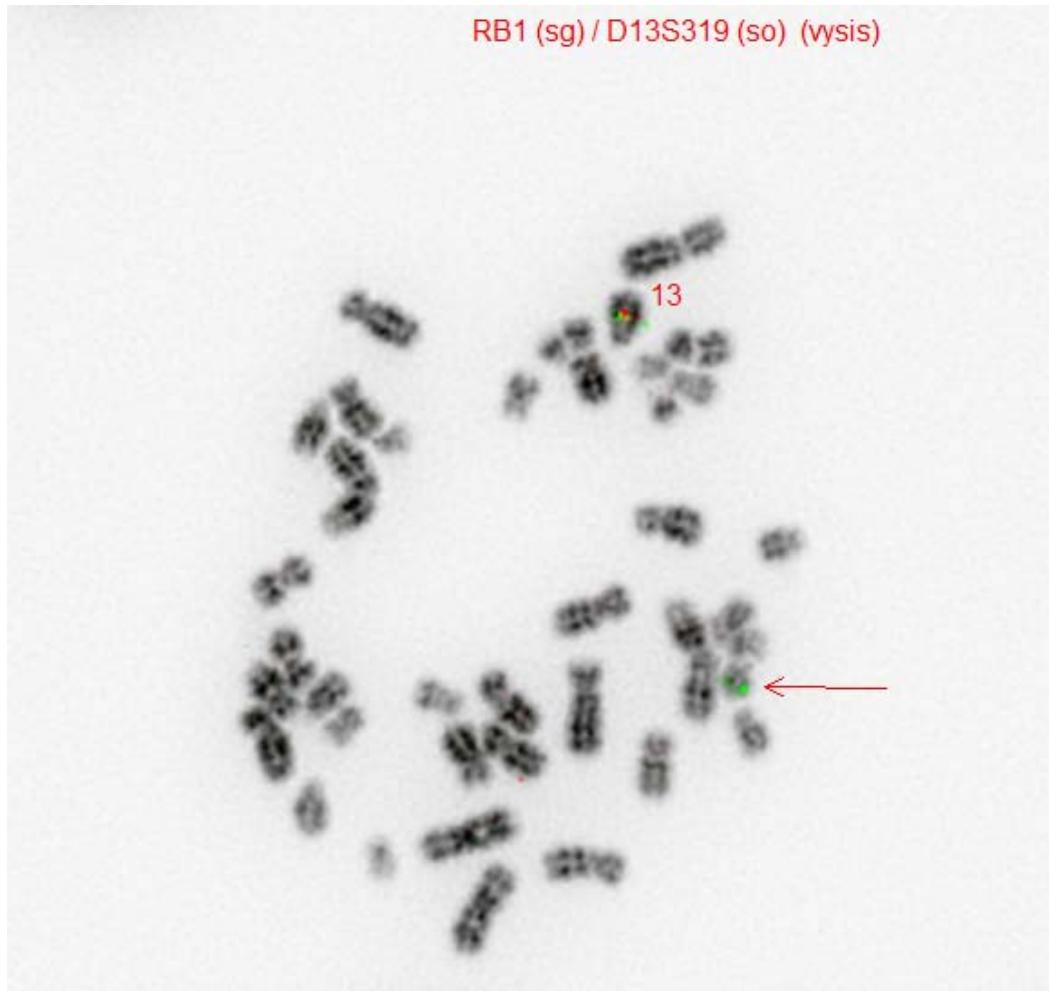
ISCN Notation :	arr[hg19] 12p13.33q24.33(151,196-133,773,393)x3	Gain/Loss :	Gain
# Probes :	1930	Mean Log Ratio :	0.3148
Size :	133.62Mb	Classification (Initial) :	Unclassified
Classification (Final) : Unclassified			
ISCN Notation :	arr[hg19] 13q14.2q14.3(50,500,242-51,374,099)x1	Gain/Loss :	Loss
# Probes :	108	Mean Log Ratio :	-0.3672
Size :	873.86Kb	Classification (Initial) :	Unclassified
Classification (Final) : Pathogenic			



With CytoSure analysis/visualisation software for arrays: you can quickly SEE that *RB1* is not in the deletion



CLL case 5



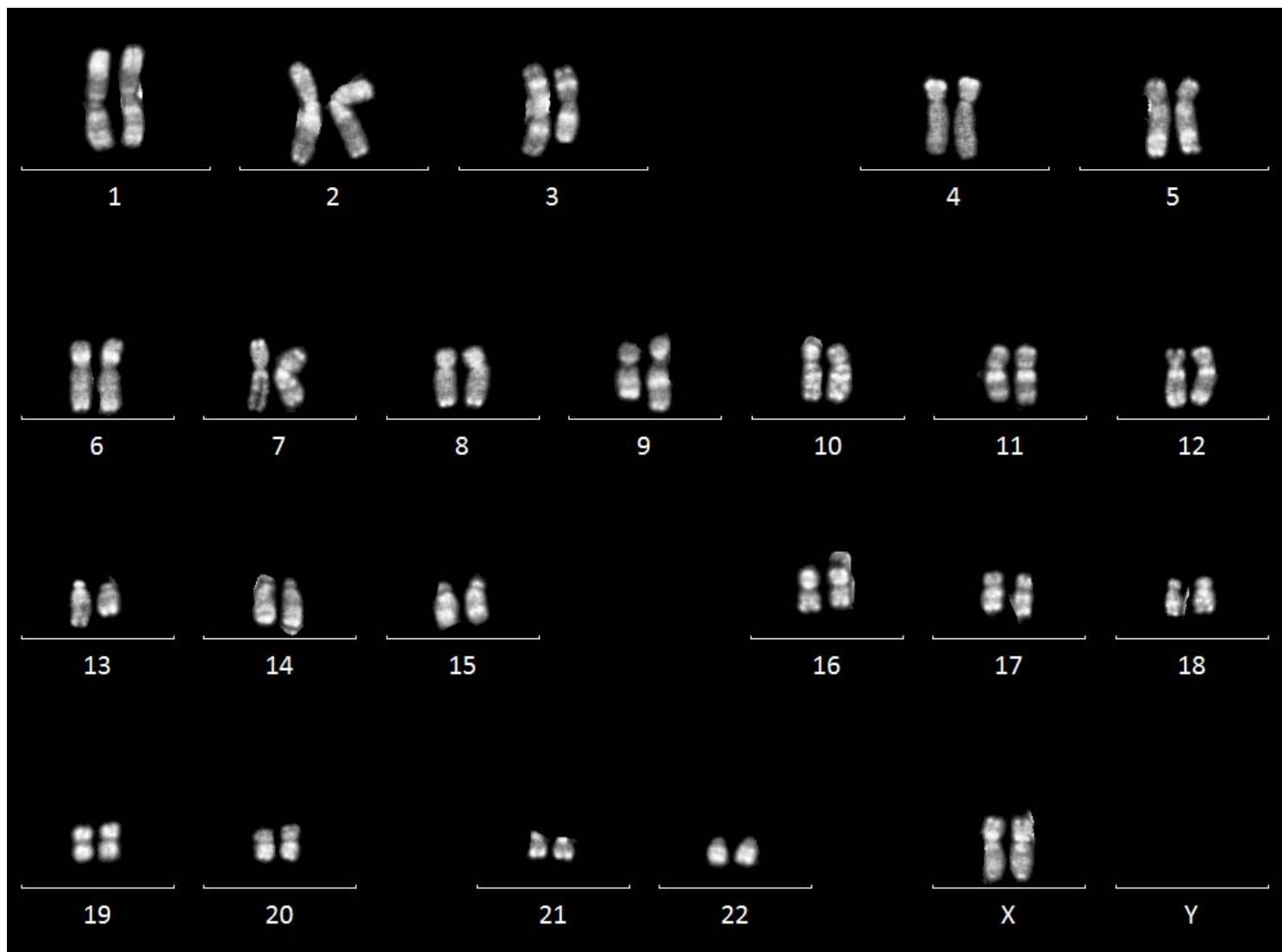
Probe	Result
LSI ATM (SO) / CEP12 (SG), 11q22/centromere 12 (Vysis)	normal 12, normal 11q22
LSI13 (RB1) (SG) / D13S319 (SO), 13q14 (Vysis)	loss 13q14 (11,5%), without loss of RB1
17p13.1/centromere 17 (Vysis)	normal 17p13

FISH on peripheral blood after culture (on 10 metaphases and 200 interphase cells):

Loss of 13q14 (D13S319), without loss of RB1 locus in 4/10 metaphases [loss of D13S319 on the der(13)t(9;13)] and in 11,5% of the interphase cells.
Good prognosis in CLL.

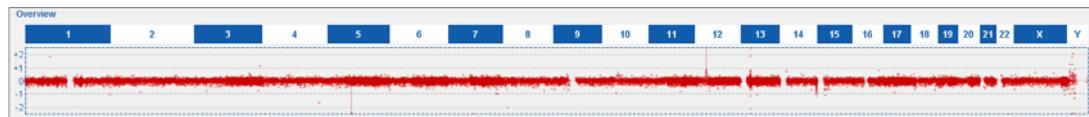
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Karyotype: 46,XX,t(9;13)(q13;q12)[4]/46,XX[11]

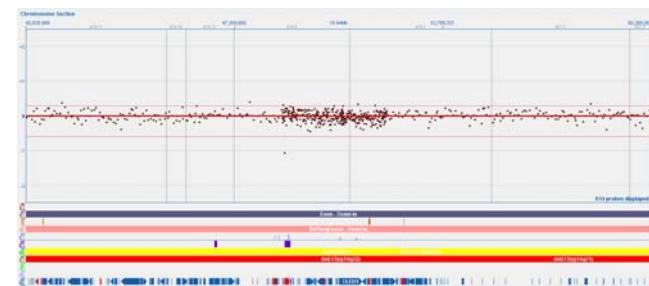


CLL case 5: 13q14 loss not found by array nor LPS

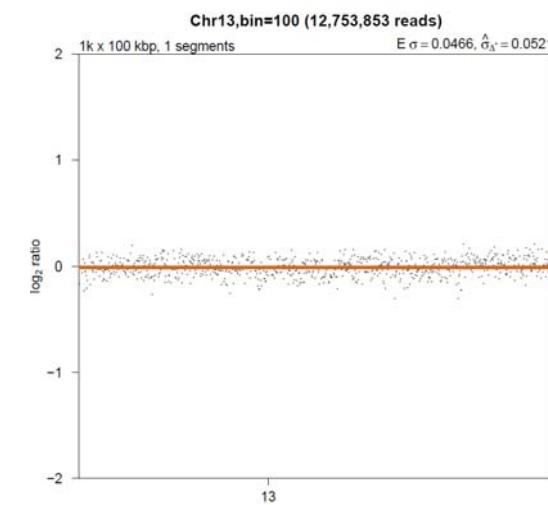
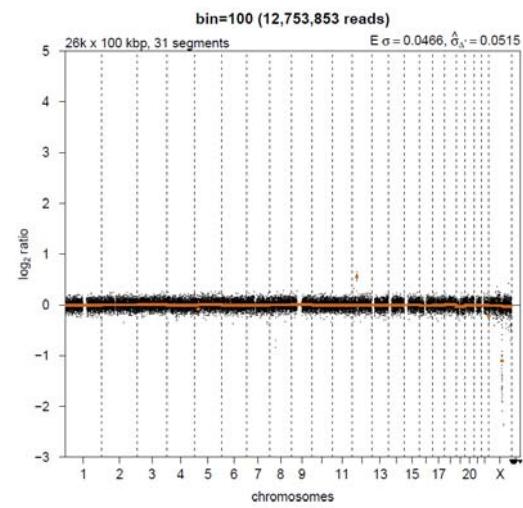
Whole genome view



Chromosome 13 overview

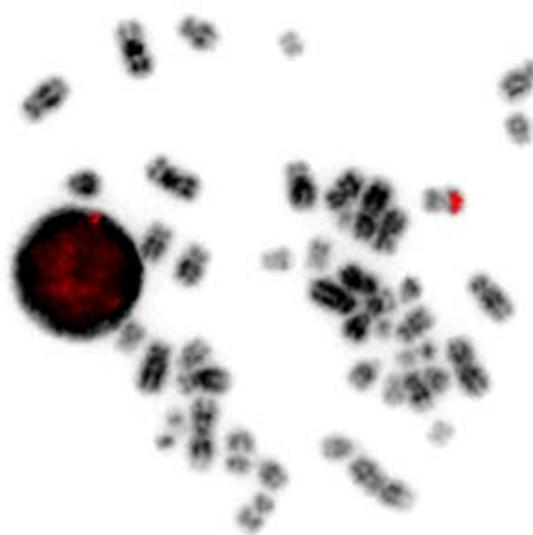


array



LPS

CLL case 6: aberrations in +/- 20-30% of cells are detected by FISH and karyotyping



A/ ATM (so) (vysis) +CPG+IL2

FISH results:	
Probe	Result
LSI ATM (SO) / CEP12 (SG), 11q22/centromere 12 (Vysis)	normal 12, loss of 11q22 in 7/10 metaphases and 23% of interphase cells
LSI13 (RB1) (SG) / D13S319 (SO), 13q14 (Vysis) 17p13.1/centromere 17 (Vysis)	loss 13q14 (28%), without loss of RB1 normal 17p13

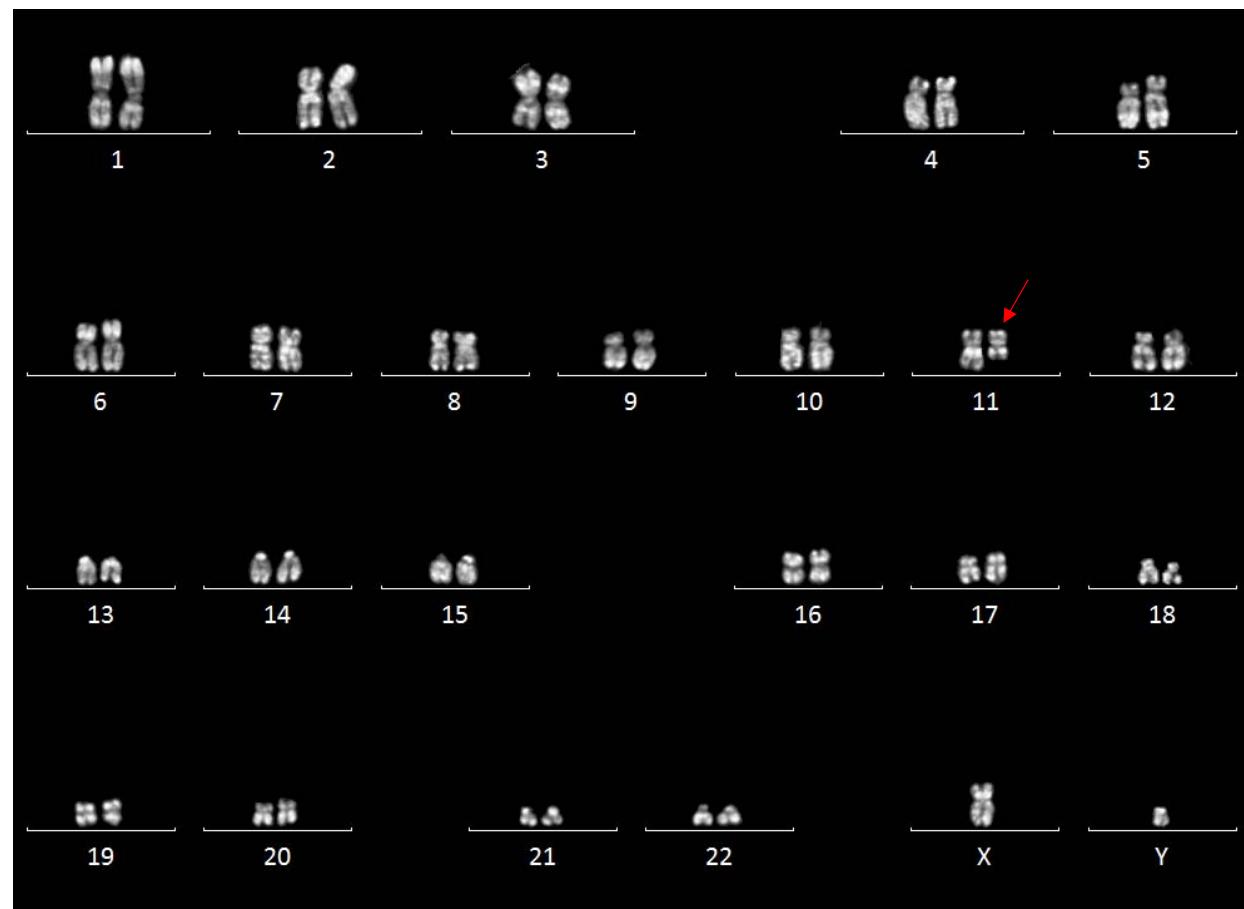
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Loss of 11q22 (ATM) in 7/10 metaphases and in **23%** of the interphase cells.

Loss of 13q14 in **28%** of the interphase cells.

Worse prognosis in CLL.

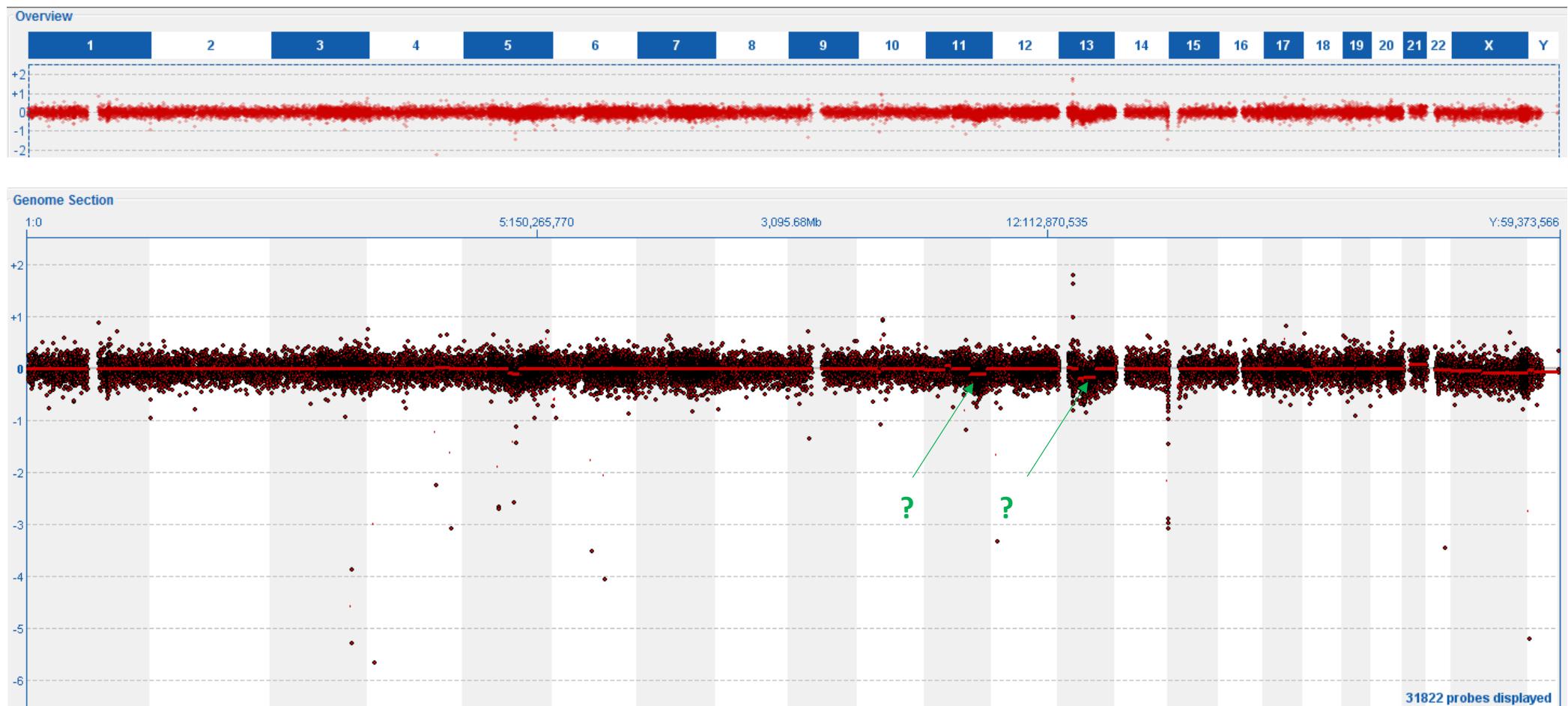
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Karyotype:

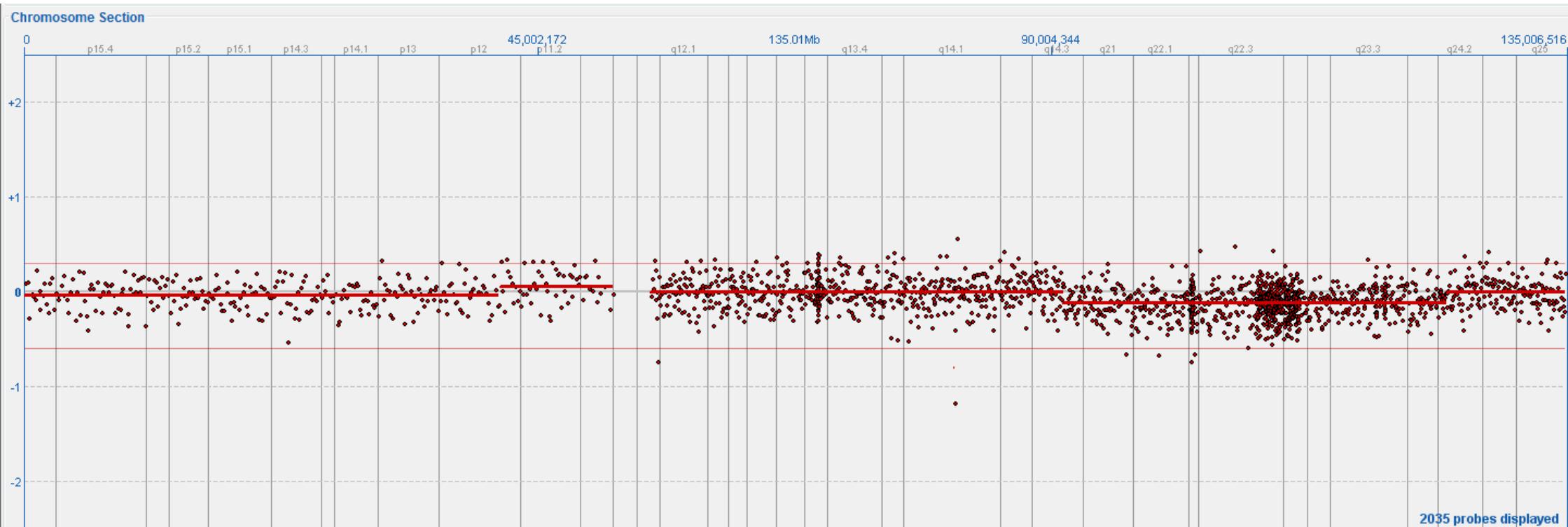
46,XY,del(11)(q22)[9]/46,XY[1]

CLL case 6: aberrations in +/- 20-30% of cells are NOT always detected by array
(unclear, below cut-off)



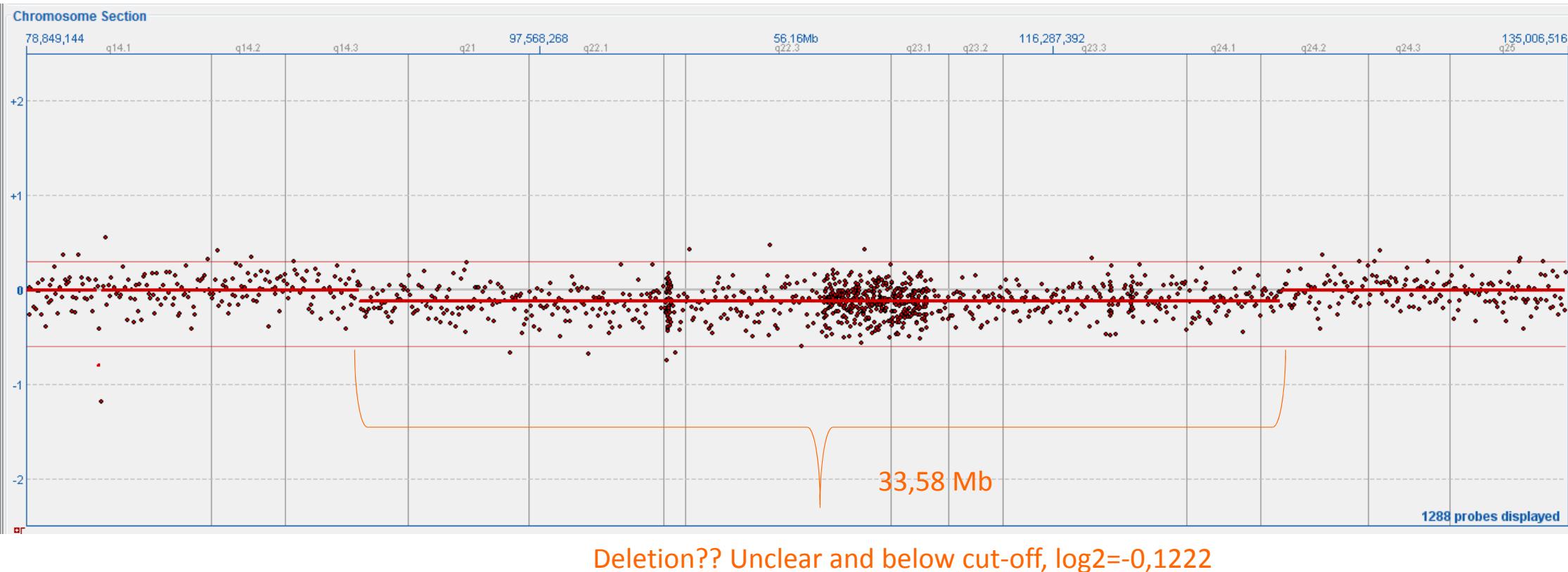
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Chromosome 11



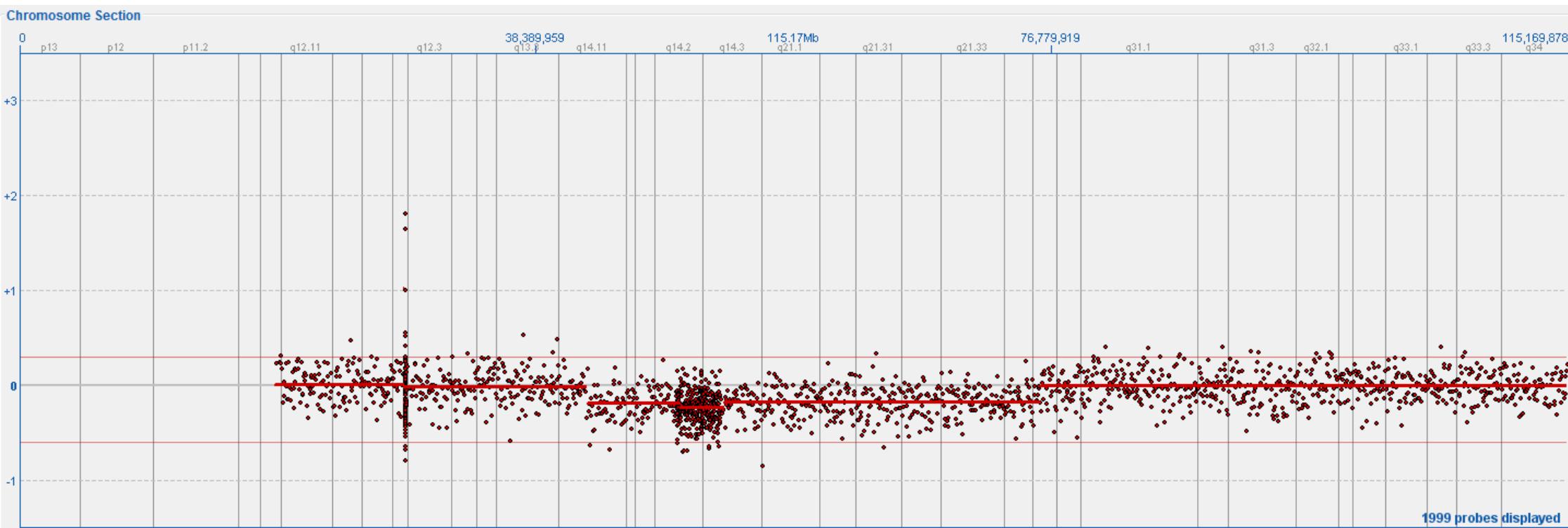
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Chromosome 11 => zoomed in on 11q14.1q26



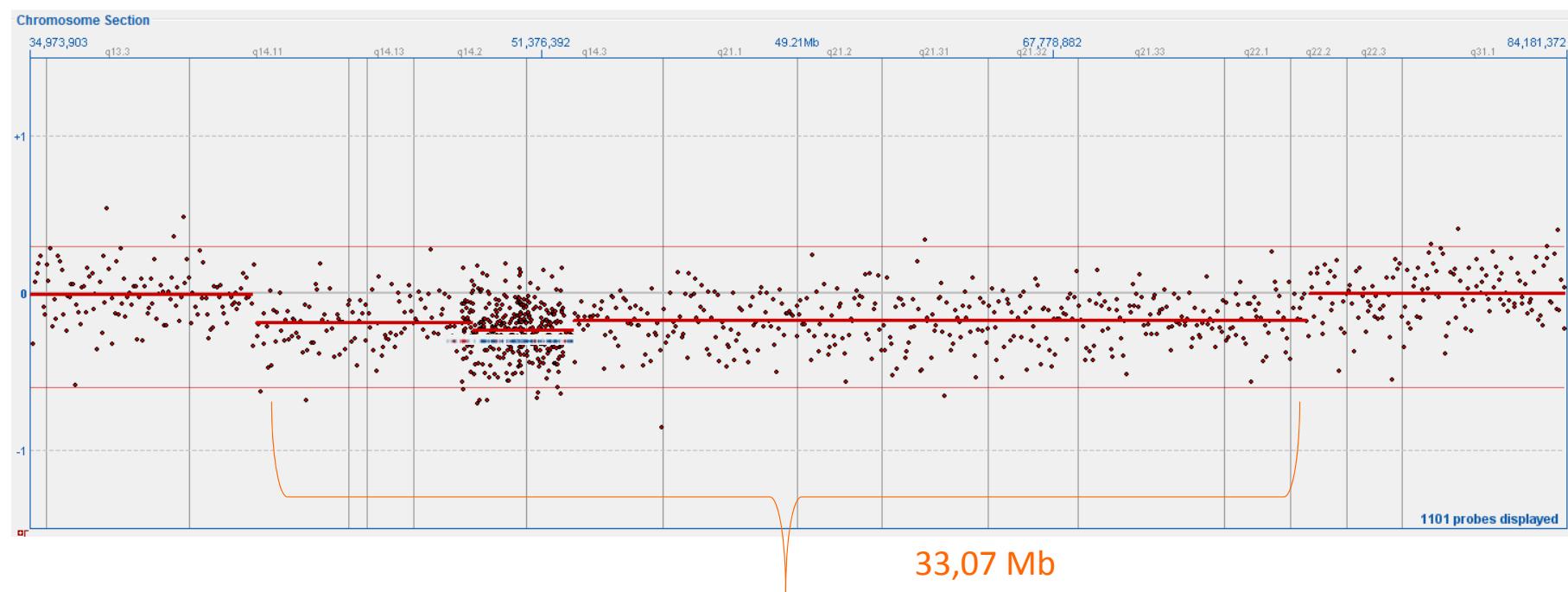
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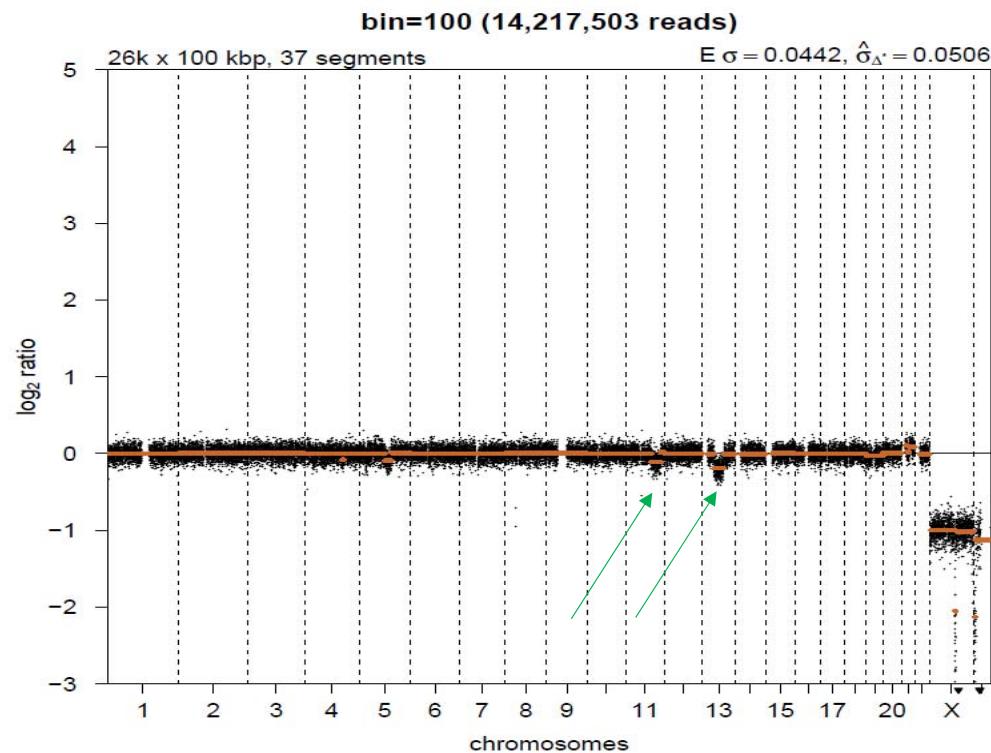
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Chromosome 13 => zoomed in on 13q13.3q31,1

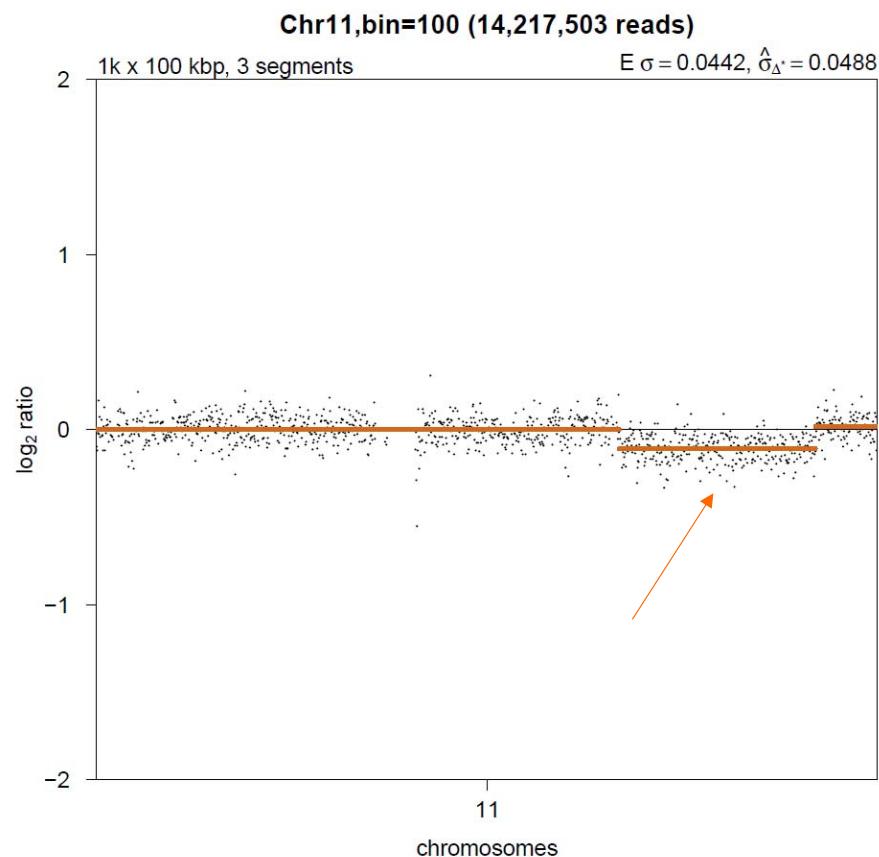


Deletion?? Unclear and below cut-off (-0,36); log2 ratio= -0,2001

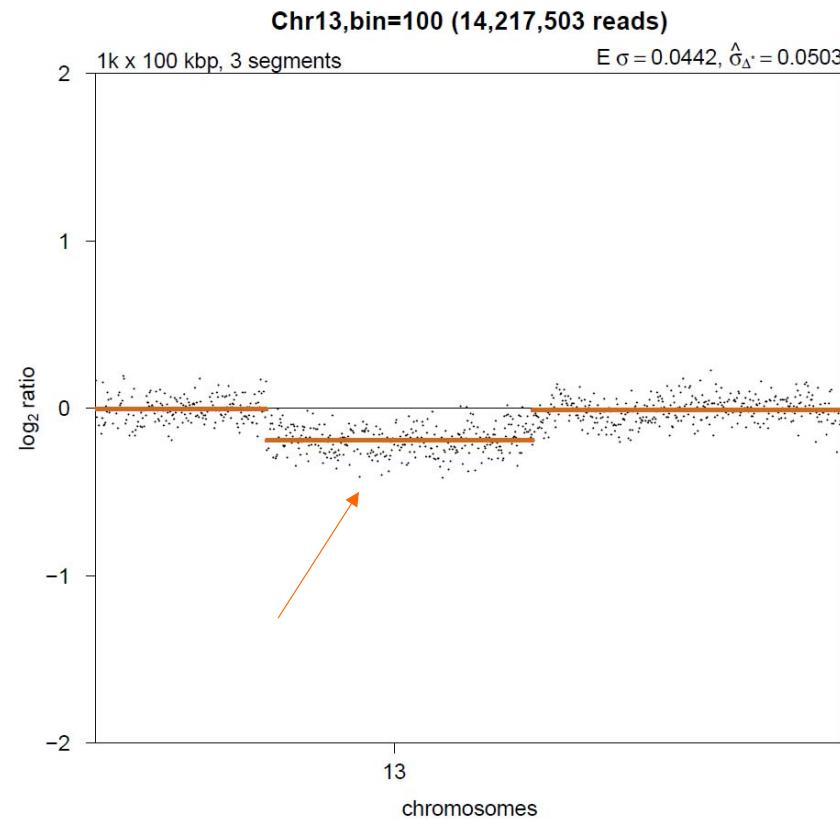
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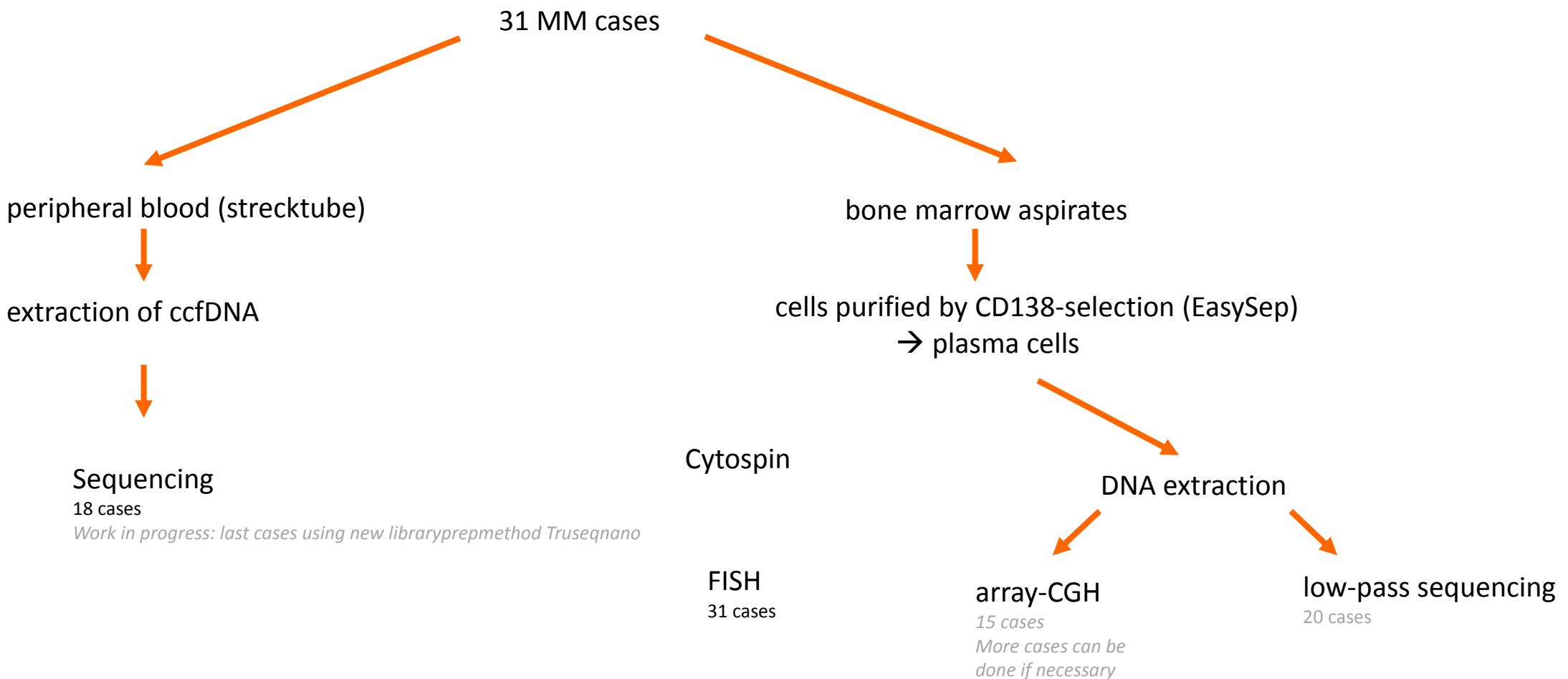
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Multiple Myeloma (MM): current routine diagnostic method

- Direct FISH on cytopsin:
 - LSI TP53 (SO) / CEP17 (SG), 17p13.1/centromere 17 (Vysis)
 - LSI IGH DC BA, 14q32 (Vysis)
 - CEP9 (SO), centromere 9 (Vysis)
 - CKS1B (TR) / CDKN2C (SG) [1q21.3/1p32.3, Cytocell] / Chromosome 1 Control Probe [1p11.1-1q12, Empire Genomics]
 - further work-up of IGH if split in IGH (IGH/CCND1 – IGH/FGFR3 – IGH/MAF – MYC BA – IGH/MAFB – IGH/MYC/CEP8)
- FU MM:
 - LSI TP53 (SO) / CEP17 (SG), 17p13.1/centromere 17 (Vysis)
 - LSI MYC DC BA, 8q24.2 (Vysis)
 - CKS1B (TR) / CDKN2C (SG) [1q21.3/1p32.3, Cytocell] / Chromosome 1 Control Probe [1p11.1-1q12, Empire Genomics]
 - probes most important aberration at time of diagnosis

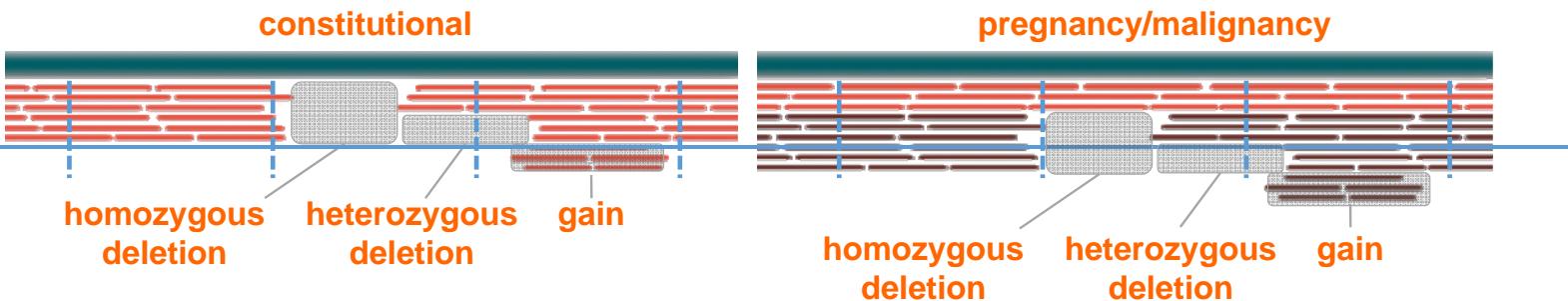
Low-pass sequencing (cfDNA and DNA CD138+ cells) for the detection of copy number aberrations in Multiple Myeloma



Analysis of low-pass sequencing data of cfDNA: GR and z score

Genomic Representation (GR) Profiling

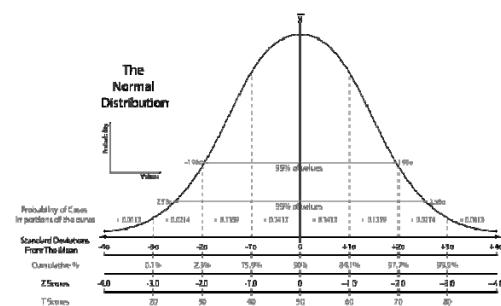
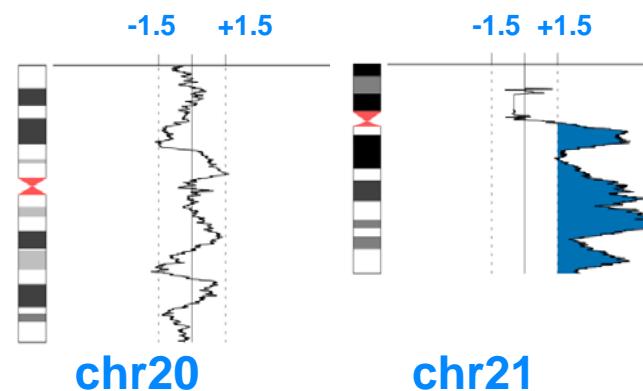
1. filtering and aligning of reads



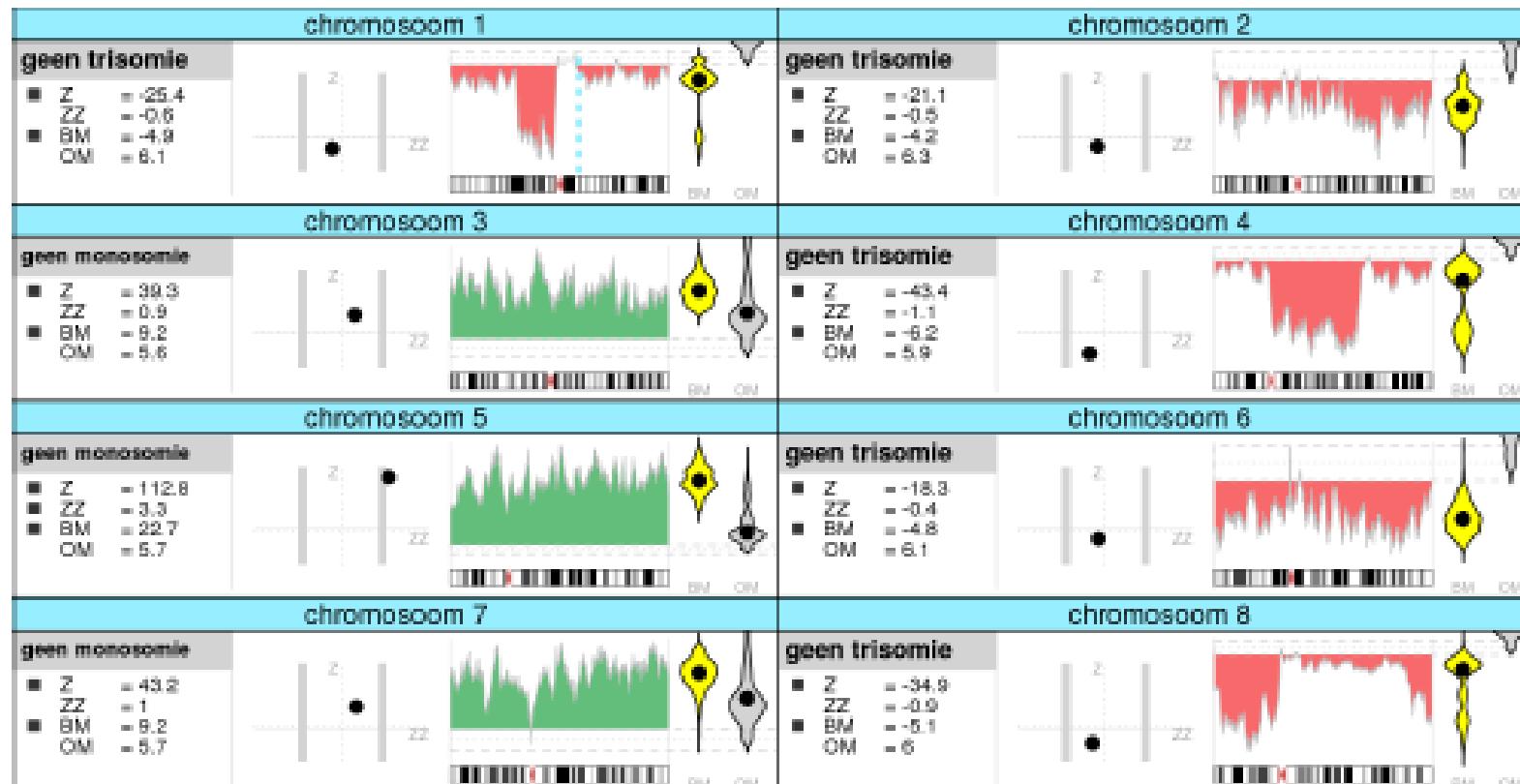
2. GR and z score

$$GR = \frac{\text{number of reads in a chromosome/partition/bin}}{\text{total of autosomal reads}}$$

$$z\text{-score} = \frac{GR_{\text{measured}} - GR_{\text{normal}}}{SD}$$

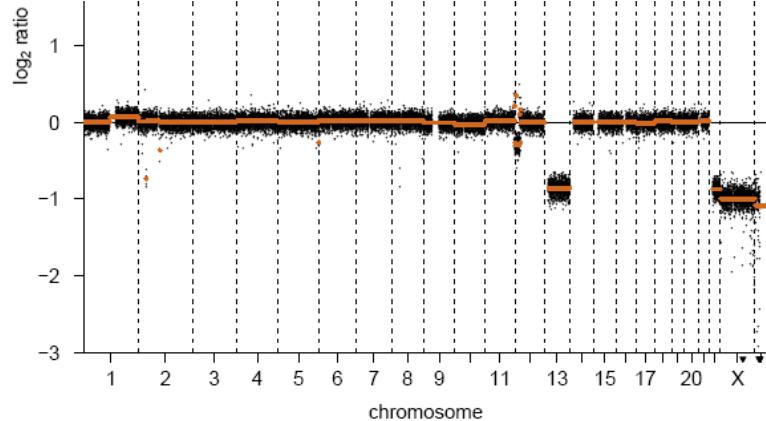


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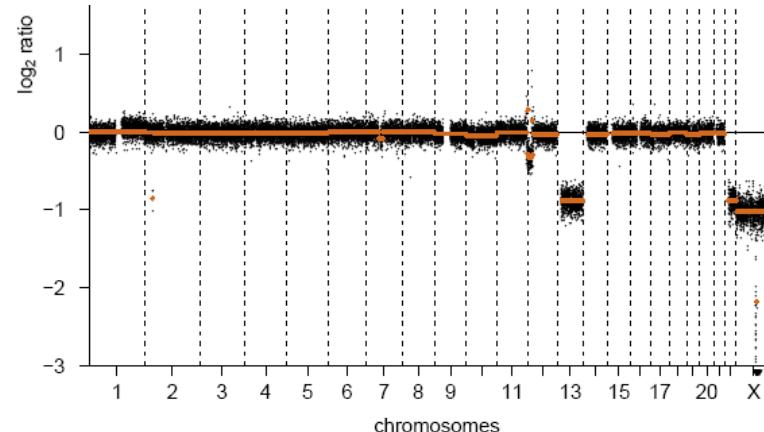


DNA concentration: 500 ng standard, but 50 ng or lower is possible

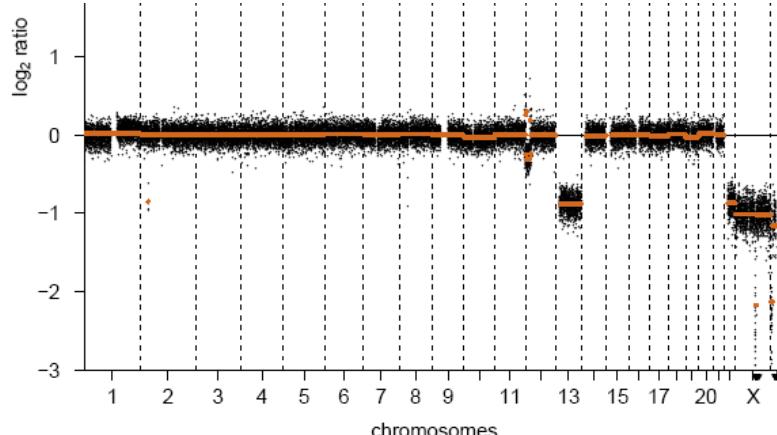
LPS op Hiseq4000 Paired-end DNA input: **500 ng**
Run 2 GC037717



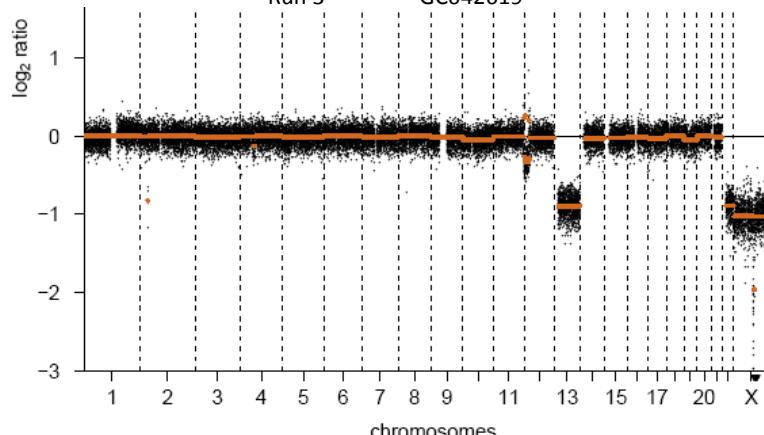
LPS op Hiseq4000 Single-end DNA input: **500 ng**
Run 3 GC042617



LPS op Hiseq4000 Single-end DNA input: **100 ng**
Run 3 GC042618



LPS op Hiseq4000 Single-end DNA input: **50 ng**
Run 3 GC042619



Result FISH: **Trisomy 1q** (zonder trisomie van centromeer) in 12% of the interphase cells ~ close to cut-off.
Balanced t(4;14)(p16;q32) in 98% of the interphase cells

FISH

Matrix: bone marrow plasma cells

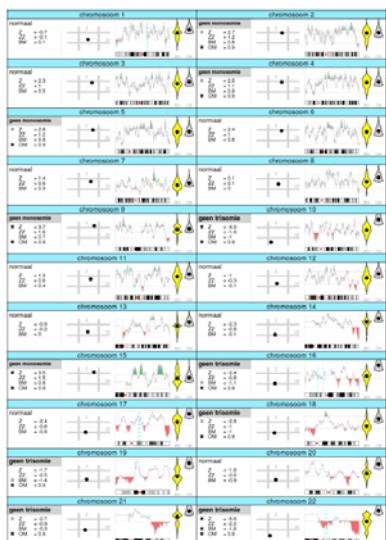
Per sonde werden 48 tot 100 interfasekernen onderzocht.

Dit onderzoek toont:

- trisomie 4p16 in 53% van de kernen.
 - trisomie 6p21 in 31-43% van de kernen.
 - tri/tetrasomie 9 in 29% van de kernen.
 - trisomie 11q13 in 45% van de kernen.
 - trisomie 20q12 in 32-43% van de kernen.
 - een afwijking van de regio 14q32: partiële verlies van één VH signaal in 37% van de kernen. Bijkomend onderzoek met specifieke probes (IgH/CCND1, FGFR3, CMAF, CCND3, MAFB) toont noch t(11;14), t(4;14), t(14;16), t(6;14), t(14;20).
 - de andere regio's lijken normaal. (chromosoom 8 is normaal)
=> Klonale afwijkingen.
- Hyperdiploidie, prognostisch gunstig (standard risico) bij MM.

Low-pass sequencing

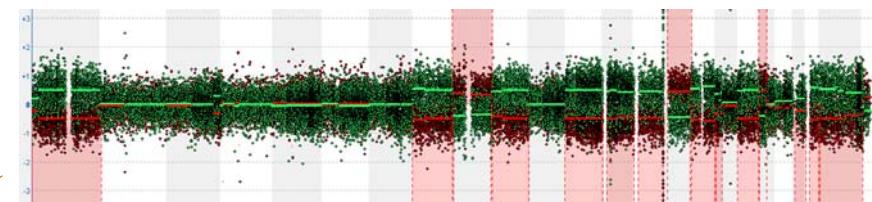
Matrix: cfDNA C1D1 (22/03/2016)



MM case 2
Plasma cells: 13,3 %

Array-CGH

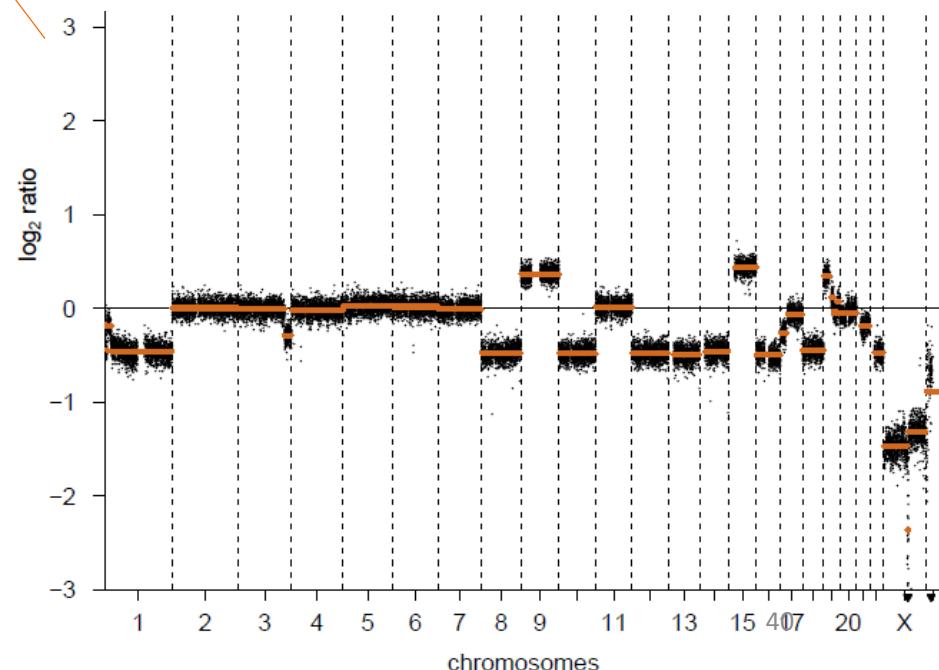
Matrix: bone marrow plasma cells



Hyperdiploid case:
both array and LPS are
NOT correct!

Low-pass sequencing

Matrix: bone marrow plasma cells



Karyotype
bone marrow after 5d culture:

46,XY[10]

FISH (Matrix: bone marrow plasma cells)
Per sonde werden 100 interfasekernen onderzocht.

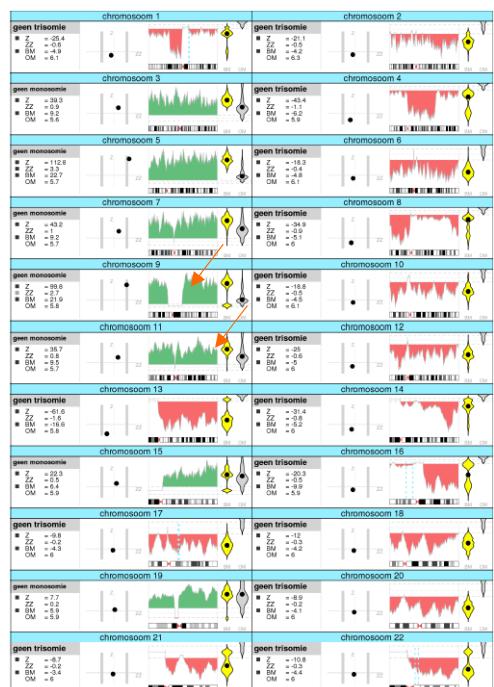
Dit onderzoek toont:

- tri/tetrasomie 9 in 89% van de kernen.
- trisomie 11q13 in 88% van de kernen.
- een afwijking van de regio 14q32: één gesplitst CH/VH signaal in 94% van de kernen. Bijkomend onderzoek met specifieke probes (IgH/CCND1, FGFR3, CMAF, CCND3, MAFB, CMYC) toont een niet-gebalanceerde t(8;14)(q24.3;q32) in 100% van de kernen.
- de andere regio's lijken normaal.

=> Klonale afwijkingen, o.a. **t(8;14)** (Burkitt translocatie). CMYC translocaties zijn laattijdige of "secundaire" afwijkingen in MM (prognostisch eerder ongunstig).

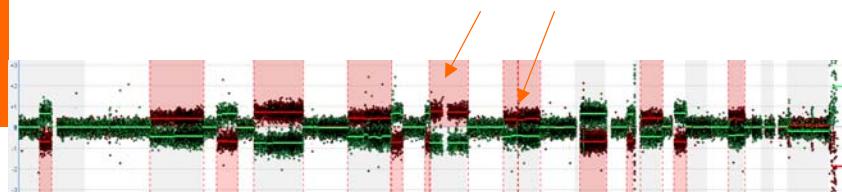
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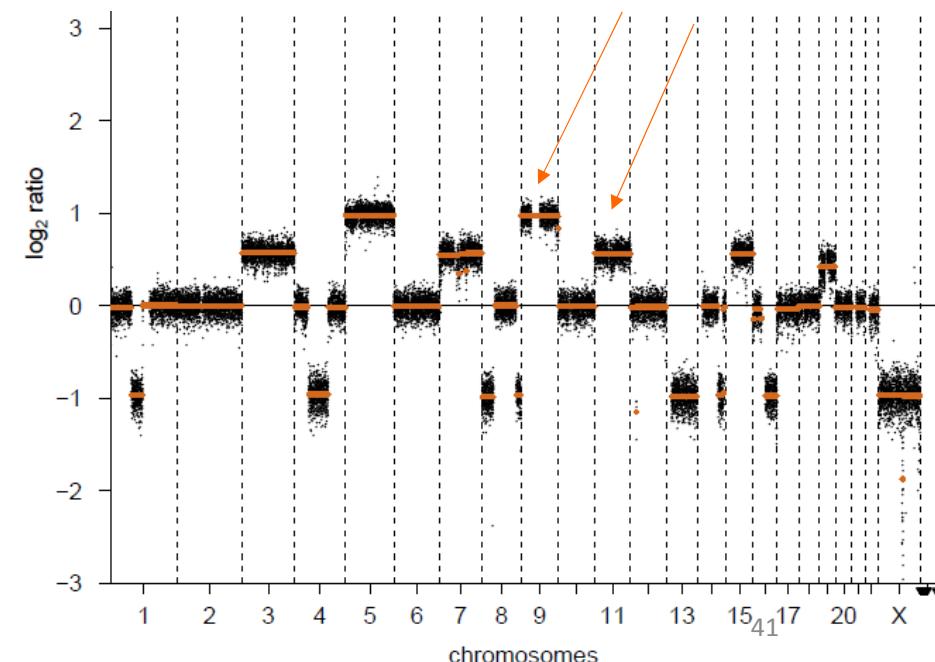
MM17
Plasma cell percentage : 67 %
(28/07/2016)

Array-CGH
Matrix: bone marrow plasma cells (28/07/2016)



Low-pass sequencing

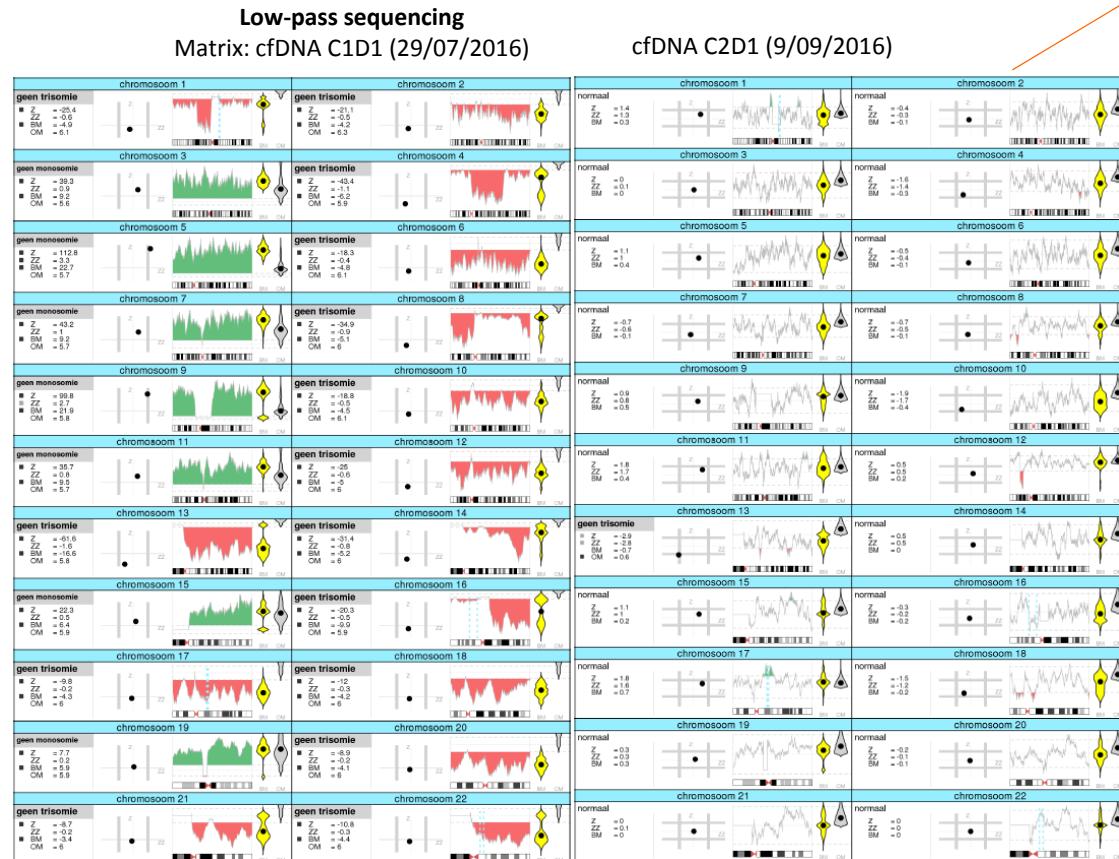
Matrix: bone marrow plasma cells (28/07/2016)



MM17

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Profile cfDNA normalises rapidly during treatment



M-piek in gammafractie (bloed):
28/06/2016: **47,4 g/L**

M-piek in gammafractie (bloed):
9/09/2016: **11,8 g/L**

Laagste Z-score C1D1: 7,7

hoogste Z-score C2D1: 2,9

C3D1 en C4D1 werden ook afgenomen, maar profiel al genormaliseerd daarom niet meer gesequenced.

FISH Matrix: bone marrow plasma cells

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Dit onderzoek toont:

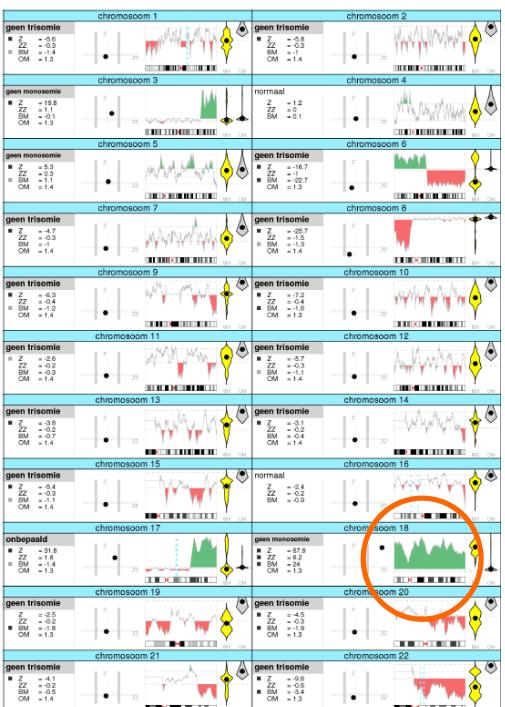
- een afwijking van de regio 14q32: één gesplitst CH/VH signaal in 82% van de kernen. Bijkomend onderzoek met specifieke probes (IgH/CCND1) toont een gebalanceerde t(11;14)(q13;q32) in 74% van de kernen.
- de andere regio's lijken normaal.

Klonale afwijking.

t(11;14), prognostisch gunstig (standard risico) bij MM

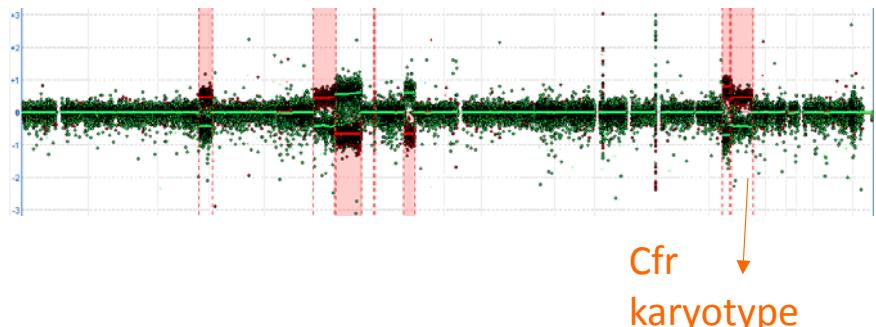
Low-pass sequencing

Matrix: cfDNA voor therapie (24/03/2017)



MM4
Plasma cell percentage
(24/03/2016): 43 %

Array-CGH
Matrix: bone marrow (niet-opgezuiverd maar geperkt in plasmacytoom)



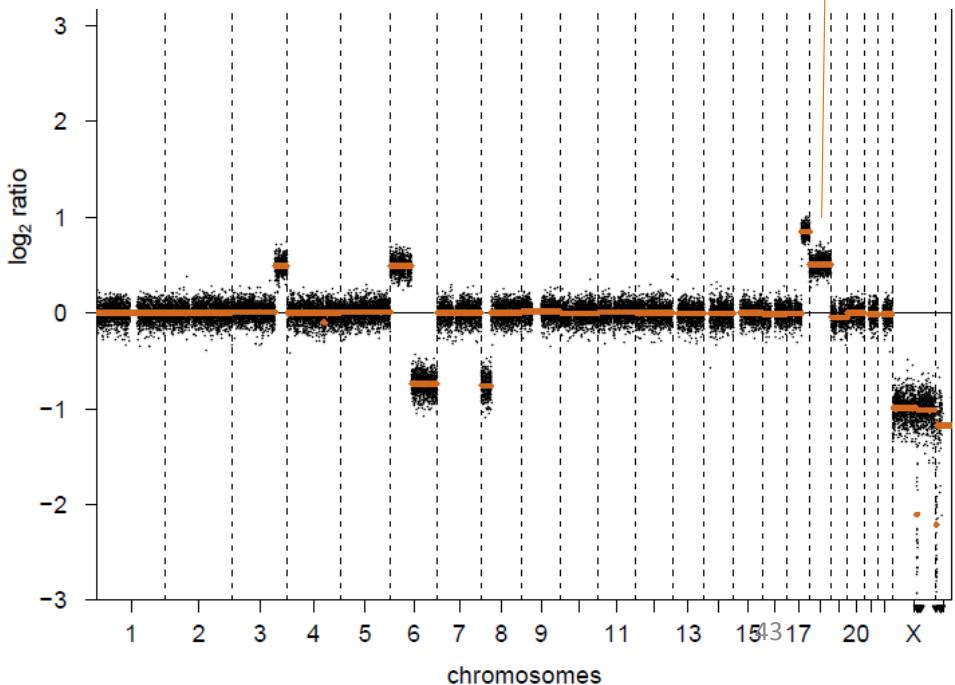
Karyotype

Matrix: bone marrow

48,XY,add(6)(q14),+add(6),-,add(9)(p13),t(11;14)(q13;q32),+18,+mar[6]

Low-pass sequencing

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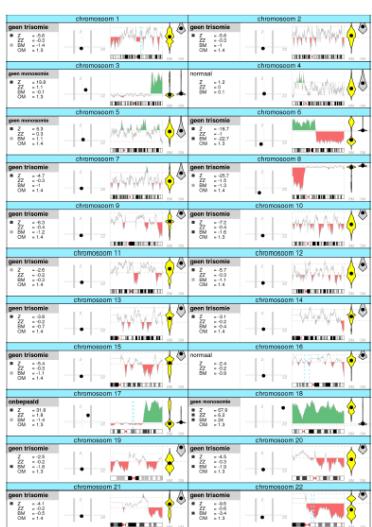


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Extra aberration?



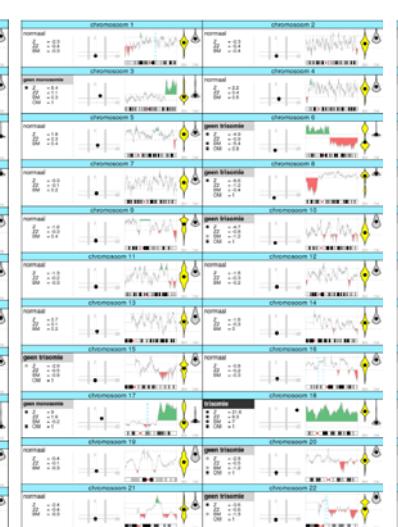
Voor C1D1 (24/03/2017)



C1D1 (22/04/2016)



C2D1 (20/05/2016)



C3D1 (17/06/2016)



C5D1 (9/09/2016)



C9D1 (30/12/2016)

M-piek in gammafractie (bloed):
24/03/2016: 39,2 g / L

M-piek in gammafractie (bloed):
20/05/2016: 30,1 g / L

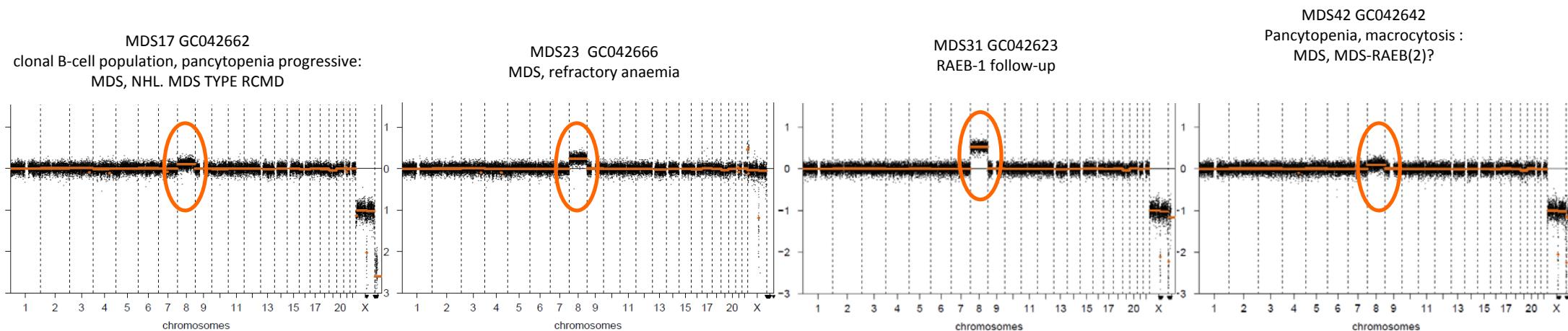
M-piek in gammafractie (bloed):
17/06/2016: 26,3 g / L

M-piek in gammafractie (bloed):
9/09/2016: 20,3 g / L

M-piek in gammafractie (bloed):
9/09/2016: 18,2 g / L

CcfDNA sequencing profiles before and after treatment of MM patient: no respons to treatment.

MDS: several examples with +8: trisomie 8 is easily detected, even if present in low percentage of cells



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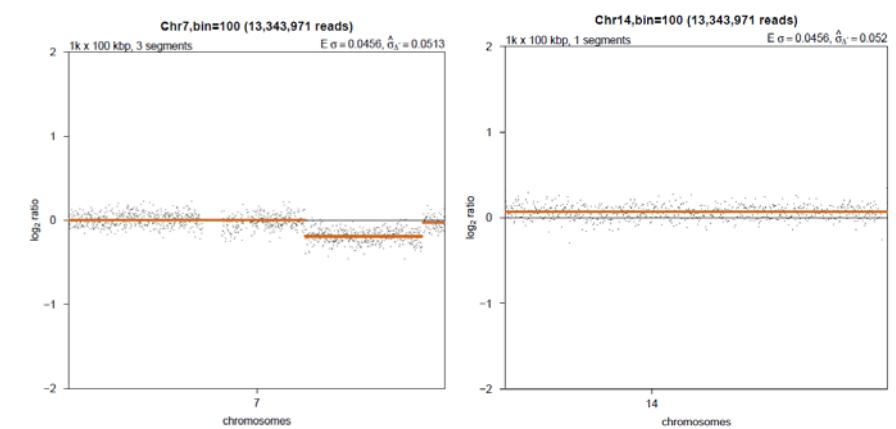
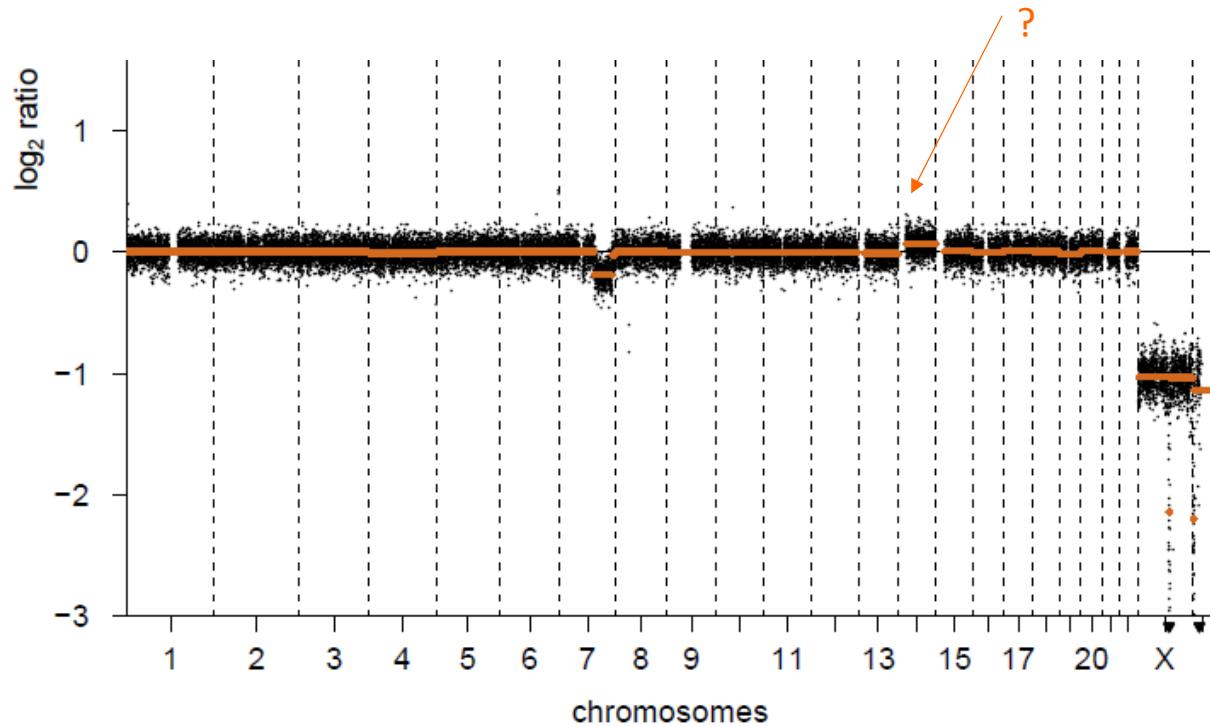
Karyotype: 47,XY,+8[2]/46,XY[8]
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MDS: several examples with -7 in karyotype

MDS21

Hypocellular marrow, dysplasia in the red lineage; MDS?

Karyotype: 46,XY,del(7)(q21q35)[3]/47,XY,+14[2]/46,XY[5]
IPSS-R: 3 – poor prognosis



All other chromosomes have a flat profile ...
trisomy 14?

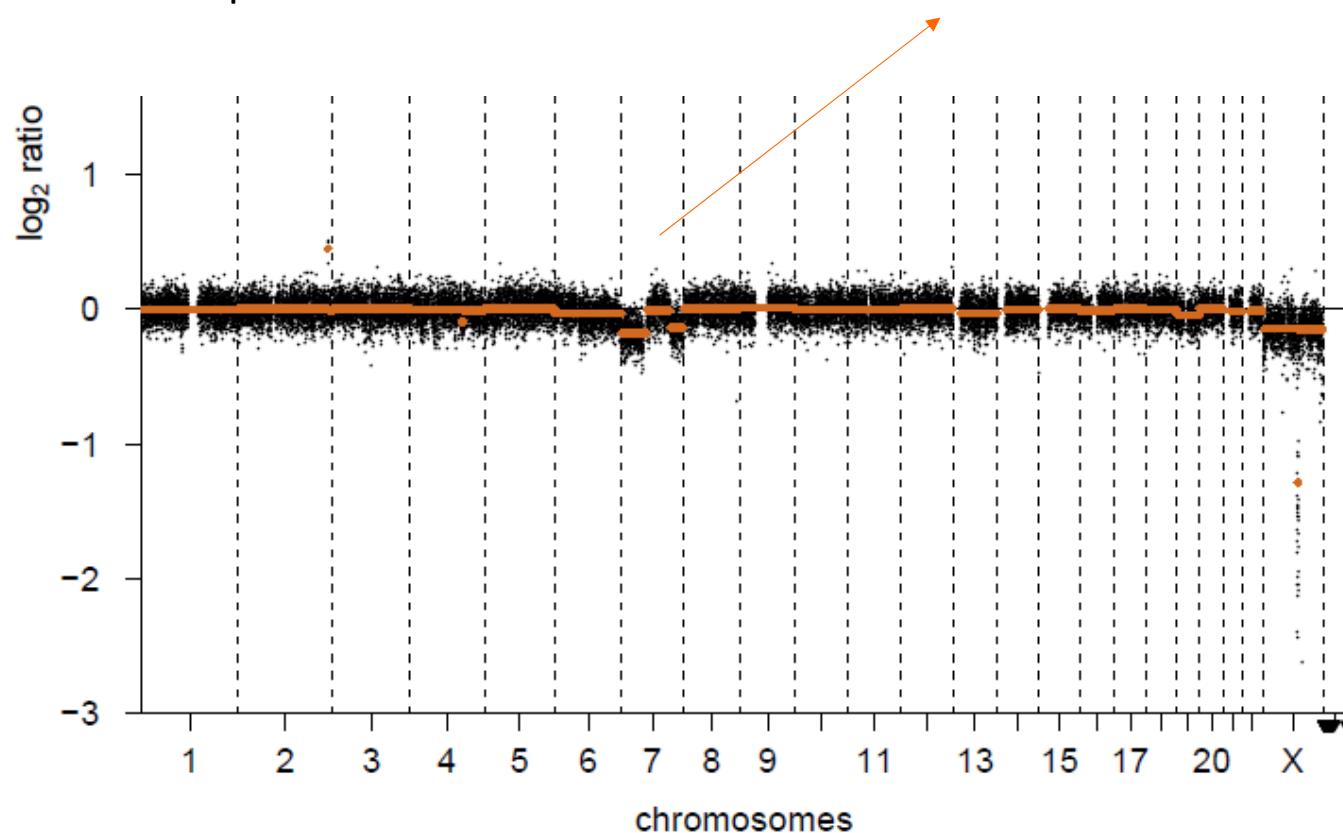
LPS: del(7)(q21q35),+14?
IPSS-R: 3 – poor prognosis

MDS: several examples with -7 in karyotype

MDS44

MDS-RCMD, Female 60y, status chimerism after
transplantation with male donor

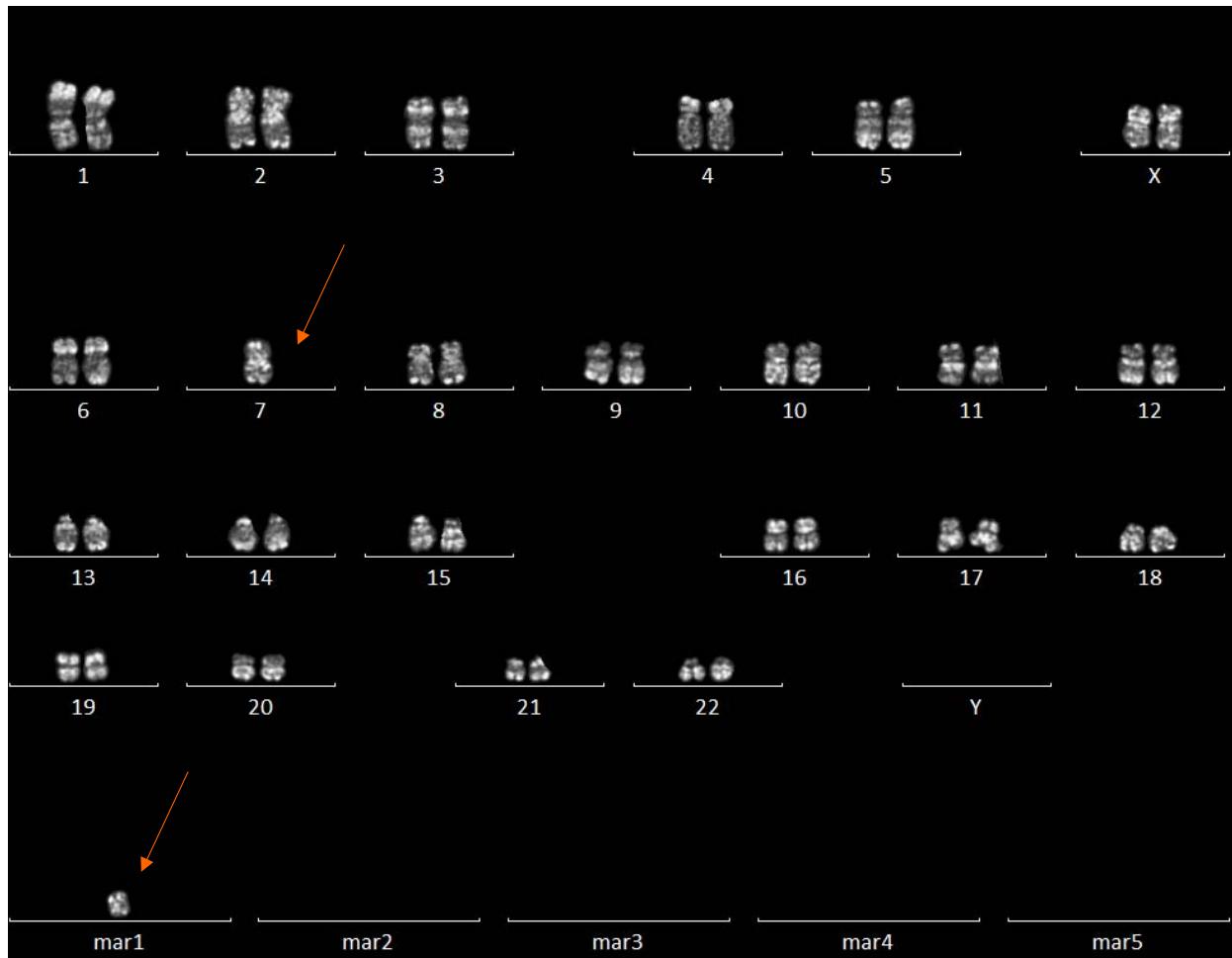
A quoi pensez-vous??



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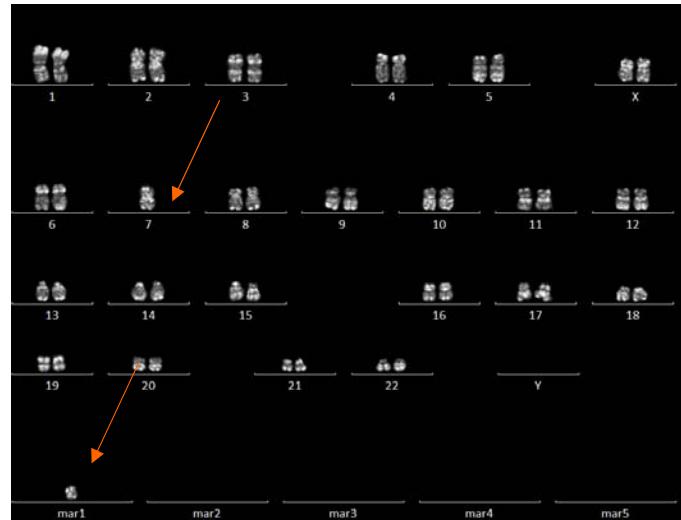
Karyotype: 46,XX,-7,+r[4]/46,XX[6]//46,XY[1]
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Conclusion karyotype:
90% receptor hematopoiesis.
Pseudodiploid karyotype with
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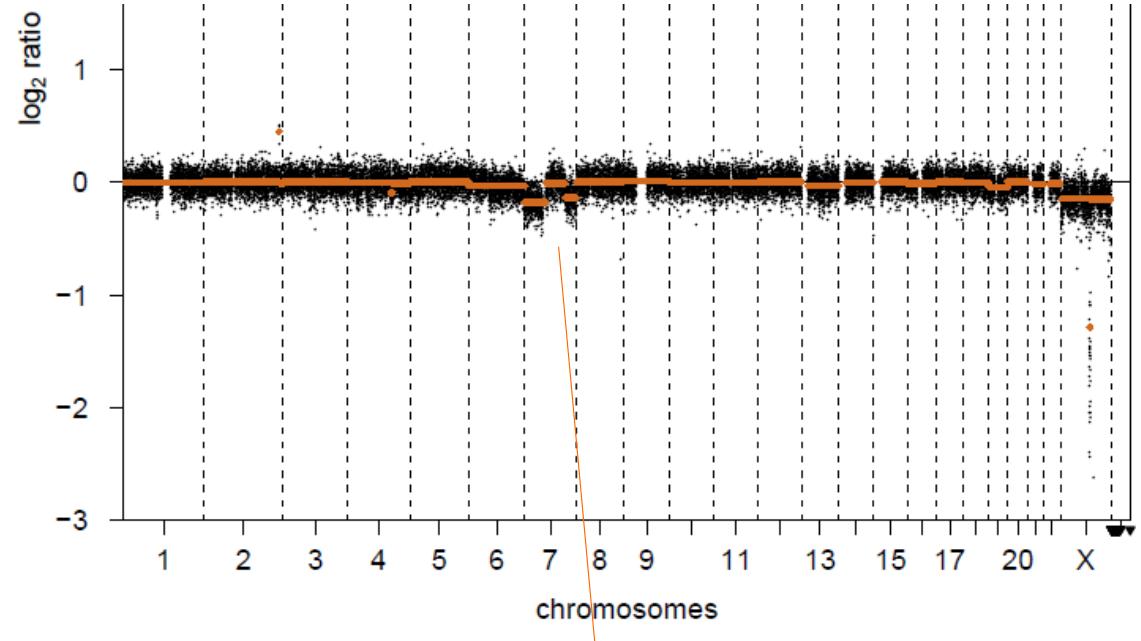
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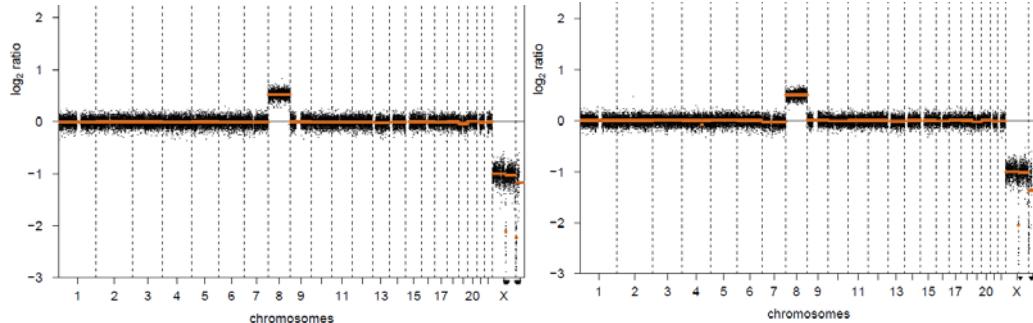
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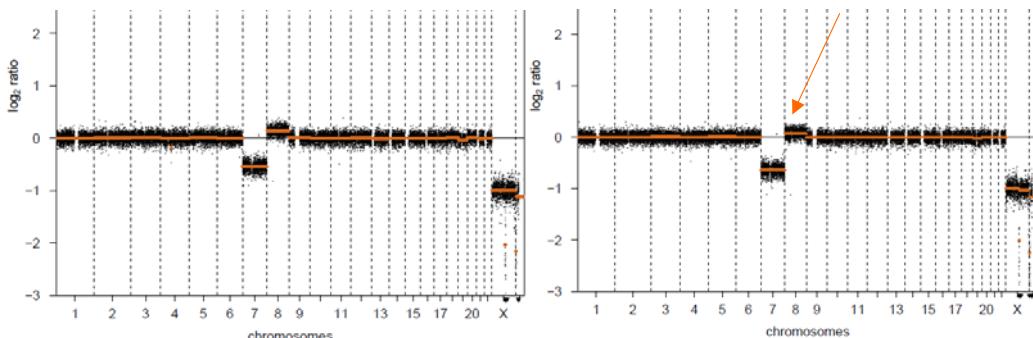
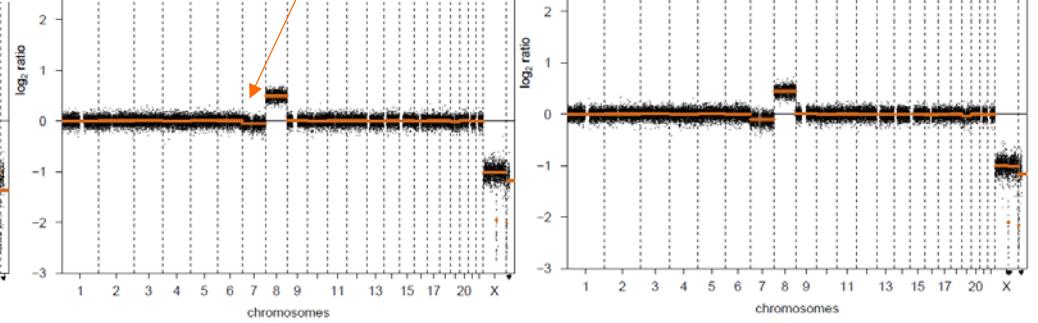
Ring of chromosome 7
Other chromosomes: rather flat profile.

Serial dilution: samples +8/-7 in karyotype

Karyotype MDS31: 47,XY,+8[10]



Karyotype MDS32: 45,XY,-7[10]



Low-pass sequencing is very sensitive and can detect aberrations in low % of cells: 10% in normal background is reliably detected

Cost

- Plasmocyte purification (EasySep II): 34,25 euro/sample
- DNA extraction: 25 euro/sample
- Library Prep (KAPA HTP; automated): 115 euro (this cost can be reduced, KAPA Hyper prep)
- Sequencing cost: 1345/lane (75 à 96 euro/sample)
- Cost array (x2: Dye Swap): 285 euro
- Array is more labor-intensive

Conclusions

- Low-pass sequencing costs less, shows less outliers and yields a better signal-to-noise ratio than array
- Detection of CN-LOH with LPS: ongoing ...