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indicatori di rischio e predittori prognostici nei disturbi
dell'integrazione sensoriale e nello spettro autistico**

Programma preliminare

Il corso teorico-pratico, accreditato ECM, è rivolto a medici pediatri, si svolgerà in 6 sessioni oltre a lezioni teoriche di approfondimento per i singoli argomenti del programma, è prevista la partecipazione di professionisti di diverse specialità al fine di rendere completa e multidimensionale la trattazione di ogni area.

LETAMATICHE PRINCIPALI NELLE SINGOLE SESSIONI SARANNO:

- LA VALUTAZIONE NEUROPSICOEVOLUTIVA DEL NEONATO E DEL BAMBINO NEI PRIMI DUE ANNI, I PRINCIPALI DISTURBI E LE TRAIETTORIE EVOLUTIVE
- LA SOMMINISTRAZIONE DELLA SCHEDA DI SCREENING NEUROEVOLUTIVO A 24 MESI
- I DISTURBI DELLA PROCESSAZIONE/INTEGRAZIONE SENSORIALE E I DISTURBI DELLO SPETTRO AUTISTICO
- GLI INDICATORI PRECOCI E PROGNOSTICI NEI DISTURBI DELLO SPETTRO AUTISTICO
- SESSIONE PRATICA: ESERCITAZIONE TRAMITE PRESENTAZIONE DI VIDEO PER LA COMPILAZIONE DELLA SCHEDA
- SESSIONE PRATICA: ESERCITAZIONE TRAMITE PRESENTAZIONE DI VIDEO PER L'INDIVIDUAZIONE DEI PREDITTORI PROGNOSTICI NELL'AUTISMO
- APPROFONDIMENTI TEORICI SU OGNI TEMATICA AFFRONTATA

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Le basi genetiche dei disordini neuroevolutivi: panoramica su quadri sindromici o geneticamente determinati

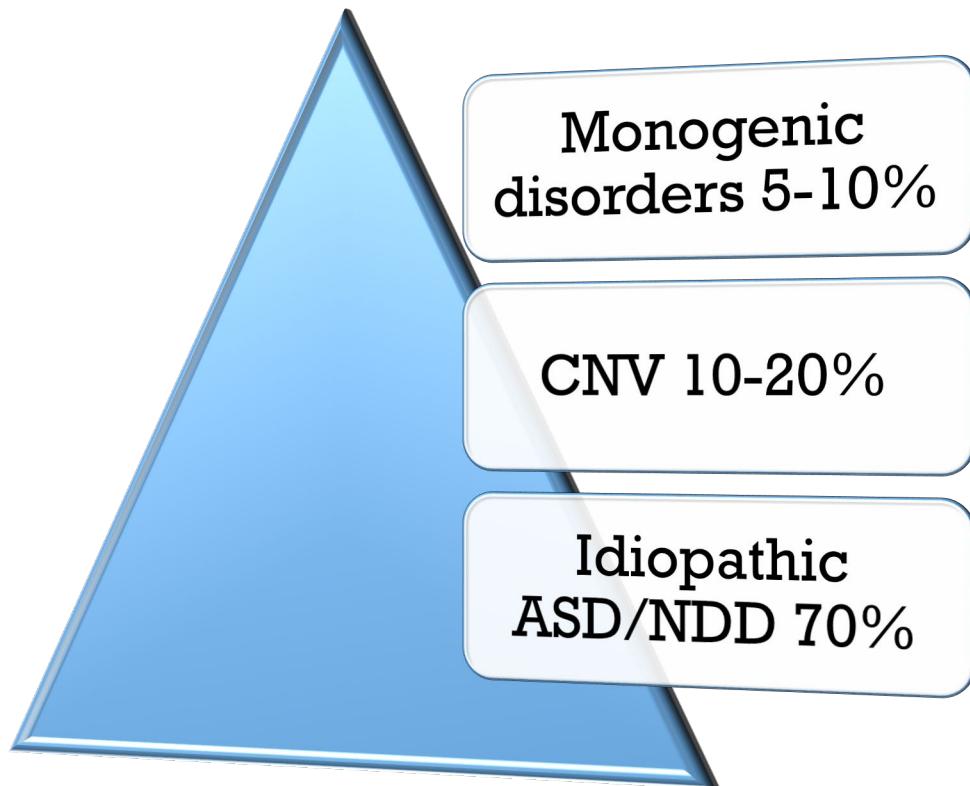
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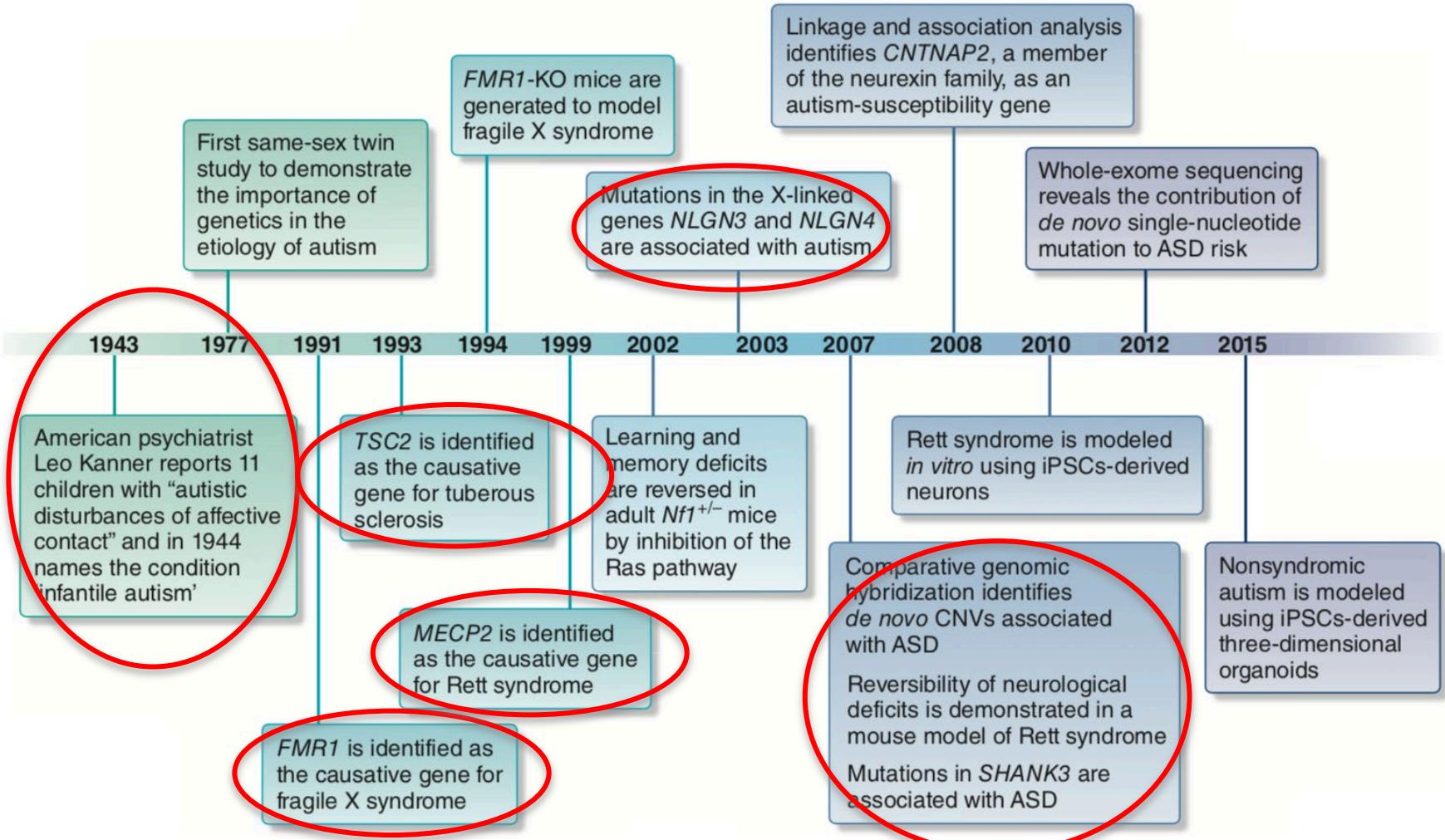
The Genetics of Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders

The term “**neurodevelopmental disorders**” is clinically defined in psychiatry as “*a group of conditions with onset in the developmental period... characterized by developmental deficits that produce impairments of personal, social, academic, or occupational functioning*” [DSM-5].

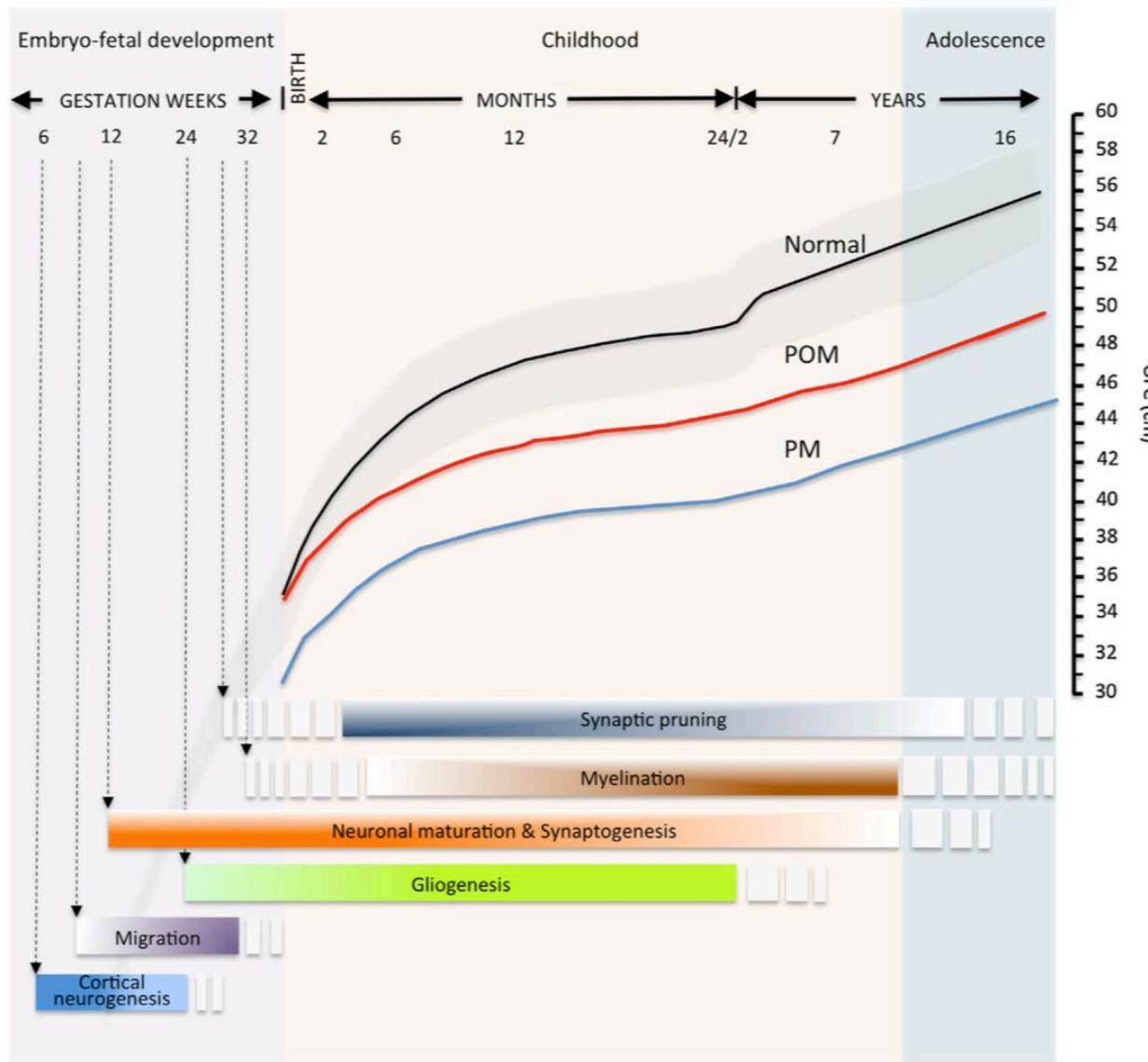
This term encompasses the clinical categories of **intellectual disability** (ID), **developmental delay** (DD), **autism spectrum disorders** (ASD), **attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder** (ADHD), **speech and language disorders**, **specific learning disorders**, **tic disorders** and others.



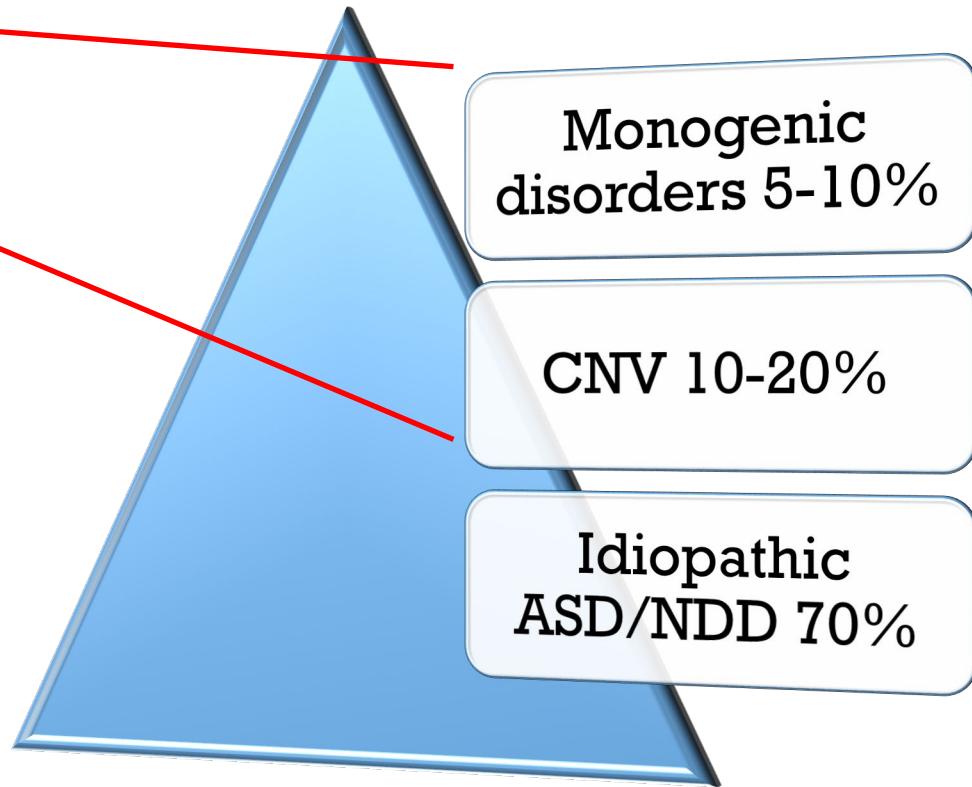
Timeline of key discoveries in the history of NDD research



Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders

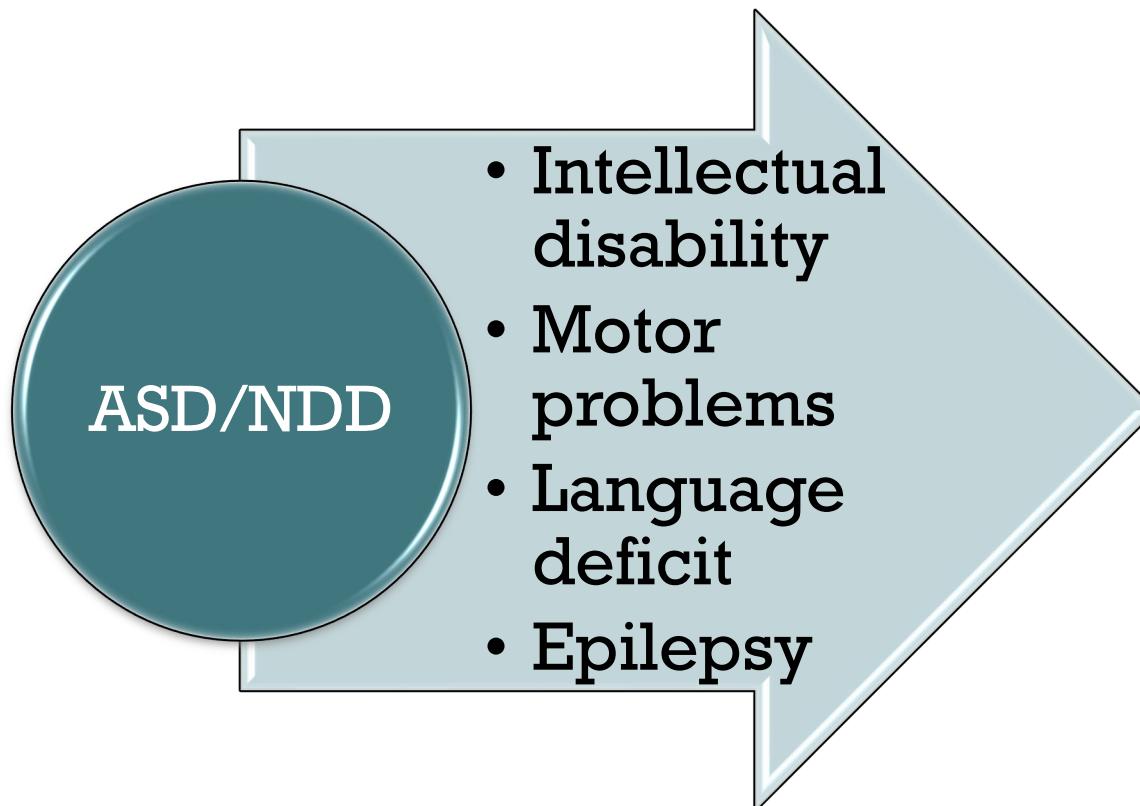


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Diagnostic Challenges

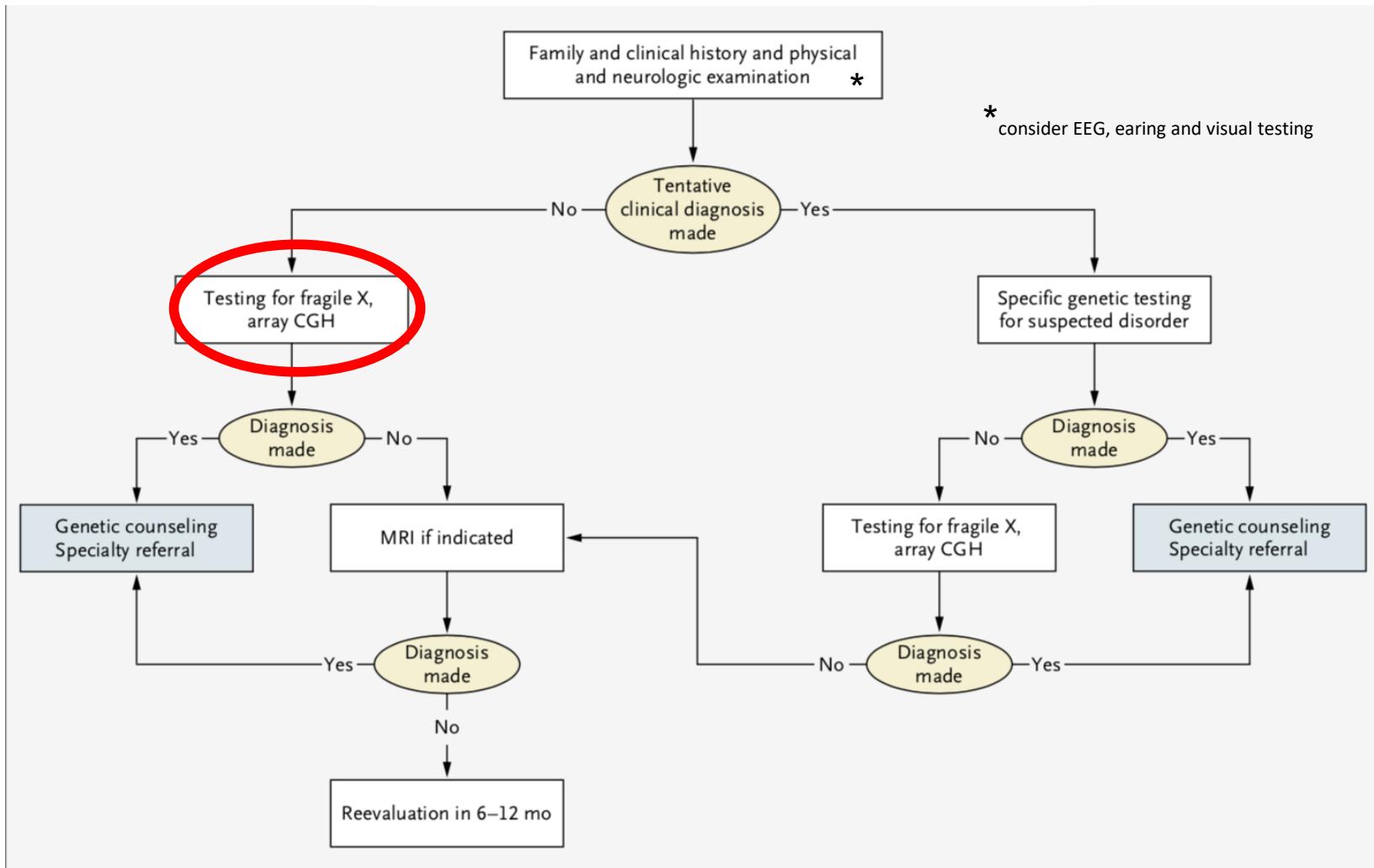
Comorbidities



Combining its two Greek roots, *syndrome* means basically "running together". So when diagnosing a condition or disease, look for a group of symptoms existing together.

Genomics, Intellectual Disability, and Autism

Heather C. Mefford, M.D., Ph.D., Mark L. Batshaw, M.D.,
and Eric P. Hoffman, Ph.D.



Clinical genetics evaluation in identifying the etiology of autism spectrum disorders: 2013 guideline revisions

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First tier

- Three-generation family history with pedigree analysis
- Initial evaluation to identify known syndromes or associated conditions
 - Examination with special attention to dysmorphic features
 - If specific syndromic diagnosis is suspected, proceed with targeted testing
- * If appropriate clinical indicators present, perform metabolic and/or mitochondrial testing (alternatively, consider a referral to a metabolic specialist)
- Chromosomal microarray: oligonucleotide array-comparative genomic hybridization or single-nucleotide polymorphism array
- DNA testing for fragile X (to be performed routinely for male patients only)^a



Table 3 Clinical symptoms that prompt metabolic or mitochondrial testing in persons with ASDs

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| Acid/base or electrolyte disturbances * |
| Anemia with an elevated mean corpuscular volume |
| Cyclic vomiting |
| Dermatologic changes: alopecia, hypertrichosis, and pigmented skin eruptions |
| Developmental regression associated with illness or fever |
| Gastrointestinal dysfunction, gastroparesis |
| Hypotonia/dystonia |
| Lactic acidosis * |
| Lethargy * |
| Multisystem involvement, especially cardiac, hepatic, or renal (physical and/or laboratory evidence) |
| Neurodegeneration outside of the typical ASD speech loss at 18–24 months * |
| Poor growth, microcephaly |
| Seizures |
| ASD, autism spectrum disorder. |

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1st Tier: Non-Targeted screening to identify 54 (60%) treatable IEMs

Blood:

- ▶ ammonia, lactate *
- ▶ plasma amino acids *
- ▶ total homocysteine
- ▶ acylcarnitine profile *
- ▶ copper, ceruloplasmin

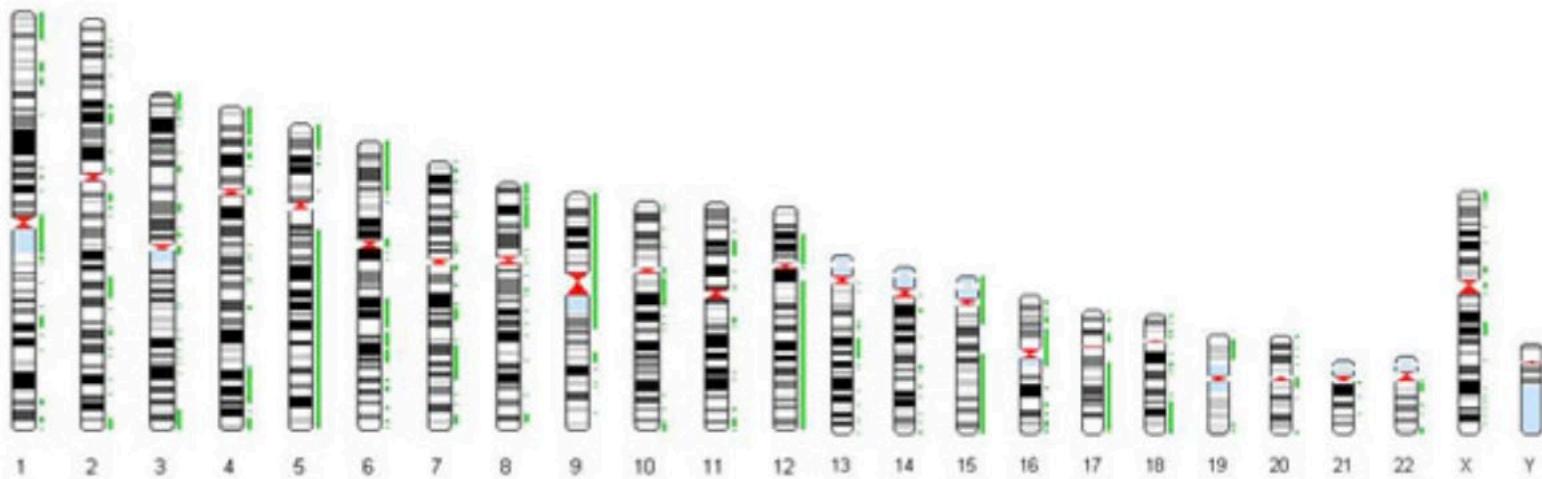
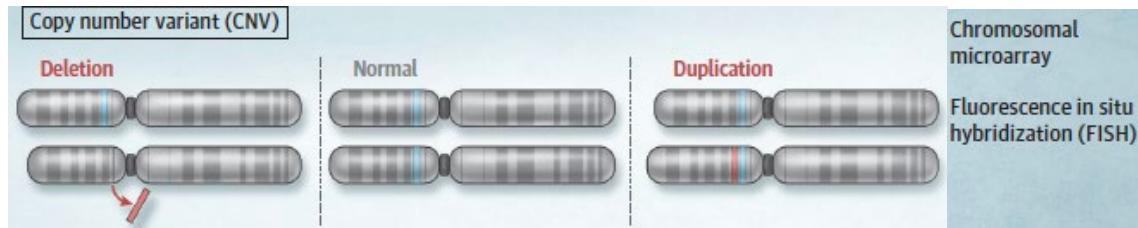
Urine:

- ▶ organic acids *
- ▶ purines & pyrimidines
- ▶ creatine metabolites
- ▶ oligosaccharides
- ▶ glycosaminoglycans

2nd Tier: Targeted testing to identify 35 (40%) treatable IEMs requiring 'specific testing'

- ▶ according to patient's symptomatology patient (Table 4) & clinician's expertise
- ▶ utilization of textbooks & digital resources (WebApp: www.treatable-ID.org)
- ▶ consider the following biochemical / molecular analyses:
 - ▶ whole blood manganese
 - ▶ plasma cholestanol
 - ▶ plasma 7-dehydroxy-cholesterol:cholesterol ratio
 - ▶ plasma pipecolic acid & urine AASA
 - ▶ plasma very long chain fatty acids
 - ▶ plasma vitamin B12 & folate
 - ▶ serum & CSF lactate:pyruvate ratio
 - ▶ enzyme activities (leucocytes): arylsulphatase A, biotinidase, glucocerebrosidase, fatty aldehyde dehydrogenase
 - ▶ urine deoxypyridinoline
 - ▶ CSF amino acids
 - ▶ CSF neurotransmitters
 - ▶ CSF: plasma glucose ratio
 - ▶ CoQ measurement fibroblasts
 - ▶ molecular: *CAS5*, *NPC1*, *NPC2*, *SC4MOL*, *SLC18A2*, *SLC19A3*, *SLC30A10*, *SLC52A2*, *SLC52A3*, *PDHA1*, *DLAT*, *PDHX*, *SPR*, *TH*

CNVs



Statistics

of annotated reports: 583

of CNV loci: 2274

Last update: September, 2018

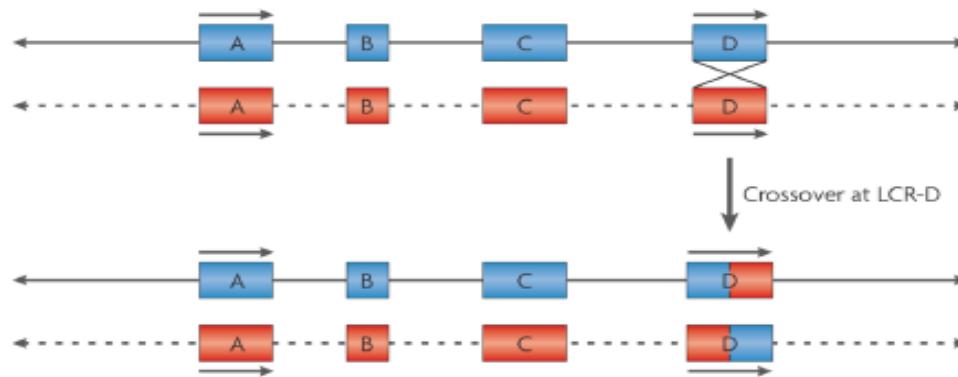
AutDB

Originally defined as ≥ 1 kbp in length; the definition has been extended to include differences ≥ 50 bp in length

From microscopes to microarrays: dissecting recurrent chromosomal rearrangements

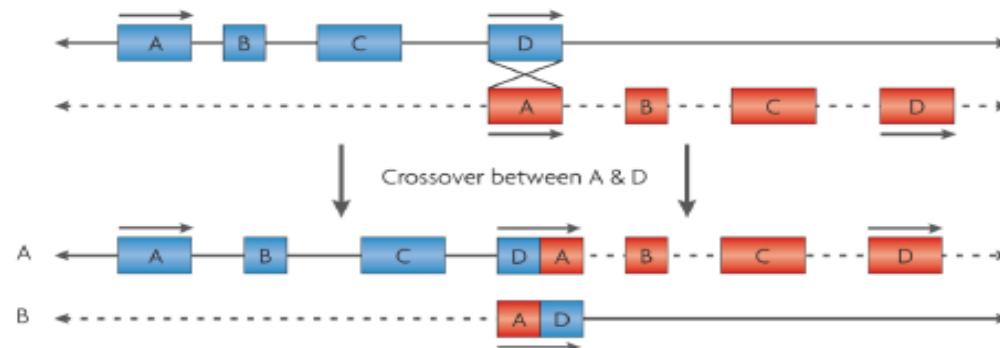
Beverly S. Emanuel and Sulagna C. Saitta

a Normal recombination event



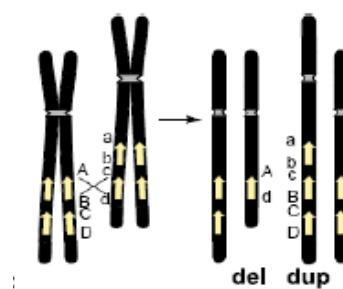
Crossover at LCR-D

b Misalignment followed by recombination

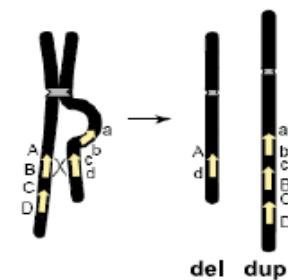


Crossover between A & D

Interchromosomal



Interchromatid



CNVs

CNVs often arise mechanistically as a result of elevated mutation rates in regions flanked by segmental duplications (long DNA sequences with > 90% sequence similarity that exist in multiple locations across the genome) due to unequal crossing over between the repeats during meiotic recombination



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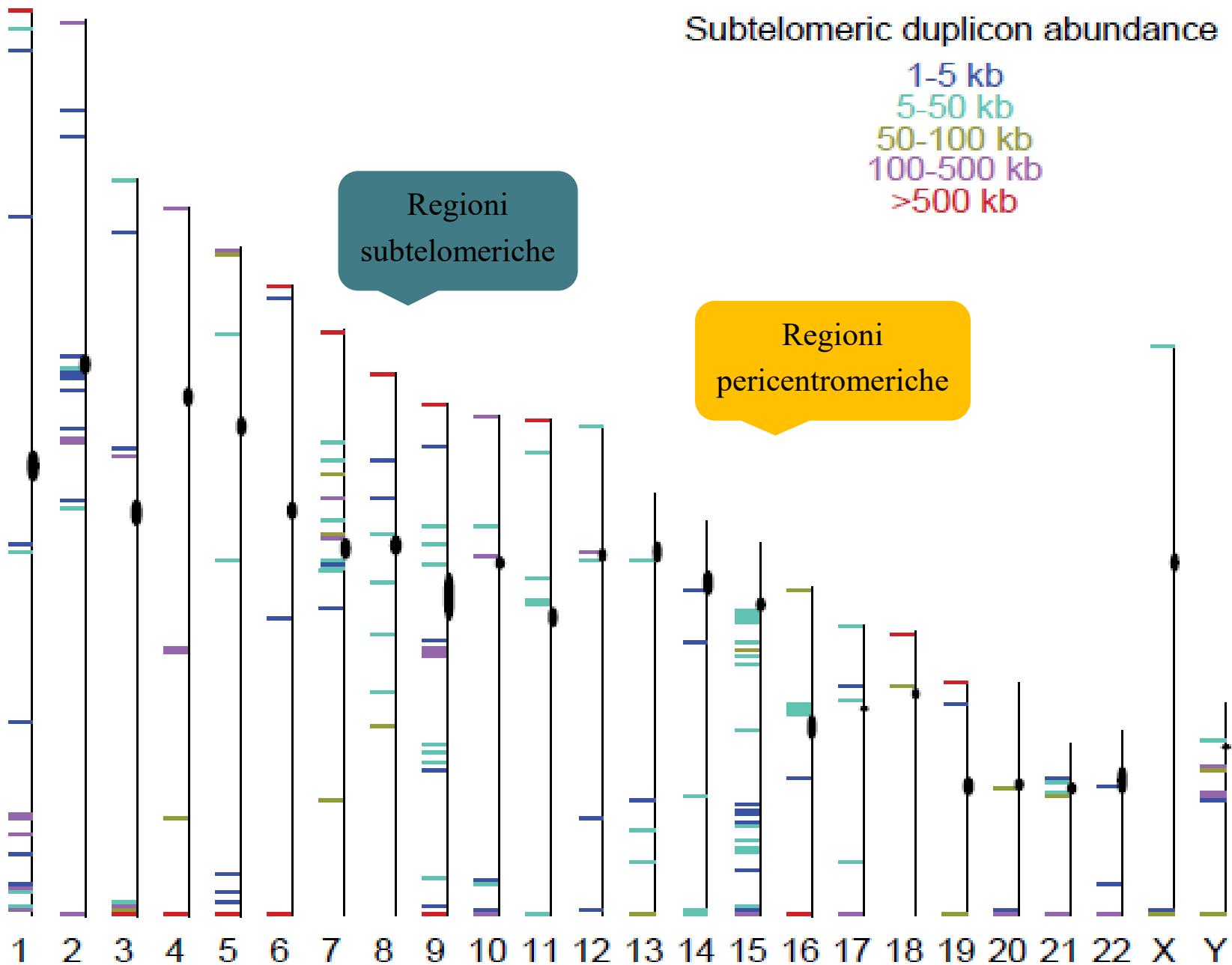
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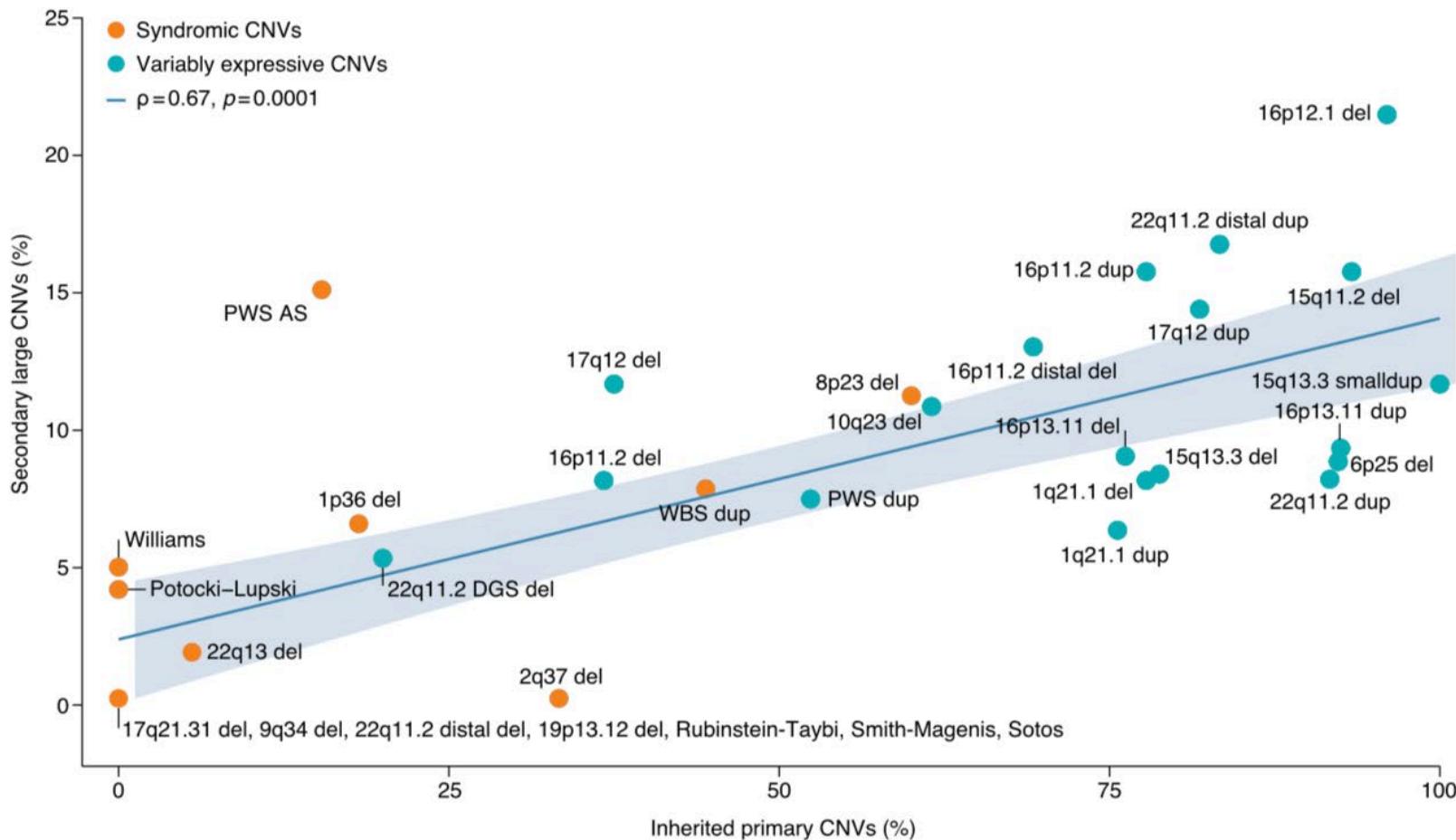
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Recurrent de novo mutations in neurodevelopmental disorders: properties and clinical implications

Amy B. Wilfert^{1†}, Arvis Sulovari^{1†}, Tychele N. Turner¹, Bradley P. Coe¹ and Evan E. Eichler^{1,2*}



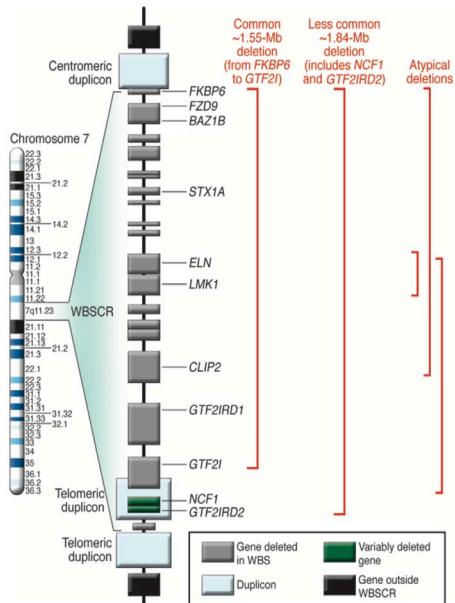
The 7q11.23 region

del 7q11.23

Williams–Beuren Syndrome [OMIM 94050]



7q11.23 Duplication Syndrome [OMIM 609757]



Clinical Features of the Disorder

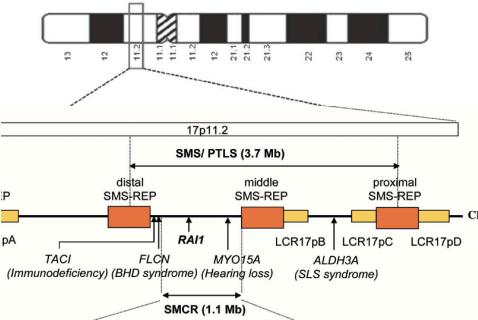
Most Common Congenital Heart Disease	Distinguishing Facial Features	Additional Features
Supravalvar aortic stenosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stellate/lacy iris • Periorbital fullness • Wide mouth • Loss of cupid's bow of the upper lip • Full lower lip • Large earlobes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypercalcemia • Hoarse voice • Overly friendly personality

- ❖ Dilation of the ascending aorta in 46%
- ❖ Hypotonia
- ❖ Childhood apraxia of speech and/or dysarthria and phonologic disorders;
- ❖ Social anxiety disorder [social phobia]), selective mutism
- ❖ Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- ❖ Oppositional disorders, physical aggression, and autism spectrum disorders (ASD)

The 17p11.2 region

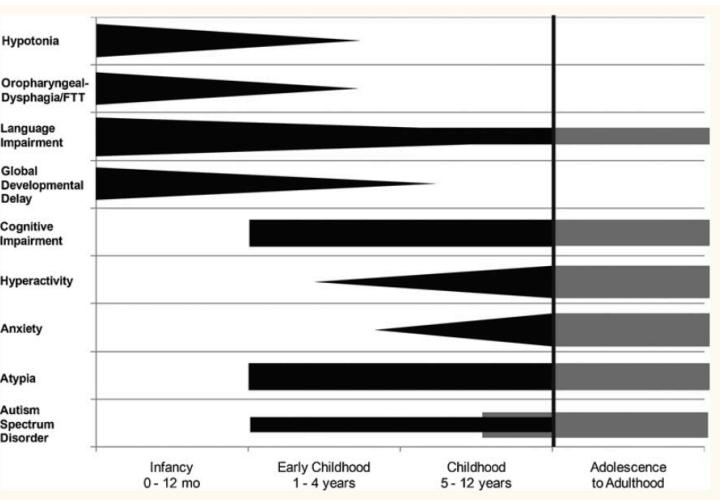
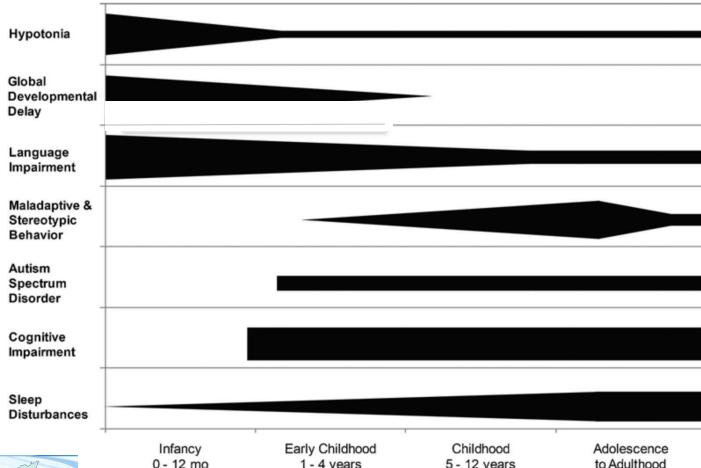
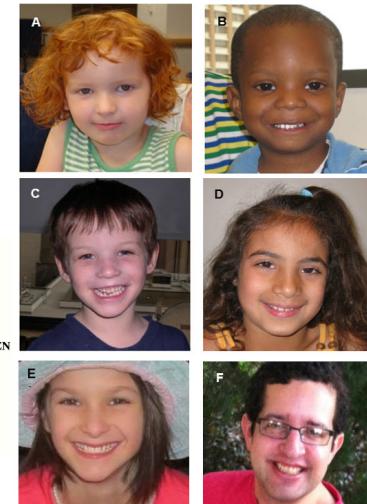
del 17p11.2

Smith-Magenis Syndrome
[OMIM 182290]



dup 17p11.2

Potocki-Lupski Syndrome
[OMIM 610883]



The 17p11.2 region neuro-phenotype

del 17p11.2

Smith-Magenis Syndrome
[OMIM 182290]

NEUROLOGIC

Central Nervous System

- Speech delay
- **Intellectual disability (IQ 20-78)**
- **Sleep disturbance**
- **Structural brain abnormalities**

Peripheral Nervous System

- Peripheral neuropathy
- **Decreased pain sensitivity**

Behavioral Psychiatric Manifestations

- Hyperactivity
- **Polyembolokoilamania** (insertion of foreign bodies into body orifices)
- Behavioral problems
- **Self-destructive behavior**
- **Onychotillomania** (pulling out nails)
- Wrist-biting
- Head-banging

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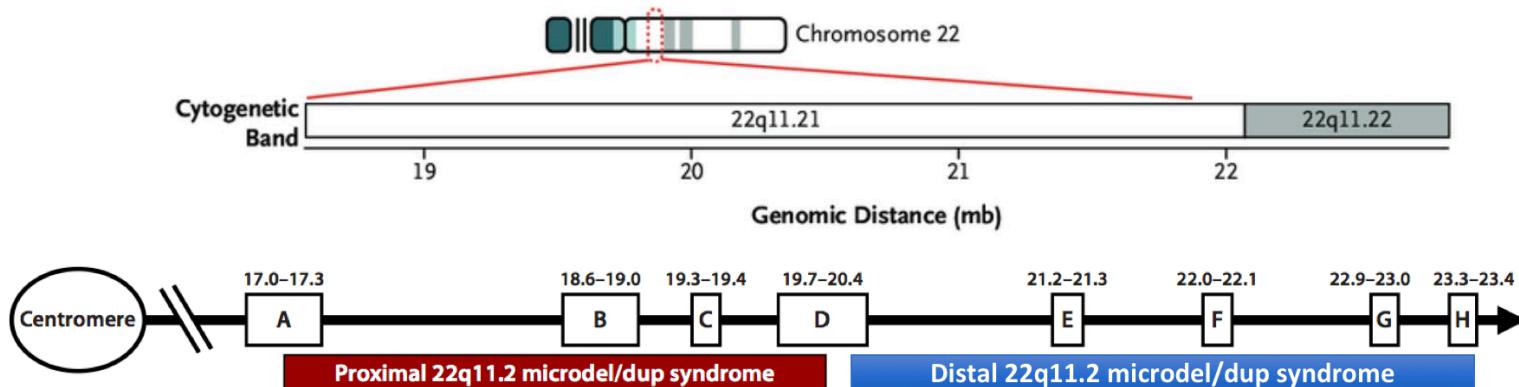
Central Nervous System

- **Developmental delay**
- **Intellectual disability, mild**
- Hypotonia
- Speech delay
- EEG abnormalities
- No overt seizures
- Delayed myelination
- Hypoplastic corpus callosum

Behavioral Psychiatric Manifestations

- **Autistic features**
- Attention-deficit disorder
- Hyperactivity

The 22q11.2 region

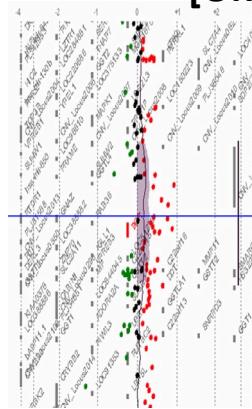


**DiGeorge Syndrome
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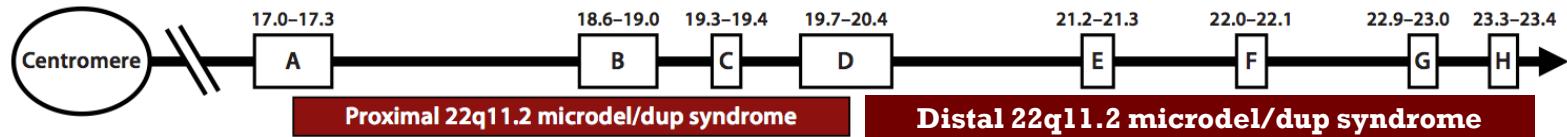
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intellectual disability, ASD

**22q11.2 proximal
microduplication Syndrome
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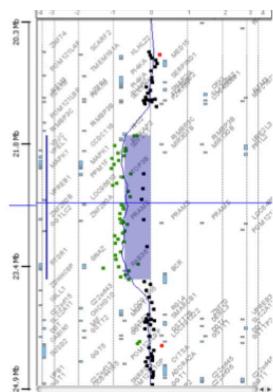


intellectual disability/learning disability, delayed
psychomotor development, growth retardation, and
muscular hypotonia, epilepsy, ASD

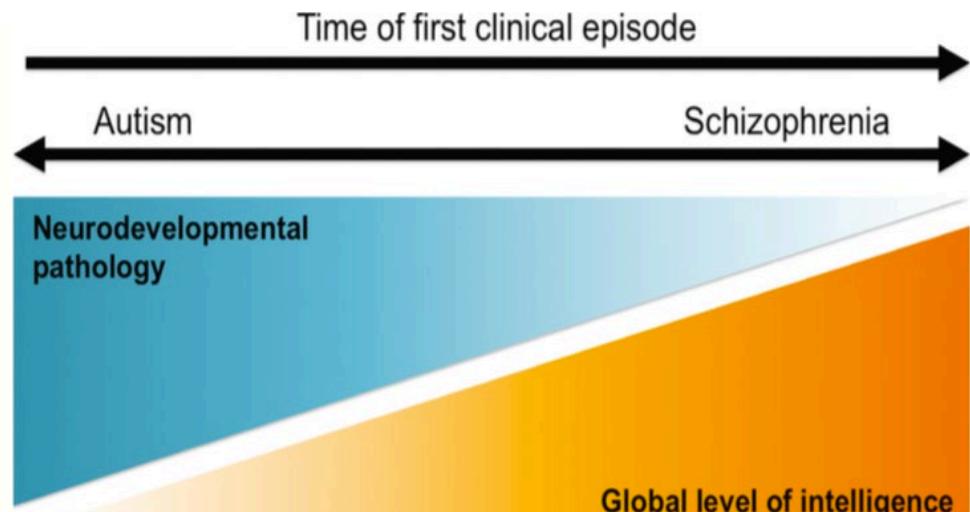
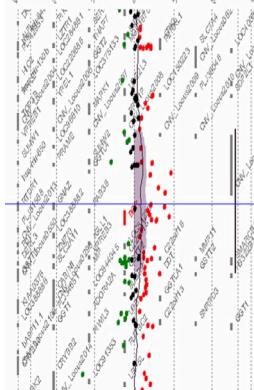
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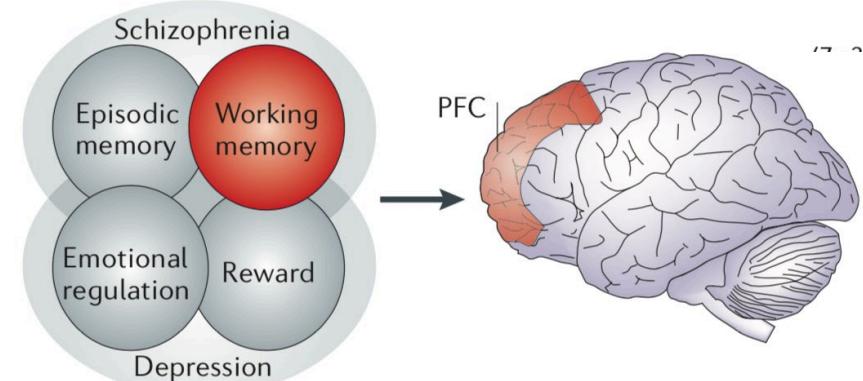
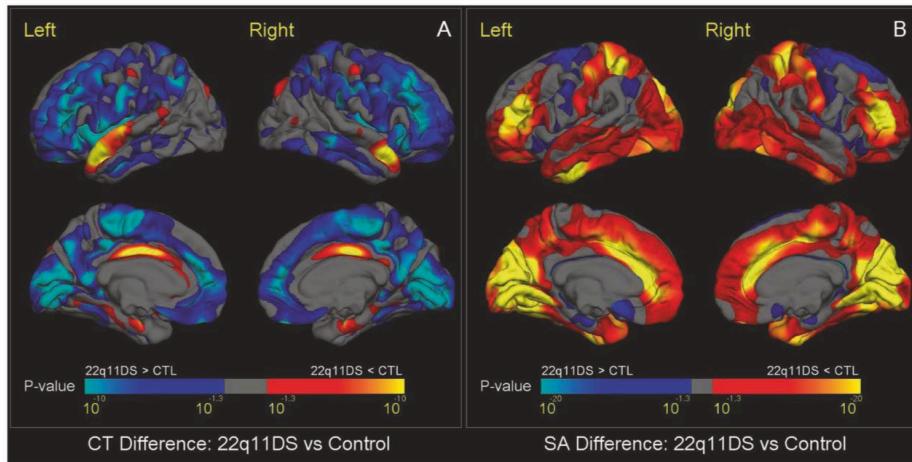
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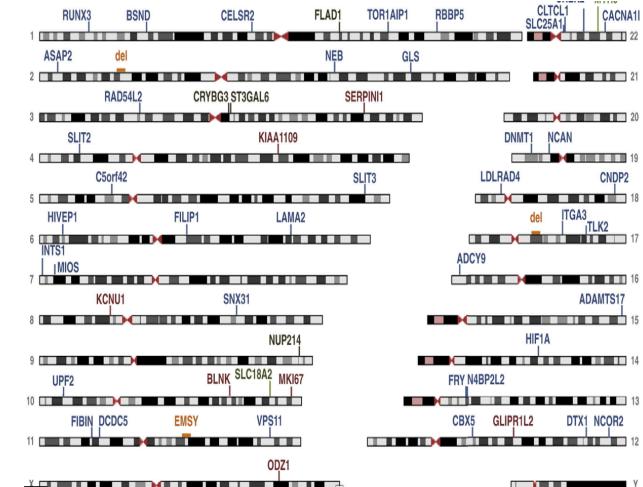
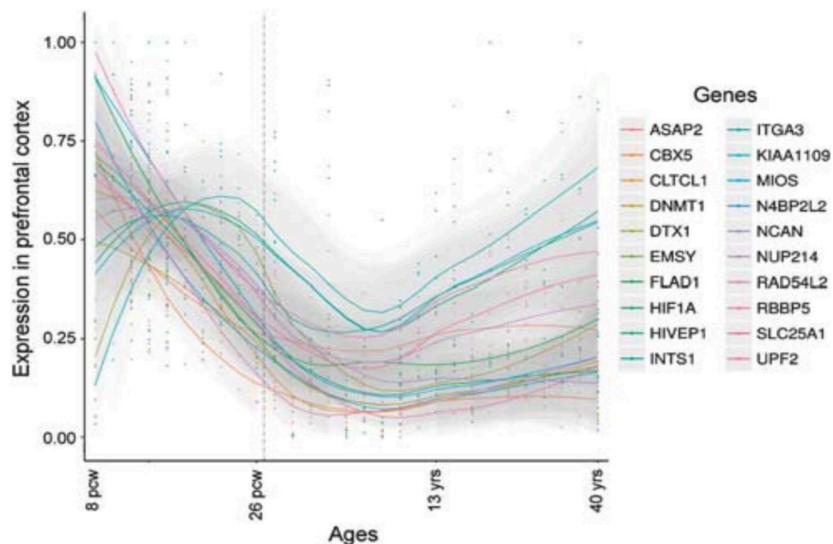
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ENIGMA 22q11.2



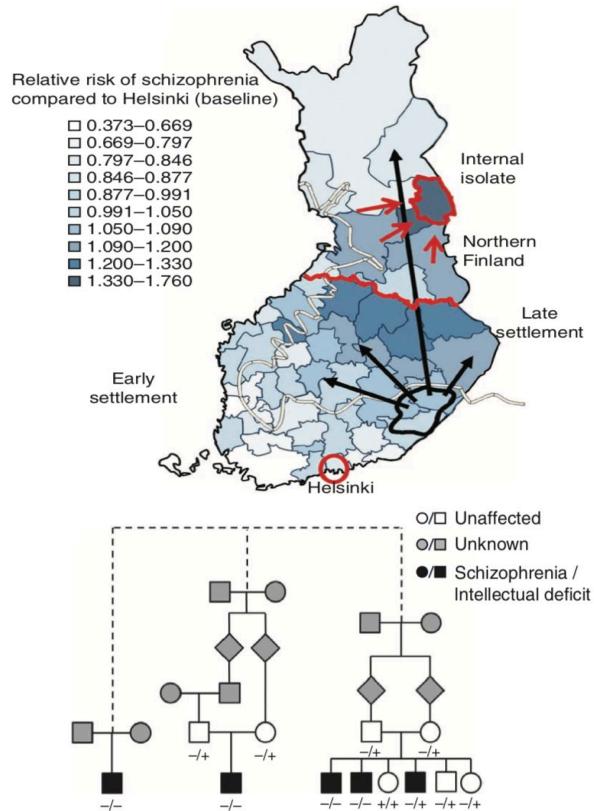
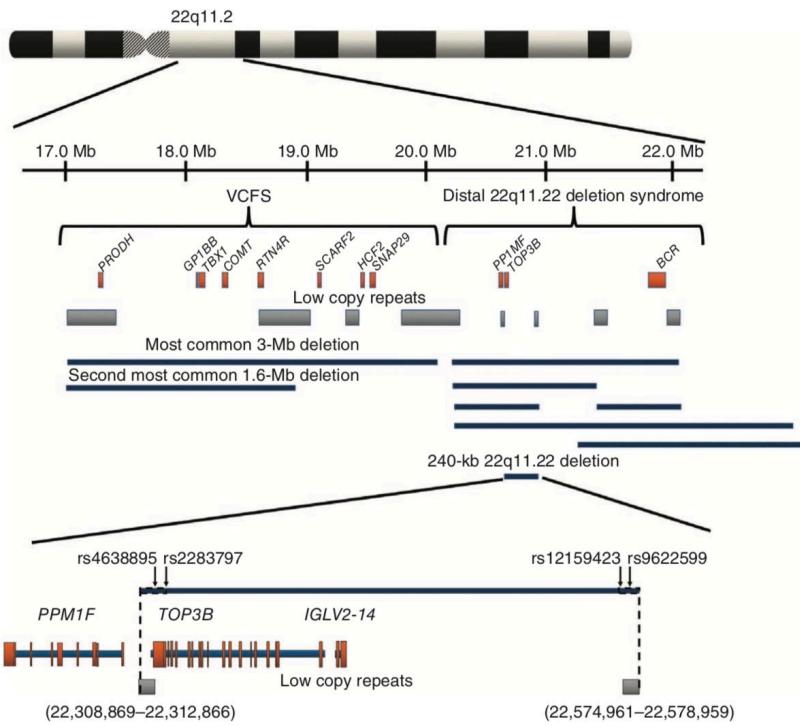
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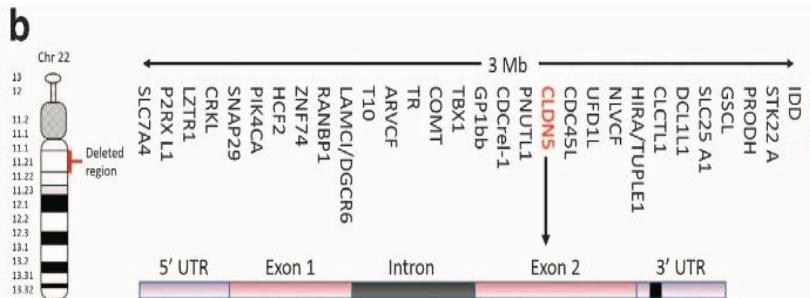
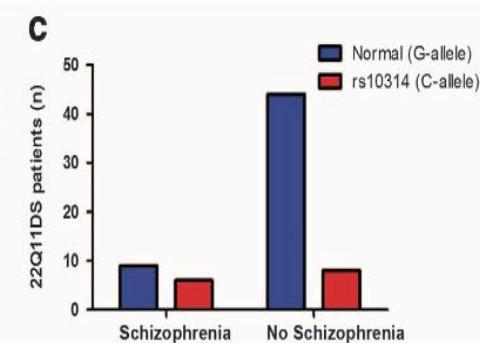
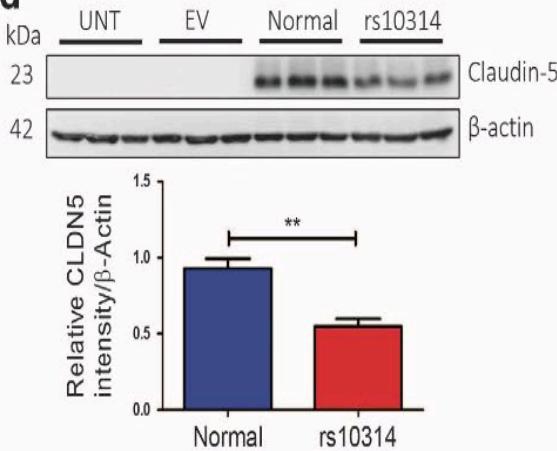
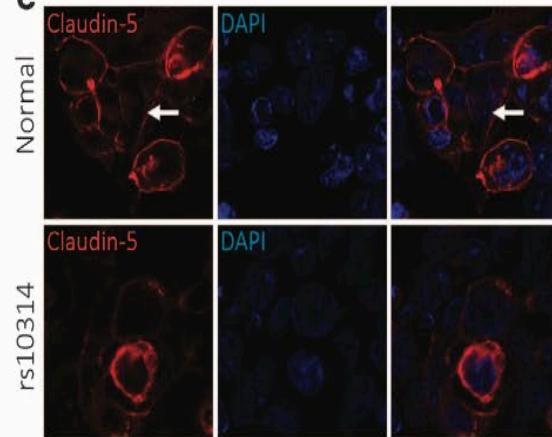
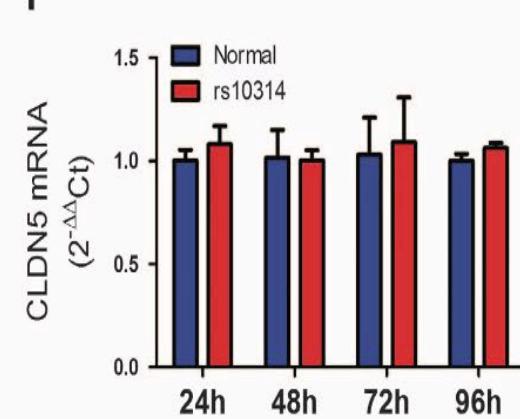


Haploinsufficiency: intellectual disability
Nullisomy: intellectual disability + schizophrenia

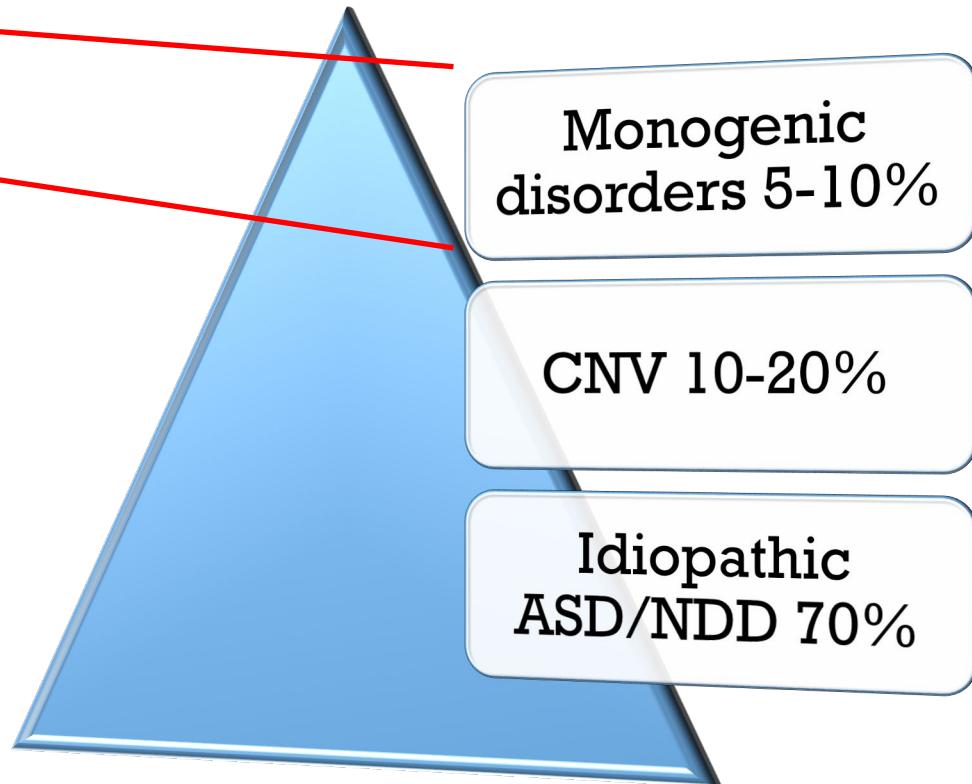
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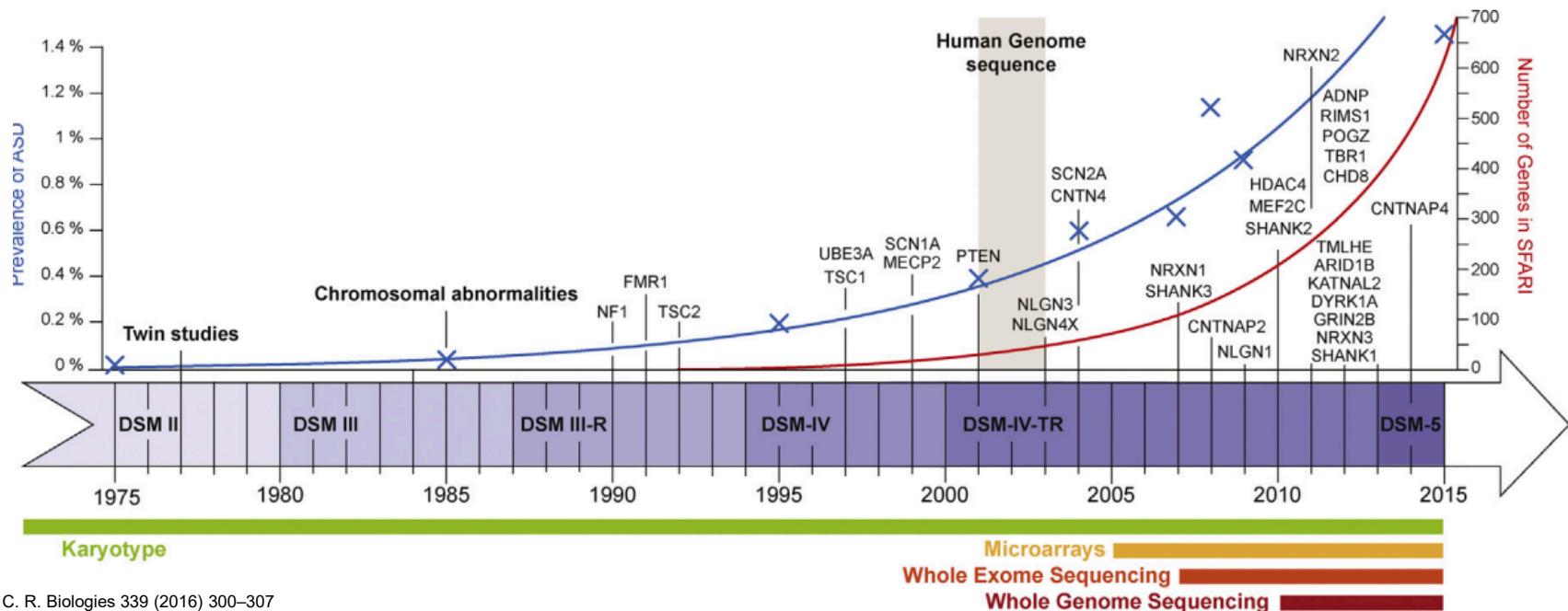
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Monogenic Disorders & Non Syndromic Autisms



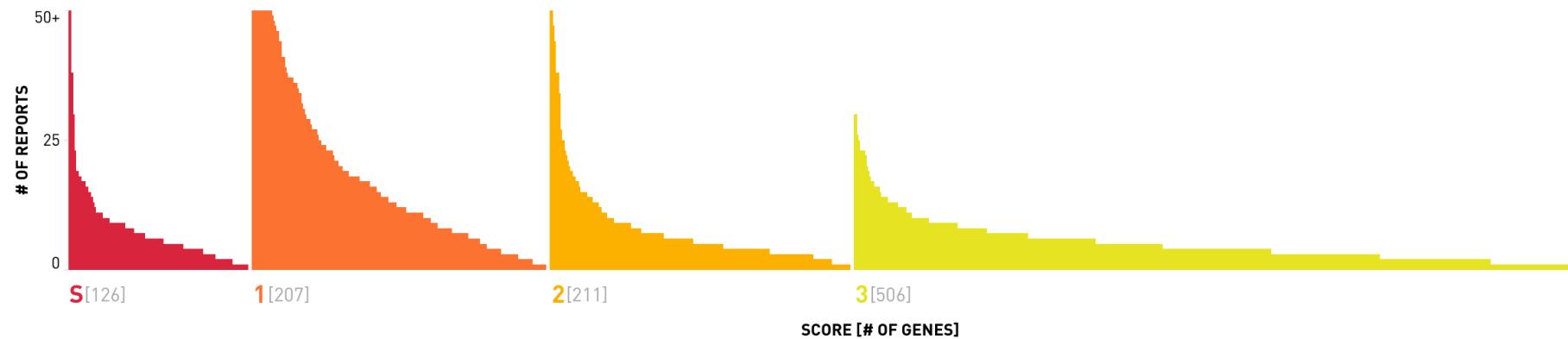
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Affected gene (OMIM)	Chromosomal locus	Protein name	Gene function	Clinical phenotype	Inheritance	Prevalence among individuals with autism
NLGN3 (300336)	Xq13.1	Neuroligin-3 precursor	Neuroligins function as ligands for the neurexin family of cell-surface receptors	Autism, Asperger syndrome, PDD-NOS	X-linked	<1%
NLGN4 (300427)	Xp22.33	Neuroligin-4, X-linked precursor	Same as NLGN3	Autism, Asperger syndrome, X-linked mental retardation, PDD-NOS	X-linked	<1%
SHANK3 (606230)	22q13.3	SH3 and multiple ankyrin repeat domains protein 3	Encodes a scaffolding protein found in the PSD complex of excitatory synapses, where it binds directly to neuroligins	Autism with severe language and social deficits	Unknown	1.1%
NRXN1 (600565)	2p16.3	Neurexin-1 α precursor	Neurexins function in the vertebrate nervous system as cell adhesion molecules and receptors	Autism with seizures, facial dysmorphisms mild to severe spoken language deficits	Unknown	<1%
MeCP2 (300005)	Xq28	Methyl-CpG-binding protein 2	A transcriptional repressor that binds to methylated CpG dinucleotides generally located at gene promoters and recruits HDAC1 and other proteins involved in chromatin repression	Autism, learning disability, Angelman syndrome phenotype, preserved speech variant of Rett syndrome	X-linked	0.8–1.3% of the female ASD population
HOXA1 (142955)	7p15.3	Homeobox protein Hox-A1	Transcription factor essential to the development of head and neck structures, including hindbrain, ear, and occipital and holo bones	Autism spectrum disorder susceptibility	Autosomal recessive	Very rare
PTEN (601728)	10q23.31	Phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-trisphosphate 3-phosphatase	A tumour-suppressor gene influencing G1 cell cycle arrest and apoptosis. In the central nervous system, PTEN inactivation results in excessive dendritic and axonal growth with increased numbers of synapses	ASD with macrocephaly has been consistently found in approximately 20% of individuals with autism recruited in independent samples	Unknown	4.7%

Gene	Chromosomal location	Estimated percentage of individuals with an ASD in whom this variant is identified	ASD penetrance* (rate of ASD in carriers)	Neuropsychiatric pleiotropy ^b (associated neuropsychiatric phenotypes)	Somatic pleiotropy ^b (associated somatic phenotypes)
KATNAL2 (REF. 37)	18q21.1	0.08	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
POGZ ³⁷	1q21.3	0.08	Incomplete ¹⁶⁴	ID ^{164,165} , speech delay ¹⁶⁴ , language delay ¹⁶⁴ , schizophrenia ¹⁶⁴	Microcephaly ¹⁶⁴ , obesity ¹⁶⁴ , impaired vision ¹⁶⁴
TBR1 (REFS 37,166)	2q24.2	0.08	Unknown	ID ¹⁶⁷	Unknown
ADNP ³⁷	20q13.13	0.10	Complete ¹¹⁸	ID ^{118,165} , ADHD ¹¹⁸	Recurrent infections ¹¹⁸ , short stature ¹¹⁸ , heart defect ¹¹⁸ , hypotonia ¹¹⁸ , hypermetropia ¹¹⁸ , epilepsy ¹¹⁸ , hyperlaxity ¹¹⁸
SYNGAP1 (REF. 37)	6p21.32	0.10	Unknown	ID ^{168,169}	Epilepsy ¹⁶⁸
GRIN2B ^{37,166}	12p13.1	0.13	Unknown	ID ¹⁷⁰	Epilepsy ¹⁷⁰
ANK2 (REF. 37)	4q25-q26	0.13	Unknown	None reported	Heart arrhythmia ¹⁷¹
ARID1B ¹⁷	6q25.3	0.13	Incomplete ¹⁷²	ID ¹⁷² , speech impairment ^{172,173}	Short stature ¹⁷⁴ , hypertrichosis ¹⁷³ , cryptorchidism ¹⁷³ , epilepsy ¹⁷³ , vision impairment ¹⁷³
SCN2A ³⁷	2q24.3	0.13	Incomplete ⁵⁹	ID ⁶⁰ , schizophrenia ⁸¹	Epilepsy ⁶² , episodic ataxia ⁶²
DYRK1A ^{37,166}	21q22.13	0.13	Incomplete ¹⁷⁵	ID ^{175,176} , speech impairment ^{175,176} , ADHD ¹⁷⁵ , anxiety ¹⁷⁵	Microcephaly ^{175,176} , epilepsy ^{175,176} , vision impairment ¹⁷⁵ , short stature ¹⁷⁵ , gastrointestinal symptoms or feeding difficulties ^{175,176}
CHD8 (REFS 57,166)	14q11.2	0.21	Incomplete ³²	ID ^{32,177} , schizophrenia ¹⁷⁷ , speech delay ¹⁷⁷ , sleep problems ³²	Macrocephaly ^{32,177} , gastrointestinal symptoms ³²

Monogenic Disorders & Non Syndromic Autisms

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SFARI GENE

SFARI Gene is an evolving database for the autism research community that is centered on genes implicated in autism susceptibility.

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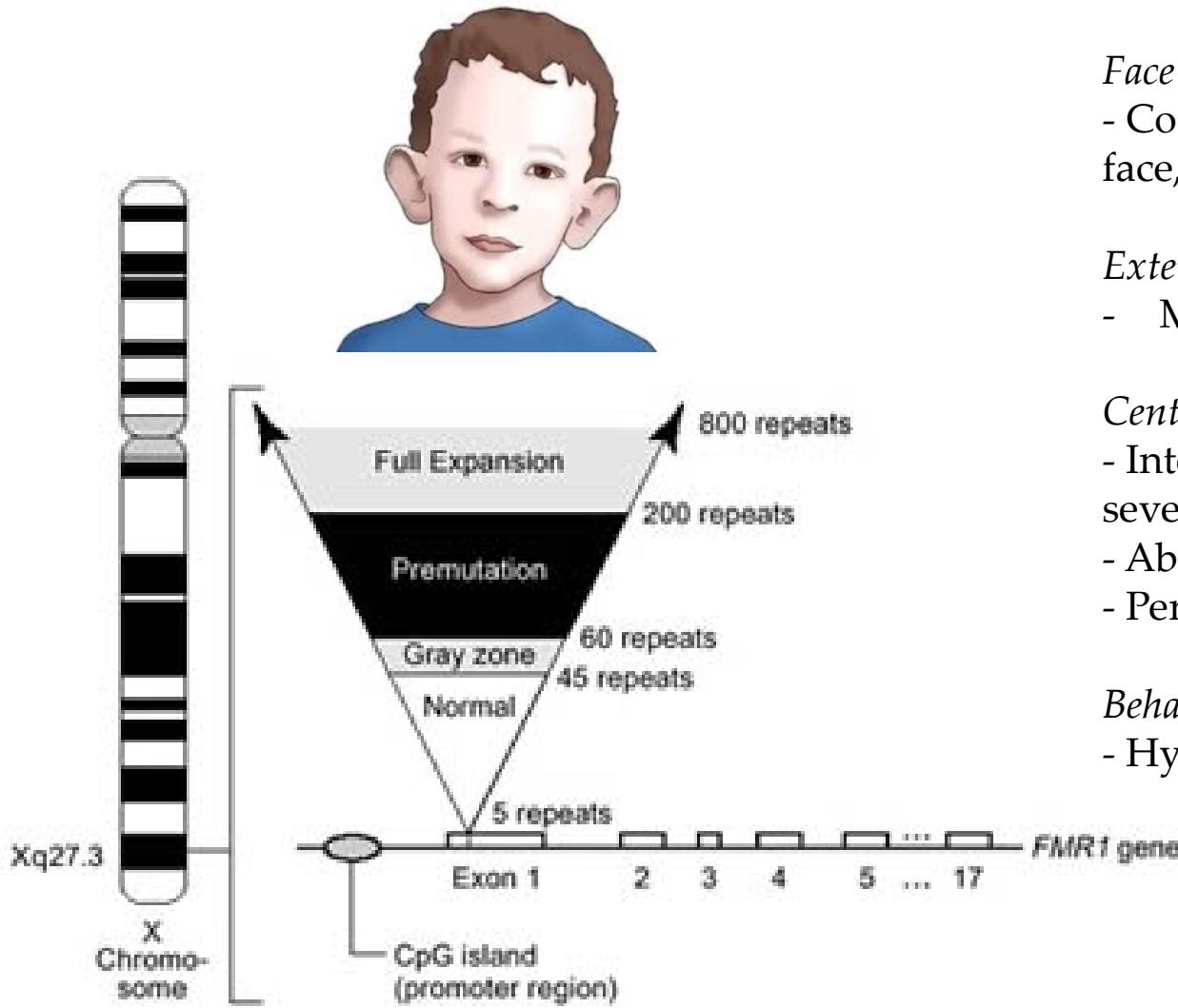
- Category S (Syndromic)
- Category 1 (High Confidence)
- Category 2 (Strong Candidate)
- Category 3 (Suggestive Evidence)

Monogenic Disorders & Autisms

Primary gene affected	Estimated autism prevalence	Verbal	ID	Behavior	Motor	Dysmorphic features	Other associated conditions	
Syndrome (OMIM number)								
Fragile X (300624)	<i>FMR1</i>	30–60% (males only) ^{26,36}	Delayed	Moderate	Little social interaction, aversion to touch, poor eye contact	Hyperactivity, stereotypical movements, weakness of connective tissue	Large head, long face, prominent forehead and chin, protruding ears	Developmental delay, abnormal behavior, macrorhachidism at puberty
Rett (312750)	<i>MECP2</i>	61% (females only) ²⁶	Limited or absent	Moderate to severe	Expressionless face, lack of eye contact early on, social anxiety	Stereotypical hand movements, progressive scoliosis, ataxia, apraxia	Normal	Regression, microcephaly, hyperventilation, epilepsy
<i>MECP2</i> duplication (300260)	<i>MECP2</i>	>90% (males only) ^{62,63}	Limited or absent	Severe to profound	Gaze avoidance, limited facial expression, atypical socialization	Hypotonia, progressive spasticity, developmental delay	Brachycephaly, large ears, midface hypoplasia, depressed nasal bridge	Respiratory infections, epilepsy, GI dysfunction, premature death
Angelman (105830)	<i>UBE3A</i>	34% ²⁶	Limited or absent	Severe to profound	Excessive laughter and smiling, decreased eye gaze	Ataxia, hypermotoric behavior, jerky movements, scoliosis, developmental delay	Brachycephaly, wide mouth, protruding tongue, prominent chin	Microcephaly, epilepsy
Tuberous sclerosis complex (191100, 613254)	<i>TSC1</i> or <i>TSC2</i>	36–50% ^{26,27}	Absent to normal	Mild to severe in ~50%	ADHD, impulsivity, hyperactivity, social impairment, anxiety	Normal	None	Epilepsy, benign tumors in multiple tissues, lung and kidney dysfunction, cortical tubers
Phelan-McDermid (606232)	<i>SHANK3</i>	75% ¹⁴⁹	Absent or delayed	Moderate to profound	Impulsivity, social anxiety, biting, obsessive chewing	Hypotonia, psychomotor delay	Long eyelashes, prominent ears, pointed chin, elongated head, deep-set eyes, dysplastic nails	Epilepsy, kidney dysfunction, cardiac anomalies
Timothy (601005)	<i>CACNA1C</i>	60% ¹⁵⁰	Severely delayed	Mild to moderate	Shyness, social avoidance	Developmental delay	Flattened nasal bridge, small teeth, low-set ears, small upper jaw, thin upper lip	Congenital heart malformations, cardiac arrhythmia, syndactyly, weakened immune system, premature death
Neurofibromatosis type 1 (162200)	<i>NF1</i>	18% ²⁶	Delayed	Mild cognitive disabilities	ADHD, social anxiety, depression, aggressive behavior	Hyperactivity, scoliosis, pseudoarthrosis	None	Multiple benign neurofibromas, abnormal skin pigmentation, macrocephaly, epilepsy
Cornelia de Lange	<i>NIPBL, SMC1A, SMC3, RAD21, HDAC8</i>		Delayed	Mild to severe	ASD, increased anxiety, selective mutism,	Microcephaly, growth retardation	synophrys, long eyelashes	low-set ears, small, upturned nose

Sindrome dell'X fragile (FXS)

Prevalence approximately 1 in 4,000 males



Head

- Macrocephaly

Face

- Coarse facies, large forehead, long face, prominent jaw, large ears

External Genitalia (Male)

- Macroorchidism

Central Nervous System

- Intellectual disability (moderate to severe in males) & seizures
- Abnormal head movements
- Periventricular heterotopia

Behavioral Psychiatric Manifestations

- Hyperactive behavior & ASD

Classe Genotipica	Nr. di ripetizioni della tripletta nucleotidica
Normale	5-45
Gray Zone	46-60
Premutazione	61-199
Mutazione Completa	> 200

Clinical genetics evaluation in identifying the etiology of autism spectrum disorders: 2013 guideline revisions

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First tier

Three-generation family history with pedigree analysis

Initial evaluation to identify known syndromes or associated conditions

Examination with special attention to dysmorphic features

If specific syndromic diagnosis is suspected, proceed with targeted testing

- * If appropriate clinical indicators present, perform metabolic and/or mitochondrial testing (alternatively, consider a referral to a metabolic specialist)

Chromosomal microarray: oligonucleotide array-comparative genomic hybridization or single-nucleotide polymorphism array

DNA testing for fragile X (to be performed routinely for male patients only)^a



Second tier

MECP2 sequencing to be performed for all females with ASDs

MECP2 duplication testing in males, if phenotype is suggestive

PTEN testing only if the head circumference is >2.5 SD above the mean

Brain magnetic resonance imaging only in the presence of specific indicators (e.g., microcephaly, regression, seizures, and history of stupor/coma)

* Table 3 Clinical symptoms that prompt metabolic or mitochondrial testing in persons with ASDs

Acid/base or electrolyte disturbances
Anemia with an elevated mean corpuscular volume
Cyclic vomiting
Dermatologic changes: alopecia, hypertrichosis, and pigmented skin eruptions
Developmental regression associated with illness or fever
Gastrointestinal dysfunction, gastroparesis
Hypotonia/dystonia
Lactic acidosis
Lethargy
Multisystem involvement, especially cardiac, hepatic, or renal (physical and/or laboratory evidence)
Neurodegeneration outside of the typical ASD speech loss at 18–24 months
Poor growth, microcephaly
Seizures
ASD, autism spectrum disorder.

1st Tier: Non-Targeted screening to identify 54 (60%) treatable IEMs

Blood:

- ▶ ammonia, lactate
- ▶ plasma amino acids
- ▶ total homocysteine
- ▶ acylcarnitine profile
- ▶ copper, ceruloplasmin

Urine:

- ▶ organic acids
- ▶ purines & pyrimidines
- ▶ creatine metabolites
- ▶ oligosaccharides
- ▶ glycosaminoglycans

2nd Tier: Targeted testing to identify 35 (40%) treatable IEMs requiring 'specific testing'

- ▶ according to patient's symptomatology patient (Table 4) & clinician's expertise

▶ utilization of textbooks & digital resources
(WebApp: www.treatable-ID.org)

▶ consider the following biochemical / molecular analyses:

- ▶ whole blood manganese
- ▶ plasma cholestanol
- ▶ plasma 7-dehydroxy-cholesterol:cholesterol ratio
- ▶ plasma pipecolic acid & urine AASA
- ▶ plasma very long chain fatty acids
- ▶ plasma vitamin B12 & folate
- ▶ serum & CSF lactate:pyruvate ratio
- ▶ enzyme activities (leukocytes): arylsulphatase A, biotinidase, glucocerebrosidase, fatty aldehyde dehydrogenase
- ▶ urine deoxypyridoline
- ▶ CSF amino acids
- ▶ CSF neurotransmitters
- ▶ CSF: plasma glucose ratio
- ▶ CoQ measurement fibroblasts
- ▶ molecular: CA5A, NPC1, NPC2, SC4MOL, SLC18A2, SLC19A3, SLC30A10, SLC52A2, SLC52A3, PDHA1, DLAT, PDHX, SPR, TH

Modified from: Moeschler, John B., and Michael Shevell.

"Comprehensive evaluation of the child with intellectual disability or global developmental delays." Pediatrics 134.3 (2014): e903-e919.
AND

Miller, David T., et al. "Consensus statement: chromosomal microarray is a first-tier clinical diagnostic test for individuals with developmental disabilities or congenital anomalies." The American Journal of Human Genetics 86.5 (2010): 749-764.

Sindrome di Rett

Colpisce prevalentemente il sesso femminile ed è una delle cause più comuni di deficit cognitivo grave nelle ragazze (decorso severo in epoca di vita prescolare nel sesso maschile). La prevalenza è stimata in 1/9.000 ragazze di 12 anni e la prevalenza nella popolazione generale è stimata in circa 1/30.000.



Head

- Normal birth head circumference
- Deceleration of head growth
- Microcephaly

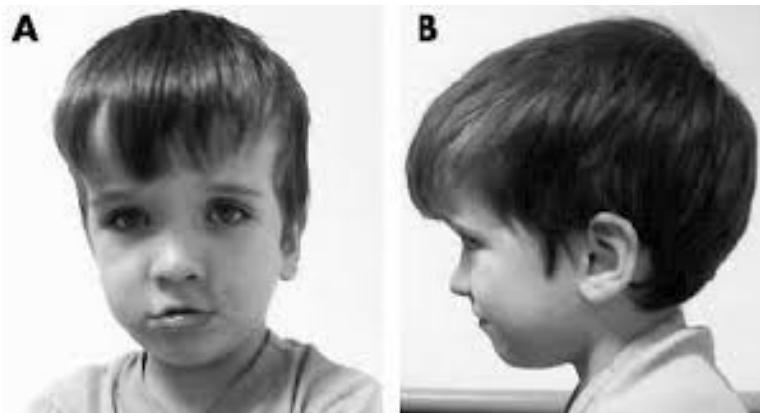
Central Nervous System

- Normal development until 6-18 months
- ID, profound
- Spasticity
- EEG abnormalities
- Seizures
- Reduction or loss of acquired skills
- Cortical atrophy (frontal area)
- ASD & Hand stereotypies

La RTT classica è caratterizzata da sviluppo apparentemente normale nei primi 6-18 mesi di vita e, successivamente, perdita della motricità grossolana e fine già acquisita, perdita della capacità di interagire e socializzare e comparsa di movimenti stereotipati delle mani.

Macrocephaly/autism syndrome

(*PTEN*-related, OMIM 605309)

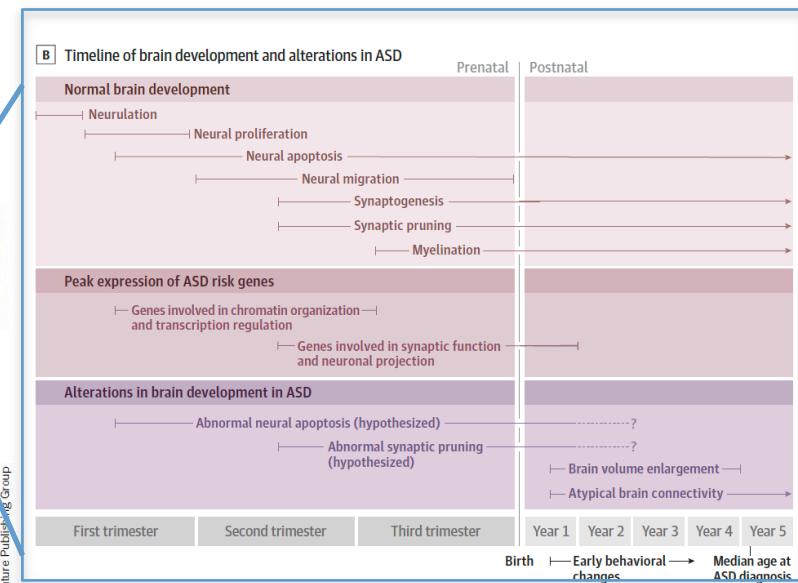
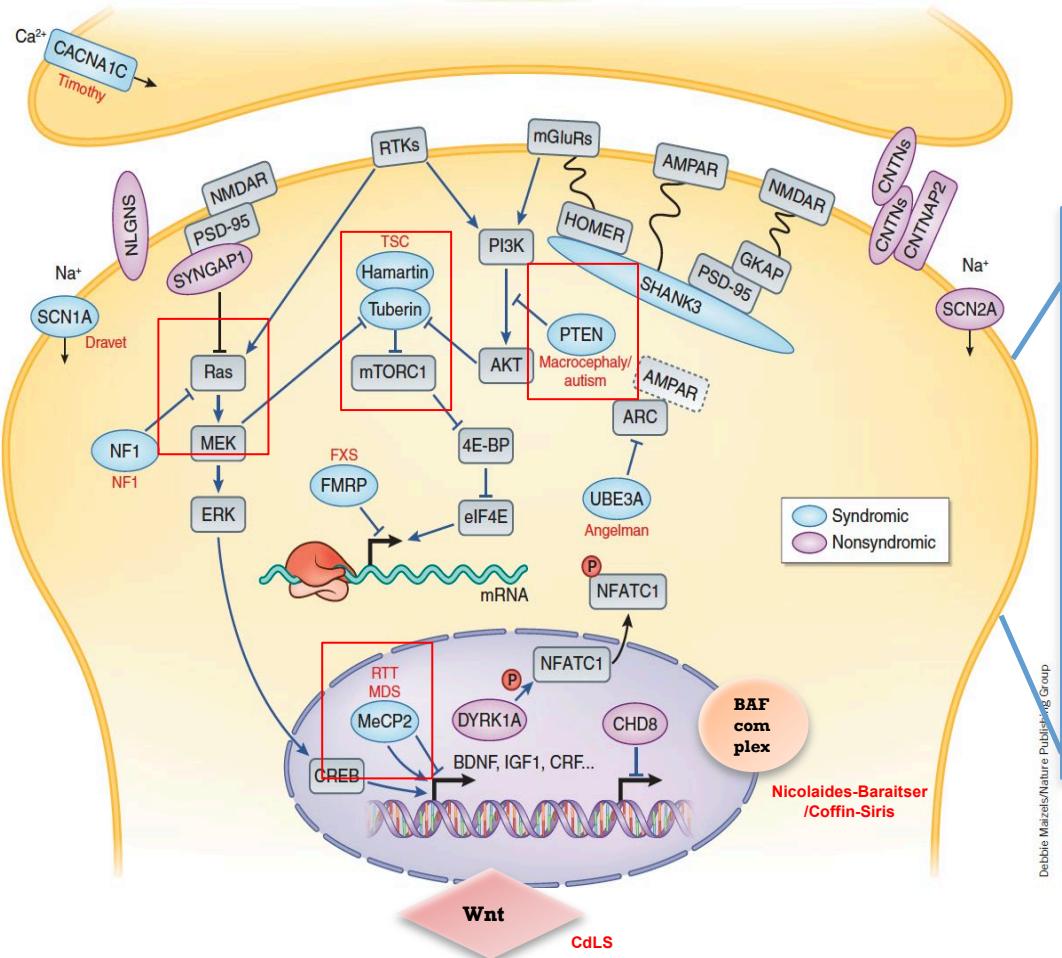


Location	Phenotype	Phenotype MIM number	Inheritance	Phenotype mapping key
10q23.31	{Glioma susceptibility 2}	613028		3
	{Meningioma}	607174	AD	3
	Cowden syndrome 1	158350	AD	3
	Lhermitte-Duclos syndrome	158350	AD	3
	Macrocephaly/autism syndrome	605309	AD	3
	Prostate cancer, somatic	176807		3

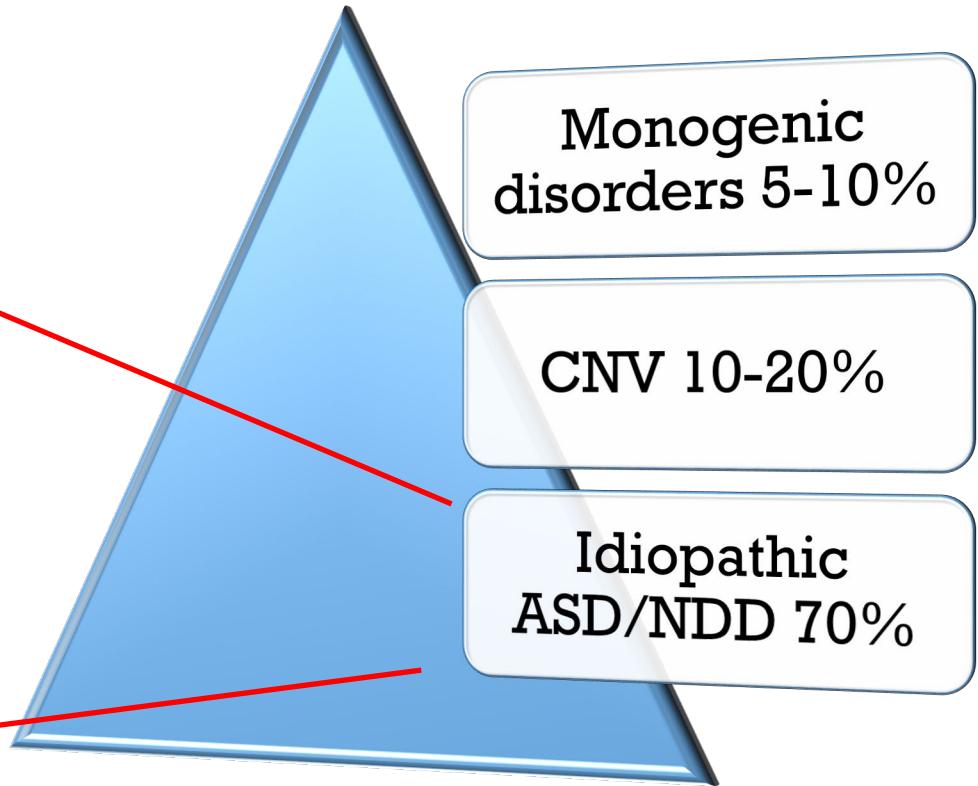
Central Nervous System: Developmental delay & ID

Behavioral Psychiatric Manifestations: Autism

Biological pathways associated with ASDs



The Genetics of Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders



Genome-wide CRISPR-Cas9 Interrogation of Splicing Networks Reveals a Mechanism for Recognition of Autism-Misregulated Neuronal Microexons

Unraveling a genetic network linked to Autism

