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CfDNA FMF contingent screening

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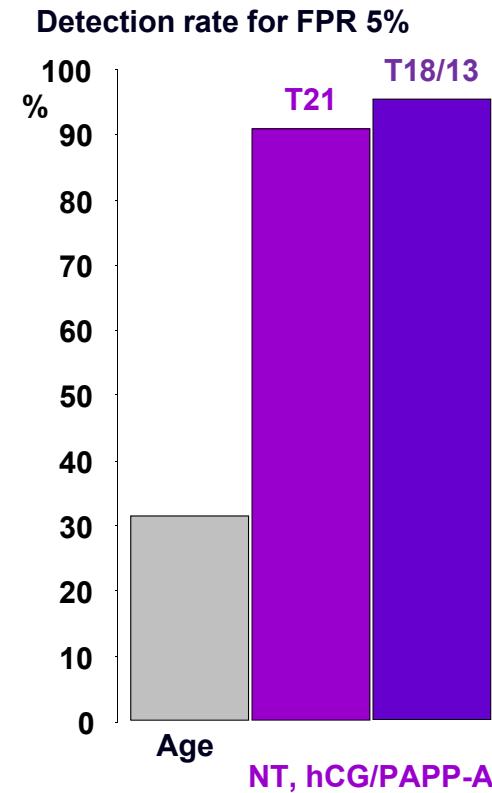
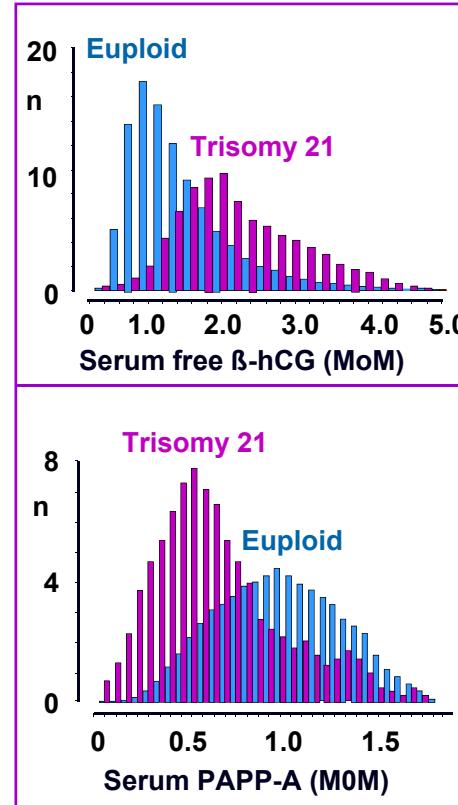
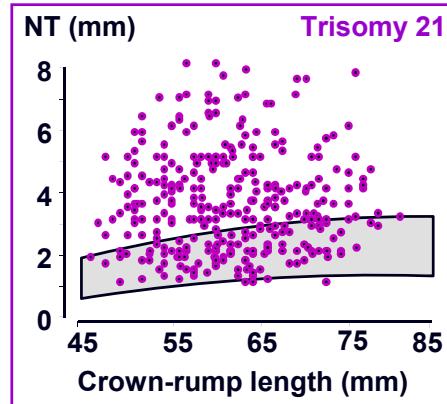


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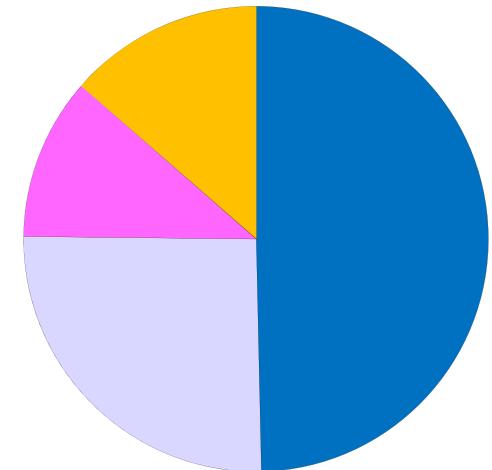
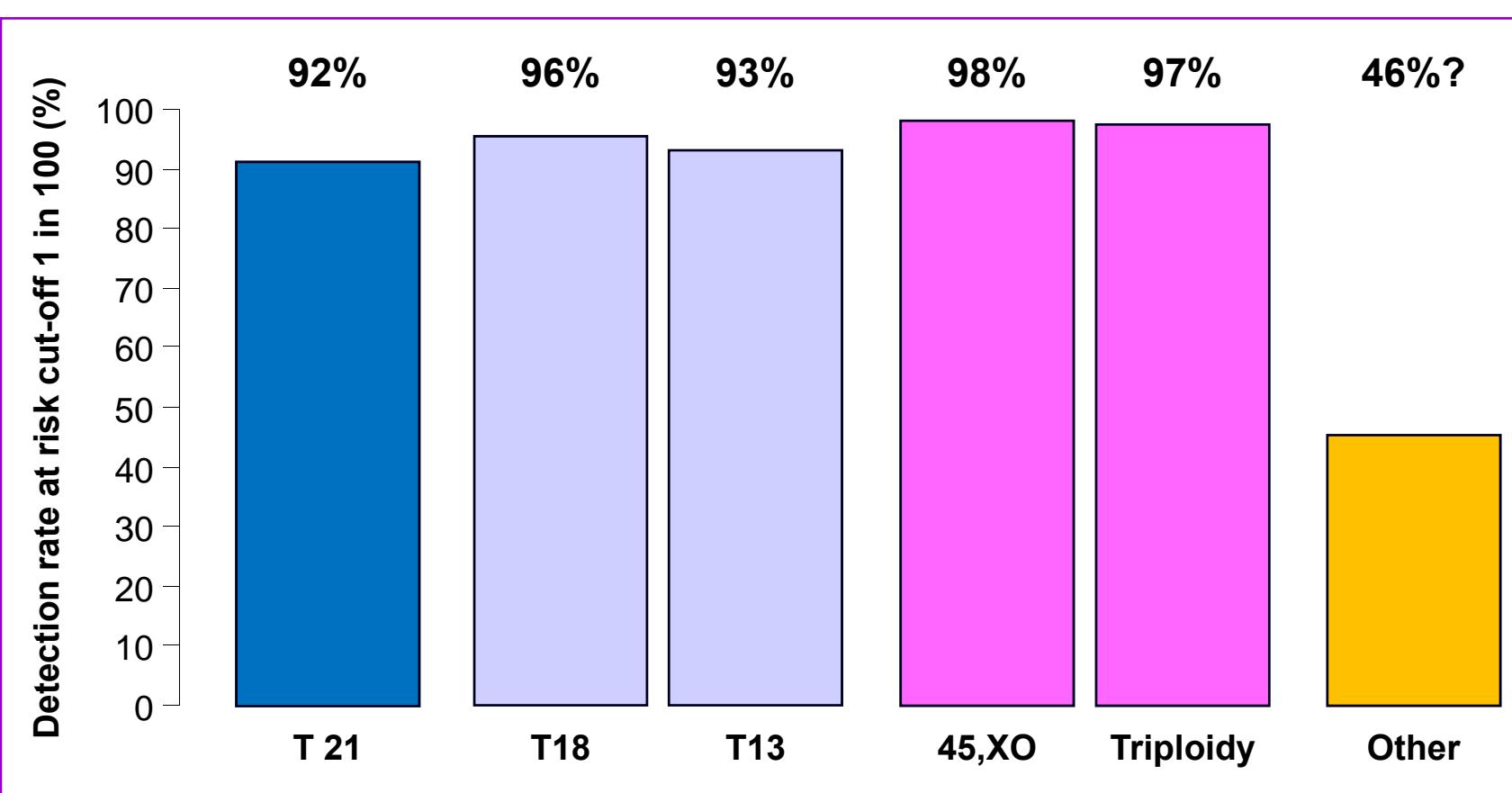
1st trimester combined test



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1st trimester combined test



Prospective validation of 1st trimester combined screening for trisomy 21 (n=108,982); FPR 5.3%

A beneficial side-effect of screening for trisomy 21 is detection of many other aneuploidies



50% T21



80% T13



20% all



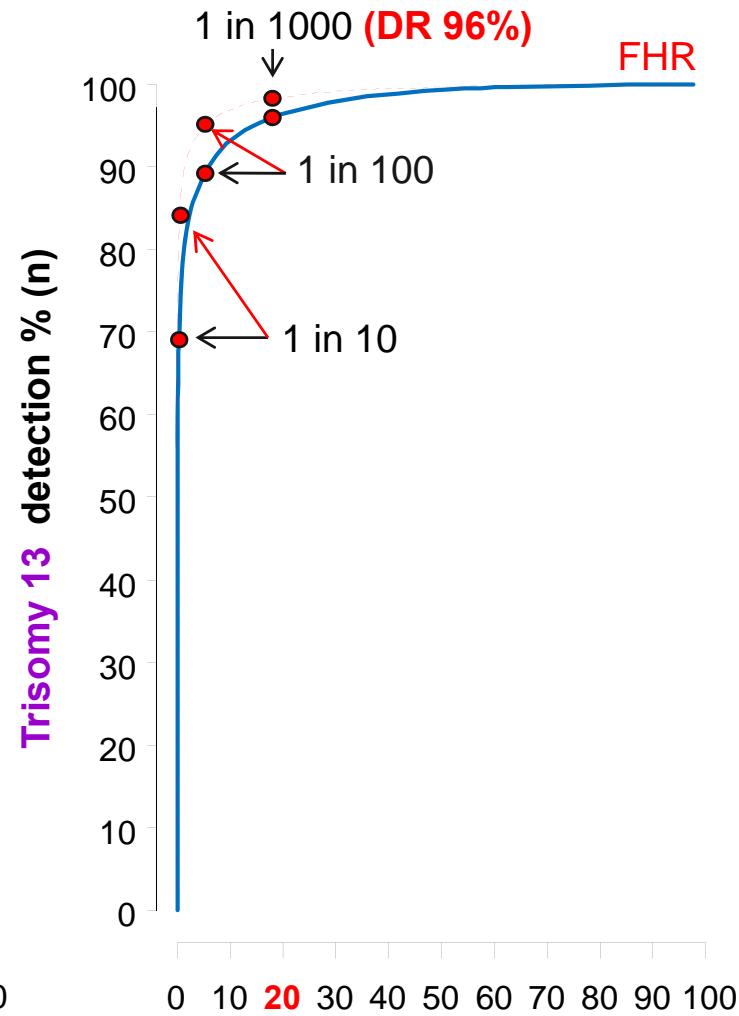
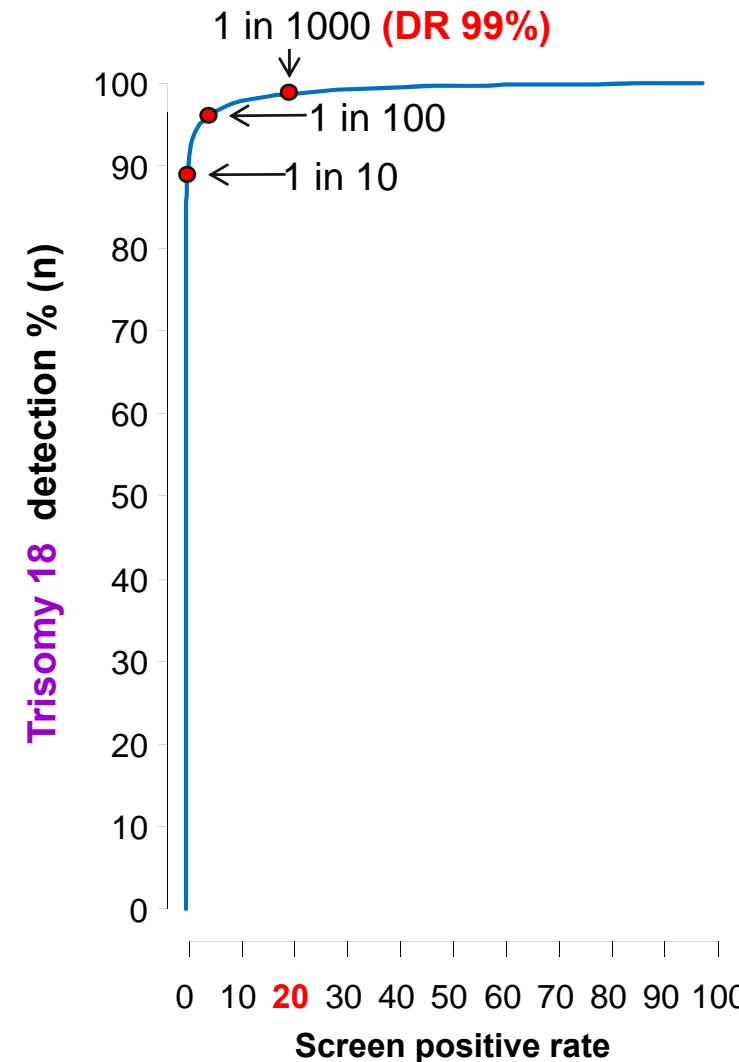
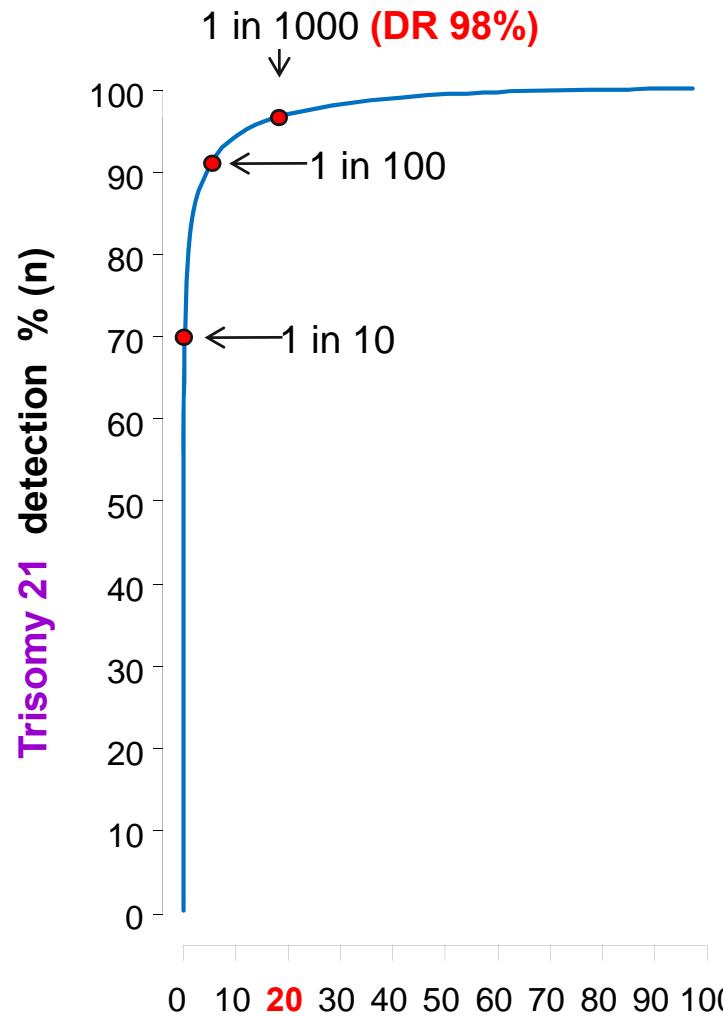
45% T18

Screen +ve rate 1.1%

**This group contained
57% of all aneuploidies**

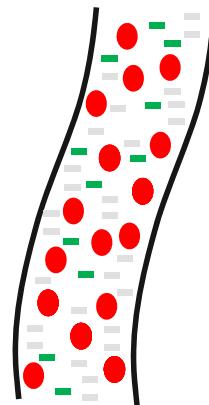


Trisomy 21	53%
Trisomy 18	72%
Trisomy 13	88%
Triploidy	34%
Monosomy X	94%
Other	23%





Maternal
blood



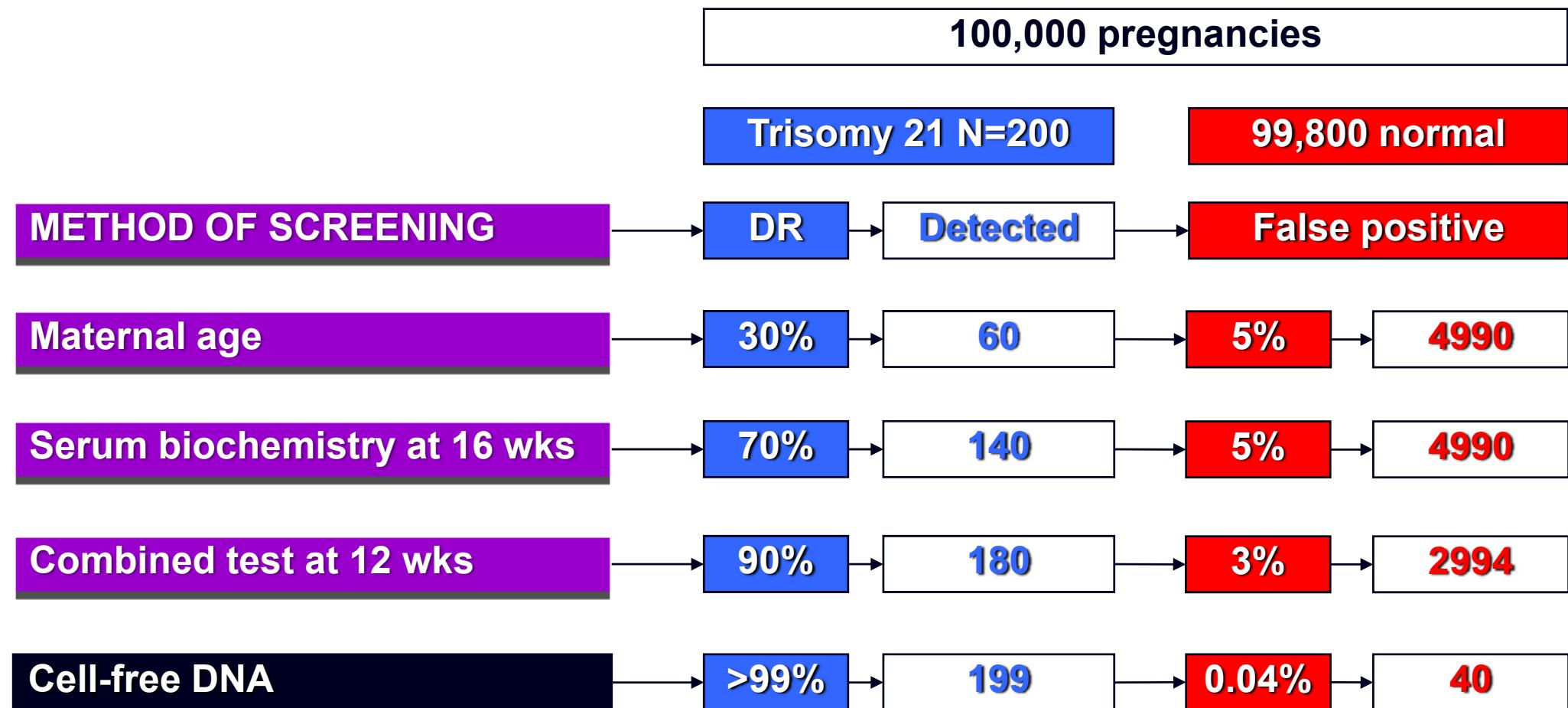
		DR	FPR
Trisomy 21	n=1,963	99.7%	0.04%
Trisomy 18	n= 560	98.2%	0.05%
Trisomy 13	n= 119	99.5%	0.05%

Updated meta-analysis 31 December 2016



Screening for Down syndrome

Cell-free DNA in maternal blood





- **Which conditions to screen for**
- **Interpretation of results**
- **Importance of fetal fraction**
- **Test failure**
- **Screening in twins**
- **Models of implementation**



Screening for sex chromosome aneuploidies

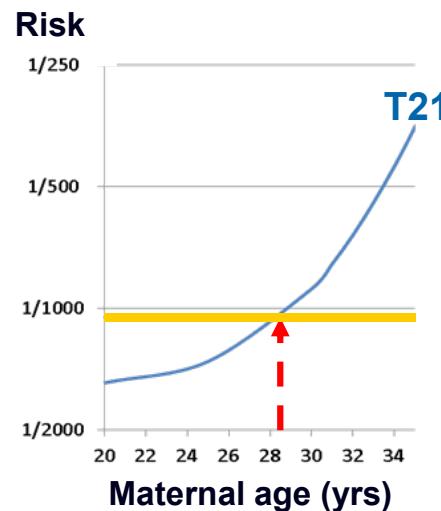
- Lethal Turners easily detectable by ultrasound
- Most cases are mild without intellectual disability
- 50% of sex chromosome aneuploidies are mosaics
- High incidence of maternal mosaicism
- Performance of screening is uncertain
 - Failure rate is higher than for T21
 - Detection rate is lower (about 90%) than for T21 (>99%)
 - False +ve rate is higher (about 0.3%) than for T21 (<0.1%)
 - Positive predictive value much lower than for T21
- Management of positive result: need for amniocentesis



Cell free DNA test

Which aneuploidies?

Microdeletions	1/ births	$\geq 3\text{ Mb}$
22q11.2 deletion	2-4,000	85%
Angelman / Prader Willi (15q11.2-q13 deletion)	20,000	70%
1p36 del	5,000	85%
Cri-du-chat (5p deletion)	50,000	99%



Di George - common features:

- 75% immune deficiencies
- 50% hypocalcemia
- 30% feeding problems
- 35% renal abnormalities
- 75% cardiac defects
- 95% intellectual deficits
- 25% schizophrenia in adulthood

- Detection rates *: 60-99%
- Total false positive rates: 1%
- Positive predictive value for 22q11.2 deletion: 5%
- Proportion of cfDNA panel of significant microdeletions: 10%

* quoted by companies, but do not include those of <3 Mb



- **Trisomy 21** **YES**
- **Trisomies 18/13** **Yes**
- **Sex chromosomes** **No**
- **Triploidy** **No**
- **Microdeletions** **Not yet**



Cell free DNA test

Interpretation of results

		DR	FPR	LR +ve	LR -ve
Trisomy 21	n=1,963	99.7%	0.04%	2509	300
Trisomy 18	n= 560	98.2%	0.05%	2122	18
Trisomy 13	n= 119	99.5%	0.04%	2819	100



Cell free DNA test

Interpretation of results

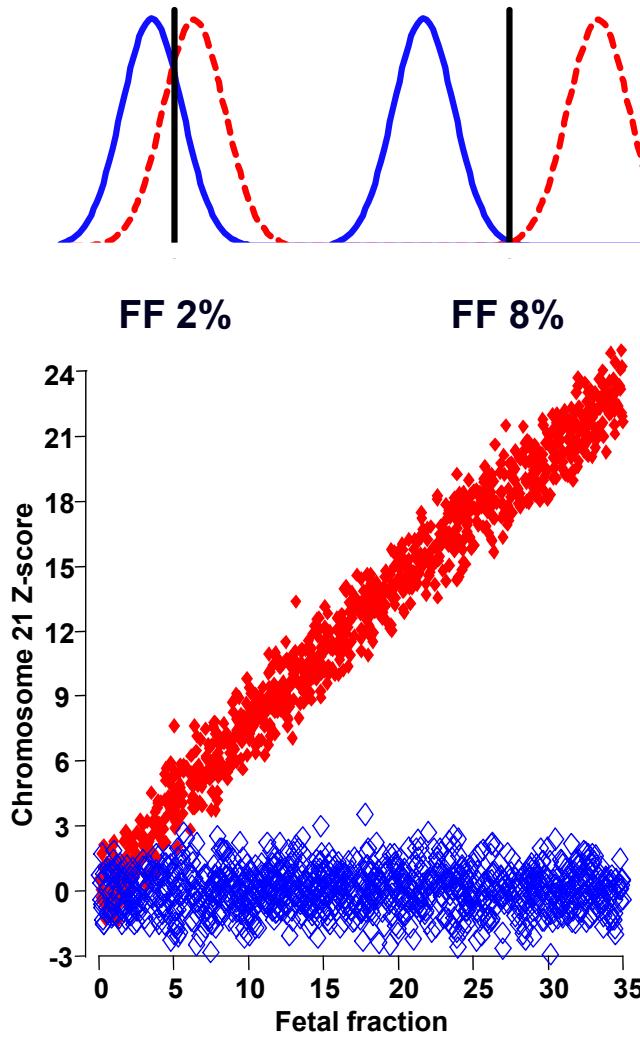
Trisomy 21

• DR	99.7%
• FPR	0.05%
• LR +ve	2509
• 1/(LR -ve)	300

<i>a priori</i> risk	<i>Odds of being affected</i>	
	cfDNA +ve	cfDNA -ve
1:100,000	1 in 42 (2.4%)	1 in 30,000,000
1:10,000	1 in 6 (20.1%)	1 in 3,000,000
1:1,000	1 in 1.4 (71.5%)	1 in 300,000
1:500	1 in 1.2 (83.4%)	1 in 150,000
1:100	1 in 1.03 (93.2%)	1 in 30,000
1:10	1 in 1.004 (99.6%)	1 in 3,000
1:2	1 in 1.001 (99.9%)	1 in 600



Importance of fetal fraction



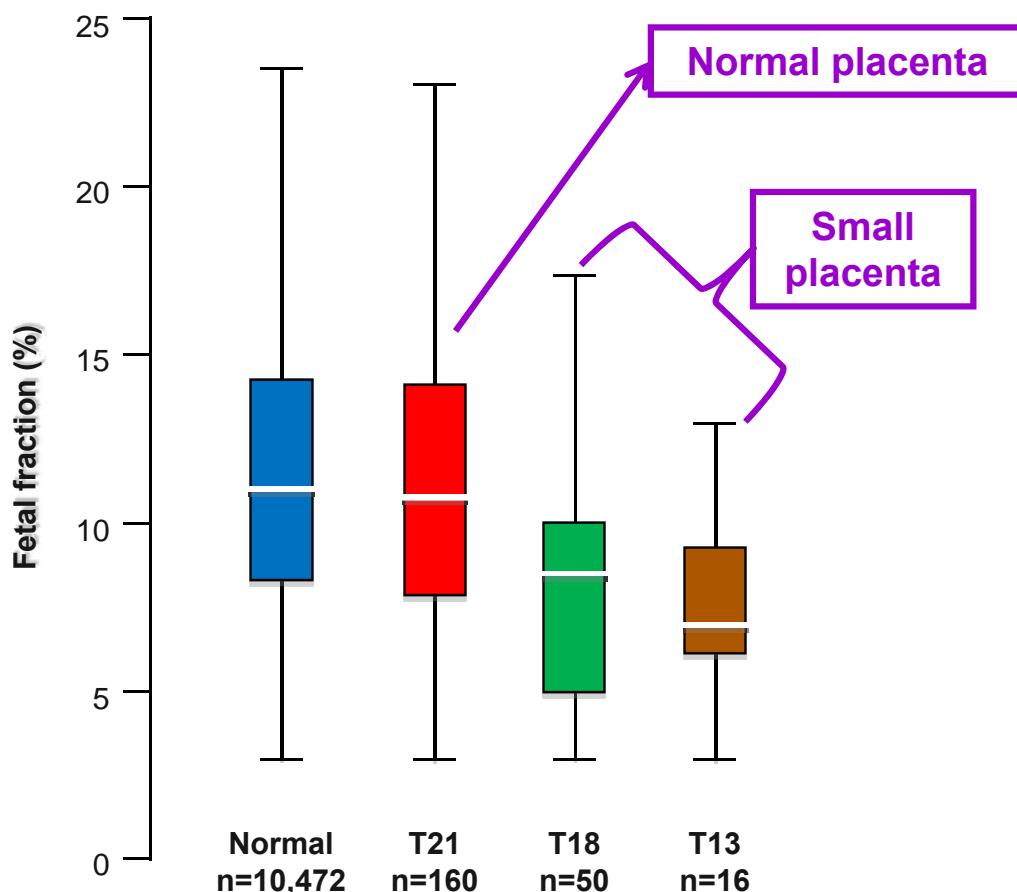
Fetal fraction	cfDNA test	
	FPR (%)	DR (%)
4%	0.1	62.1
5%	0.1	87.4
6%	0.1	97.6
7%	0.1	99.8
8%	0.1	100
9%	0.1	100
≥10%	0.1	100
All	0.1	99.0



Cell free DNA test

Test failure

Singleton pregnancies (n=10,698)



Failed result:

Normal
Trisomy 21
Trisomy 18
Trisomy 13

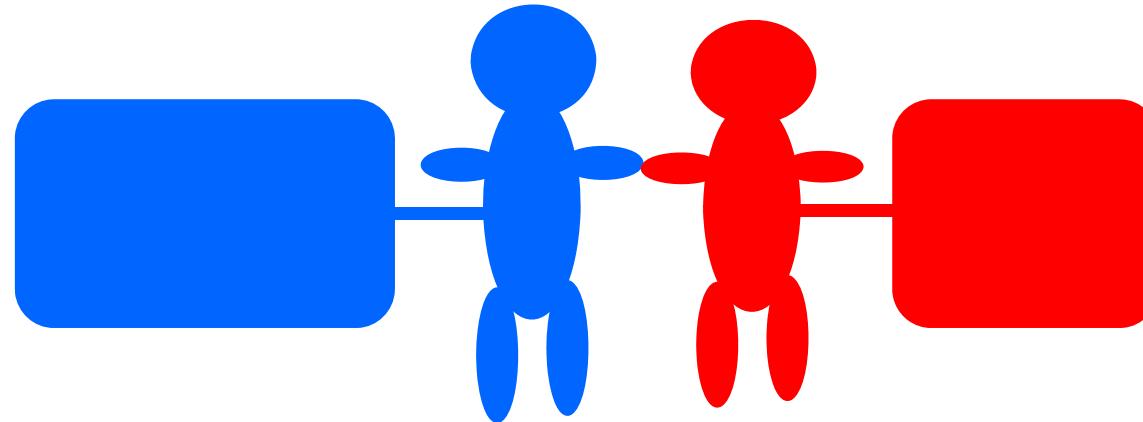
304 (2.9%)
3 (1.9%)
4 (8.0%)
1 (6.2%)

Combined risk >1 in 5
Ultrasound defects



Cell free DNA test

Screening in twins



DC twins:

- The placental products of the normal fetus may mask the abnormality of the co-twin.
- Measure fetal fraction in both.

- The test is not offered by all companies
- Only some companies measure fetal fraction



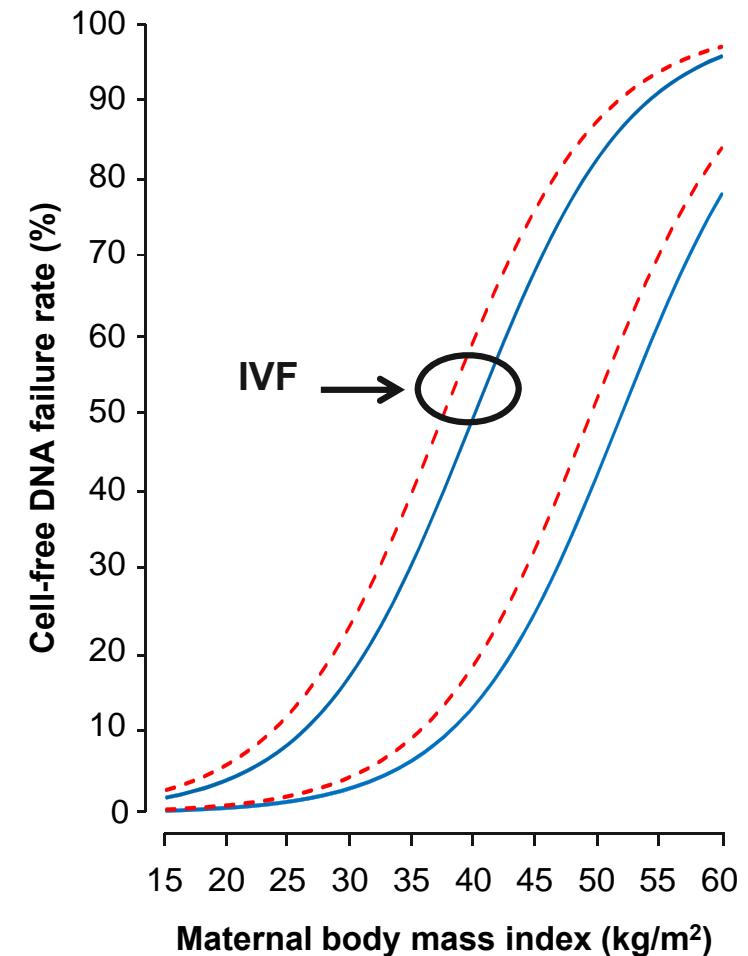
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Failure in singletons and twins

Harmony test in 10,698 singletons and 438 twins
Significant predictors of fetal fraction & cfDNA test failure: increasing BMI, IVF conception and twins

BMI (kg/m ²)	Rate of failure of cell free DNA testing (%)			
	Singleton pregnancy		Twin pregnancy	
	Spontaneous	IVF	Spontaneous	IVF
20	0.6	4	1	6
25	1.4	9	2	12
30	3	17	5	24
35	7	32	10	41
40	14	51	19	61
45	26	70	35	77
50	44	84	54	88

High failure rate in twins, compared to singletons (9% vs. 3%) mainly because many twins are IVF conceptions (56% in twins vs. 10% in singletons)





Cell free DNA test

Validation / implementation in twins

Stored samples from pregnancies with known outcome

Trisomy 21: DR 23/24 (96%)

Canick *et al*: Prenat Diagn 2012; 32: 730

Trisomy 18: DR 1/1 (100%)

Gil *et al*: Fetal Diagn Ther 2014; 35 : 204

Trisomy 13: DR 2/2 (100%)

Gromminger *et al*: J Clin Med 2014; 3: 679

FPR: 0/321 (0%)

Fosler *et al*: Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol 2016;doi10.1002/uog

Prospective studies with complete outcome

Trisomy 21: DR 25/25 (100%)

Lau *et al*: J Matern Fetal Neonatal Med 2013; 26: 434

Trisomy 18: DR 4/6 (67%)

Huang *et al*: Prenat Diagn 2014; 34: 335

Trisomy 13: DR 0/1 (0%)

Benachi *et al*: Obstet Gynecol 2015; 125: 1330

FPR: 1/1098 (0.2%)

Papageorghiou *et al*: Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol 2016; 47: 188

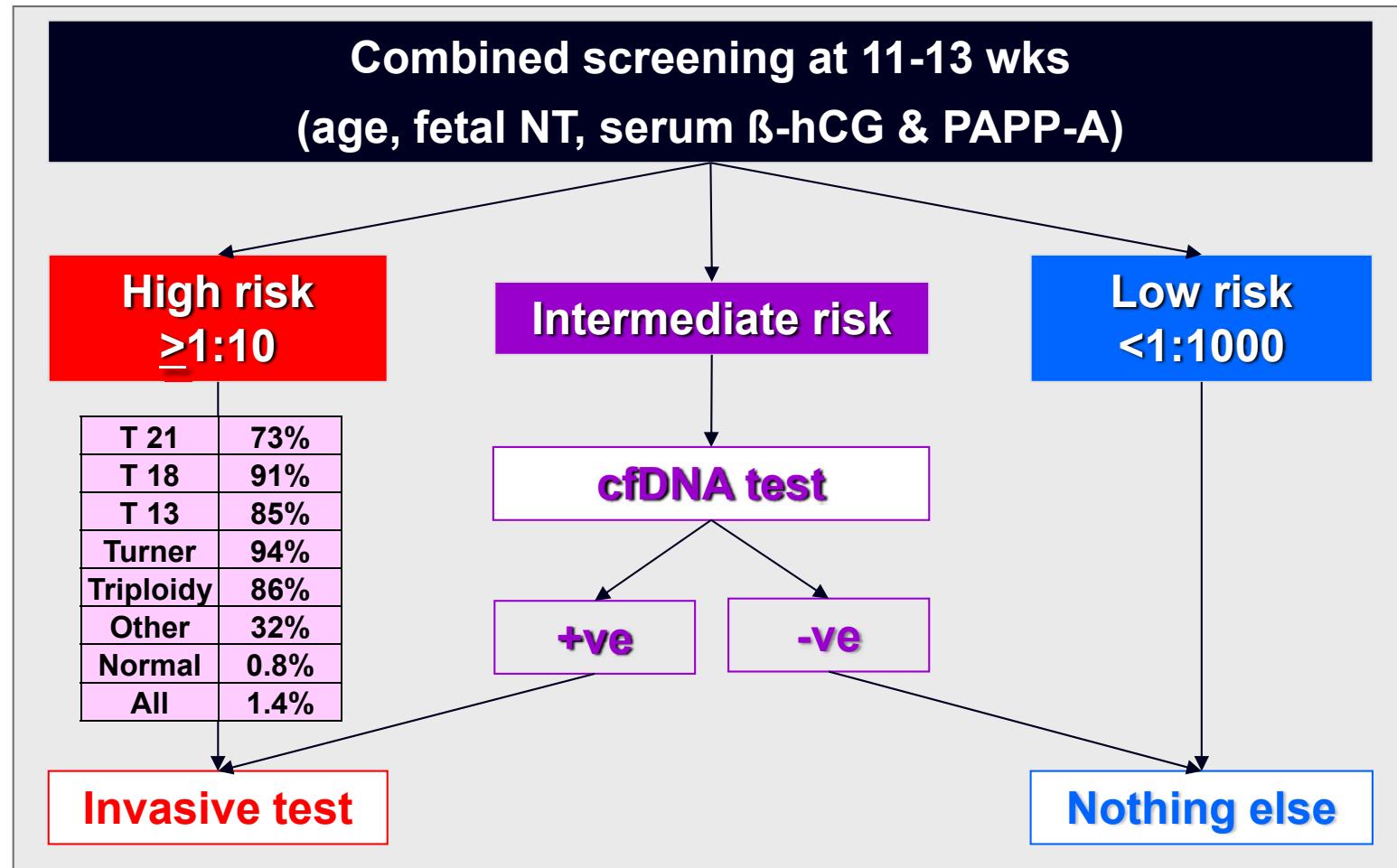
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Cell free DNA test

Model of clinical implementation



Cut off	FPR (%)	DR T21 (%)
100	2.2	87.0
200	3.9	90.4
300	5.4	92.1
400	6.7	93.2
500	7.9	94.0
1000	13.0	96.1
1500	17.2	97.0
2000	20.8	97.6
2500	23.9	98.0
3000	26.6	98.3
3500	29.0	98.5
4000	31.3	98.7
5000	35.2	98.9
6000	38.7	99.1

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Cell free DNA test

Miscarriage from amnio / CVS



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Gynaecologists

Amnio 1%

BC 1-2%



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
OBSTETRICIANS AND
GYNECOLOGISTS

Amnio 0.3-0.5%

BC 0.3-0.5%



THE SOCIETY OF
OBSTETRICIANS AND
GYNAECOLOGISTS
OF CANADA

Amnio 0.2-1.5%

BC 0.2-1.5%



Sociedad
Espanola de
Ginecología y
Obstetricia

Amnio 0.2-1.5%

BC 0.7-1%

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SEGO: Diagnóstico prenatal de los defectos congénitos. *Cribado de las anomalías cromosómicas*. 2010.



King's College hospital study

Singleton pregnancies with combined screening at 11-13 w

- Expectant management
- Livebirth n = 33,310; Miscarriage n = 404 (1.2%)
- Regression model to predict miscarriage

Variable	OR	95% CI
Age (per year)	0.870	0.766-0.988
Delta nuchal translucency	1.778	1.496-2.114
Ductus venosus: reversed a-wave	2.208	1.508-3.232
Log ₁₀ PAPP-A MoM	0.356	0.233-0.543

CVS n = 2,396

Miscarriage

Observed: 44 (1.8%)

Expected: 45 (95% CI 32-58)



Danish study

- 147,987 singleton pregnancies
- All had first trimester combined screening
- Propensity score stratification

Miscarriage risk difference:

CVS	-0.2%
Amniocentesis	0.6%

Stillbirth risk difference:

CVS	-0.3%
Amniocentesis	0.1%



- **Which conditions to screen for: T21 and perhaps 18 / 13**
- **Interpretation of results: Modify prior risk with +ve and –ve LRs**
- **Importance of fetal fraction: Depends on the company**
- **Test failure: Does not increase the risk for trisomy 21**
- **Screening in twins: Need for more data on accuracy**
- **Models of implementation: Intermediate risk from combined test**
- **Risk of miscarriage from invasive test: 1 in 1000**

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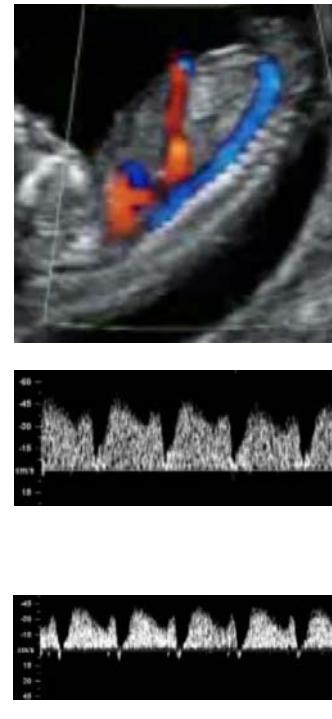
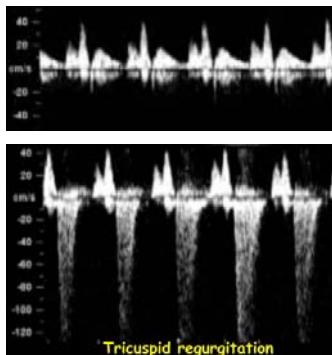
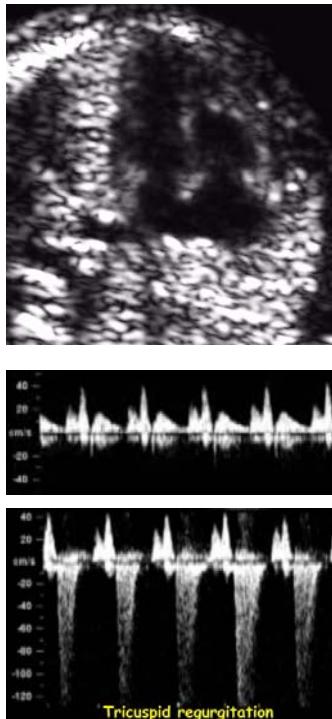
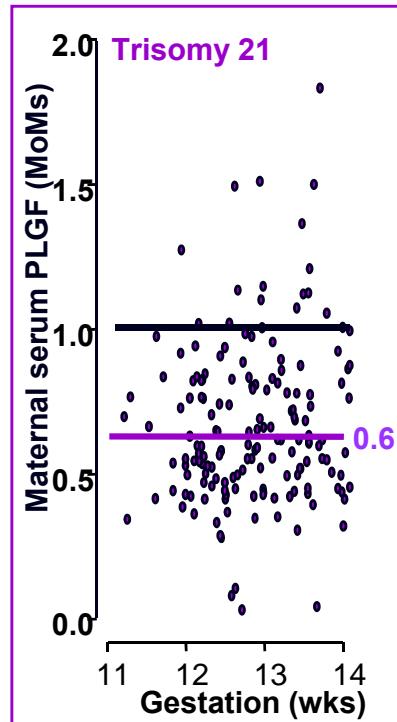


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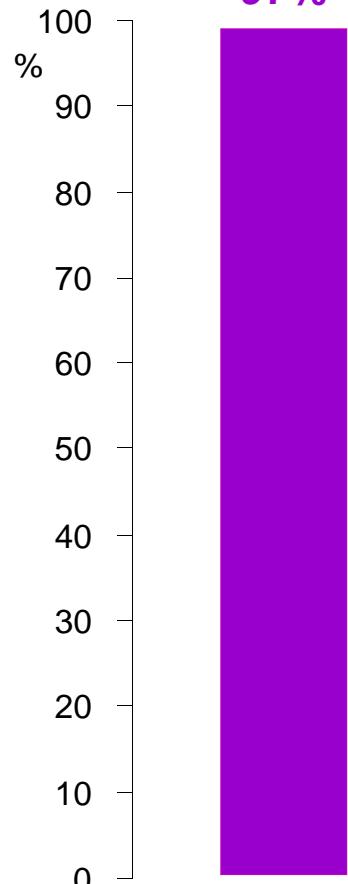


Screening for Down syndrome

1st trimester combined test PLUS



DR for FPR 3%



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