



# NIPD per Malattie Monogeniche ed Rh Fetale

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# Non Invasive Prenatal Diagnosis (NIPD)

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Early report

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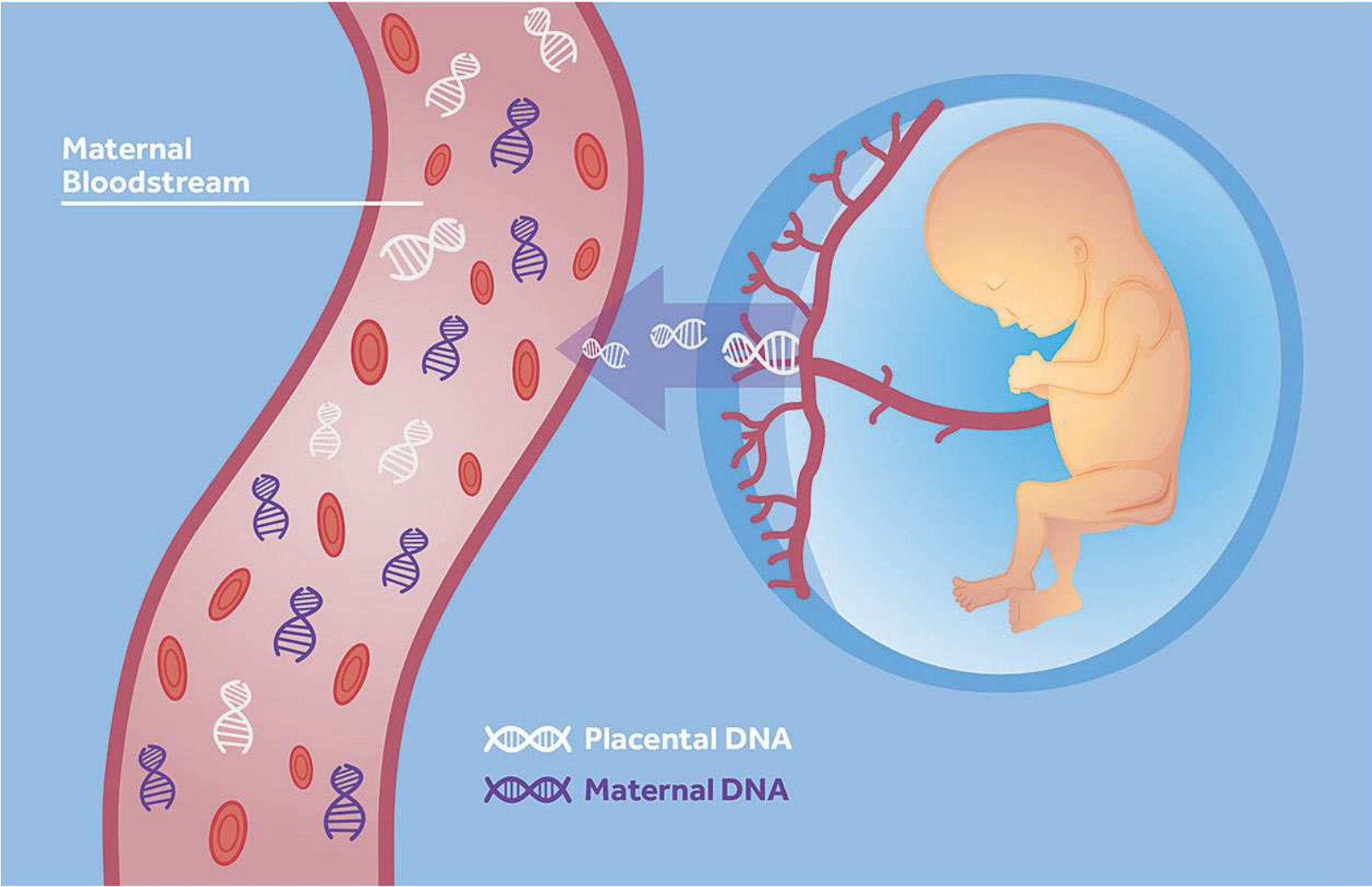
## Presence of fetal DNA in maternal plasma and serum

*Y M Dennis Lo, Noemi Corbetta, Paul F Chamberlain, Vik Rai, Ian L Sargent, Christopher W G Redman, James S Wainscoat*

**Findings** Fetus-derived Y sequences were detected in 24 (80%) of the 30 maternal plasma samples, and in 21 (70%) of the 30 maternal serum samples, from women bearing male fetuses. These results were obtained with only 10  $\mu$ L of the samples. When DNA from nucleated blood cells extracted from a similar volume of blood was used, only five (17%) of the 30 samples gave a positive Y signal. None of the 13 women bearing female fetuses, and none of the ten non-pregnant control women, had positive results for plasma, serum or nucleated blood cells.

**Interpretation** Our finding of circulating fetal DNA in maternal plasma may have implications for non-invasive prenatal diagnosis, and for improving our understanding of the fetomaternal relationship.

**cffDNA originates from trophoblast**



# The cell-free fetal DNA

Early Human Development (2007) 83, 563–566



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## Early detection of cell-free fetal DNA in maternal plasma

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**Table 2** The Y signal *DYS14* amplifications in maternal blood in the IVF pregnancies (I to VI) at 2, 4, 5 and 6 weeks' gestation

IVF study		No. Ct < 45	No. Ct < 40	Predicted sex	Sex at birth*
I	2 weeks	0	0		
	4 weeks	8	7		
	5 weeks	5	5		
	6 weeks	8	8	M	M
II	2 weeks	0	0		
	4 weeks	0	0		
	5 weeks	4	2		
	6 weeks	5	5	M	M
III	2 weeks	0	0		
	4 weeks	0	0		
	5 weeks	0	0		
	6 weeks	8	8	M	M
IV	2 weeks	0	0		
	4 weeks	0	0		
	5 weeks	0	0		
	6 weeks	4	2	E	M
V	2 weeks	0	0		
	4 weeks	0	0		
	5 weeks	5	0	E	M
VI	2 weeks	3	1		
	4 weeks	0	0		
	5 weeks	8	4	E	M

No sample was obtained in two cases at 6 weeks' gestation. The data are the number of replicates out of eight with a Ct number at the PCR cycle cut-offs of <45 and <40 (M: male, E: equivocal).

\*Of at least one male fetus.

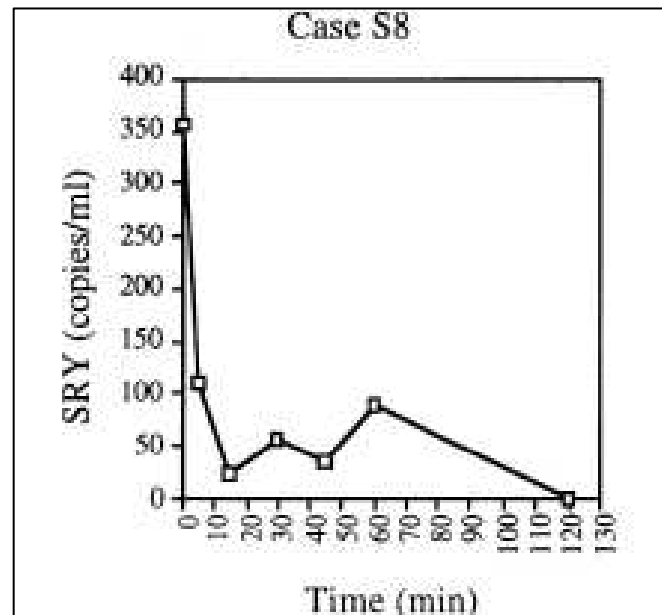
# The cell-free fetal DNA

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## Rapid Clearance of Fetal DNA from Maternal Plasma

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### Summary

Fetal DNA has been detected in maternal plasma during pregnancy. We investigated the clearance of circulating fetal DNA after delivery, using quantitative PCR analysis of the sex-determining region Y gene as a marker for male fetuses. We analyzed plasma samples from 12 women 1–42 d after delivery of male babies and found that circulating fetal DNA was undetectable by day 1 after delivery. To obtain a higher time-resolution picture of fetal DNA clearance, we performed serial sampling of eight women, which indicated that most women (seven) had undetectable levels of circulating fetal DNA by 2 h postpartum. The mean half-life for circulating fetal DNA was 16.3 min (range 4–30 min). Plasma nucleases were found to account for only part of the clearance of plasma fetal DNA. The rapid turnover of circulating DNA suggests that plasma DNA analysis may be less susceptible to false-positive results, which result from carryover from previous pregnancies, than is the detection of fetal cells in maternal blood; also, rapid turnover may be useful for the monitoring of fetomaternal events with rapid dynamics. These results also may have implications for the study of other types of nonhost DNA in plasma, such as circulating tumor-derived and graft-derived DNA in oncology and transplant patients, respectively.

# Applicazioni (pre NGS)

- **Sesso Fetale**
- **Rh**
- **Malattie Monogeniche (Alleli Paterni)**

**Già da 8°-9° s.g. (Frazione Fetale non deve essere molto elevata)**

Ricerca Aneuploidie

Dato QUANTITATIVO

(conto quanto DNA c'è per ogni cromosoma)

Necessario **NGS**

Sesso

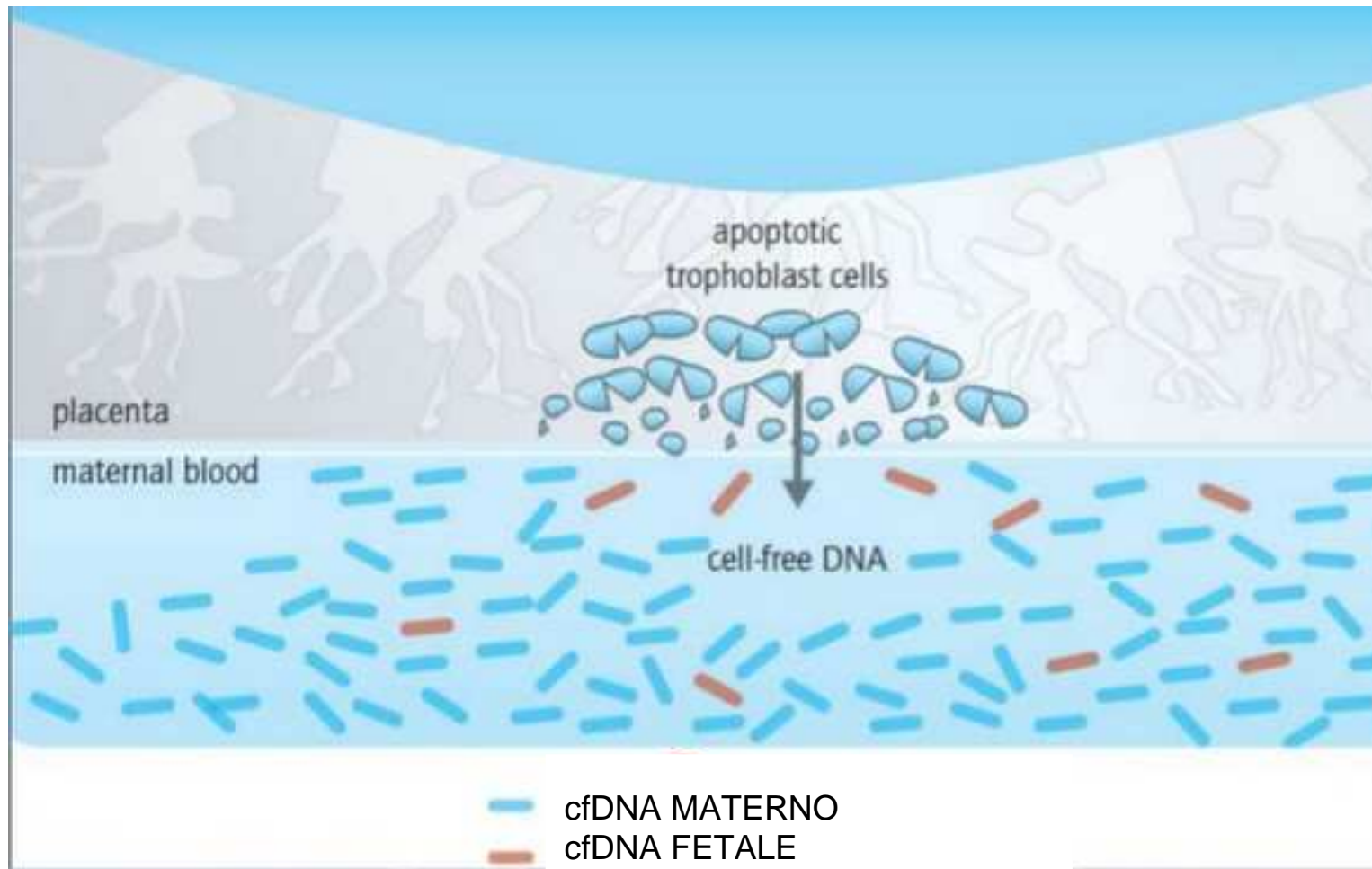
Rh

Mutazioni puntiformi

Dato QUALITATIVO

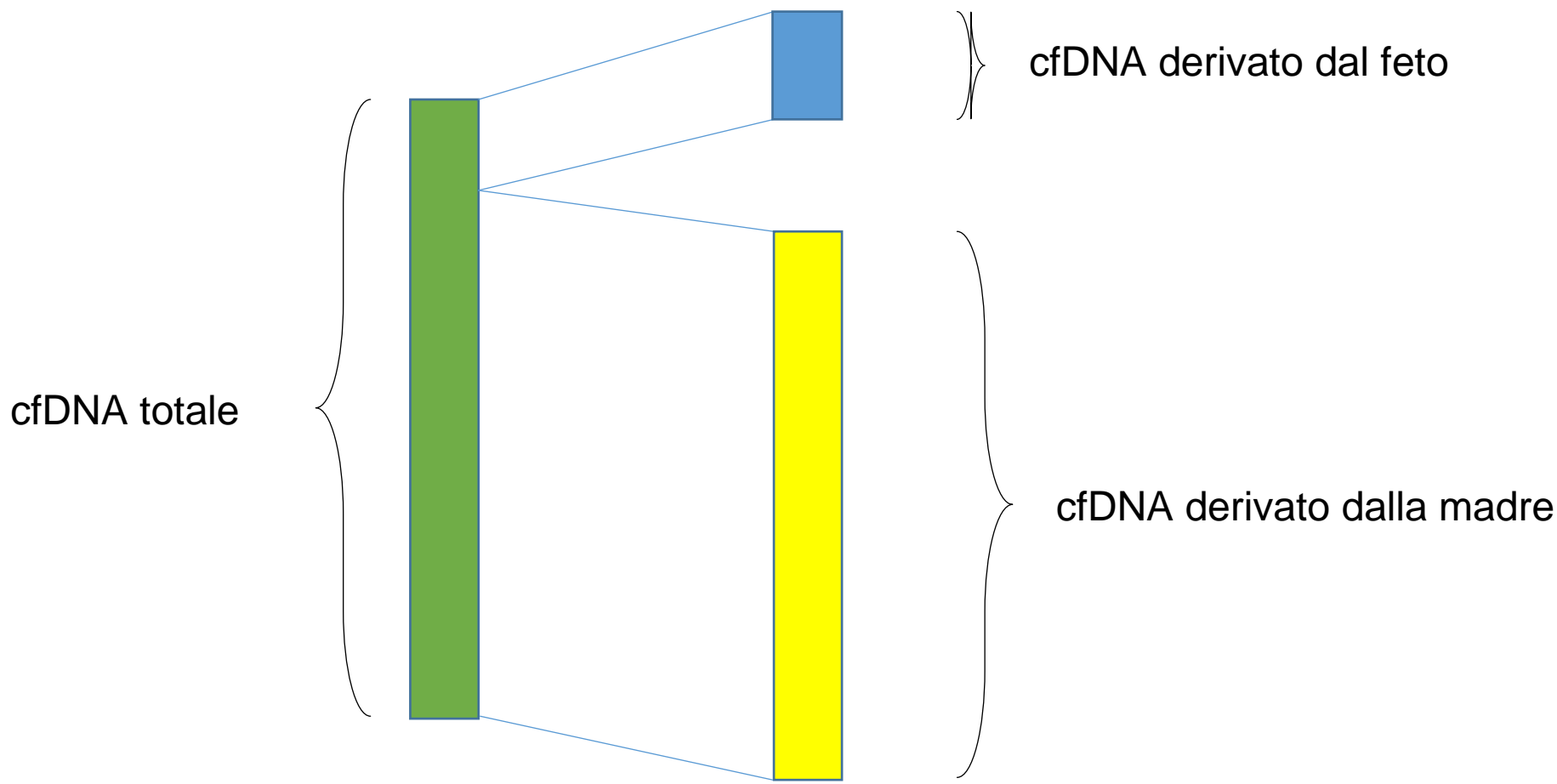
(C'è o non c'è)

Basta **BIO MOLECOLARE CLASSICA**



**Cosa è di origine fetale ma non materna?**

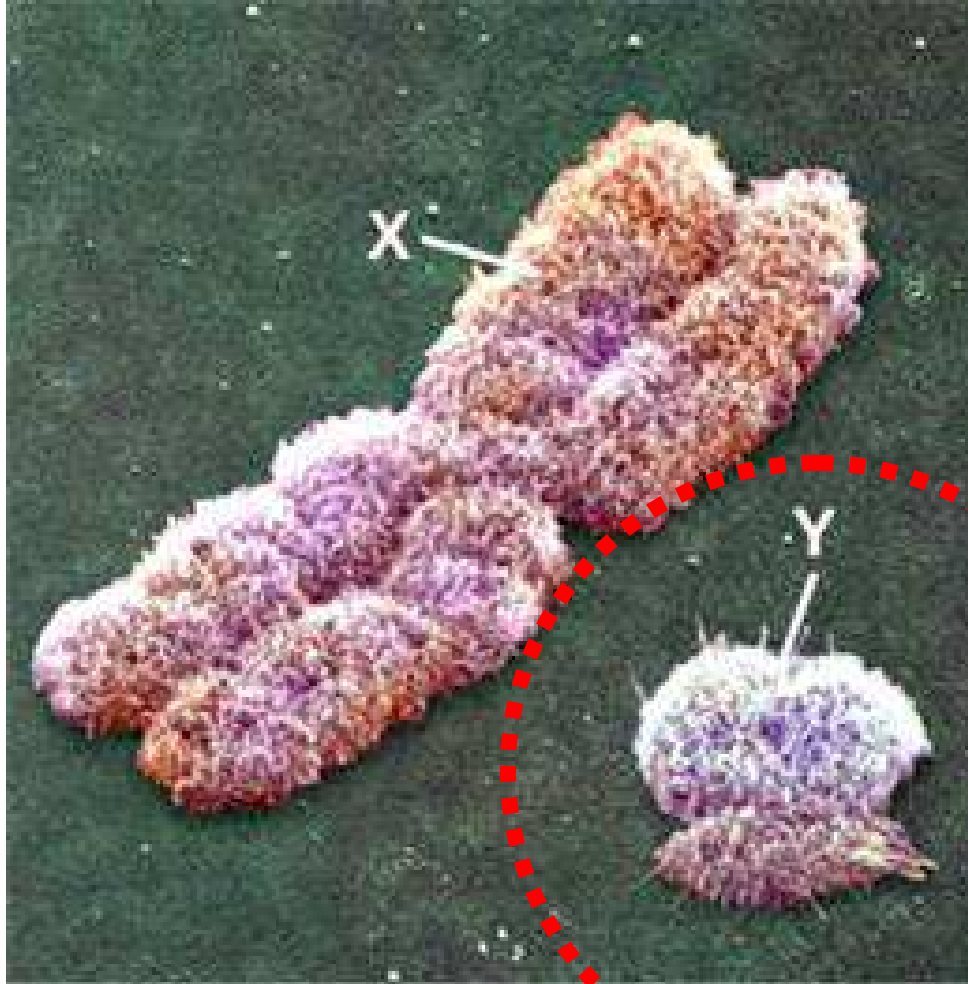




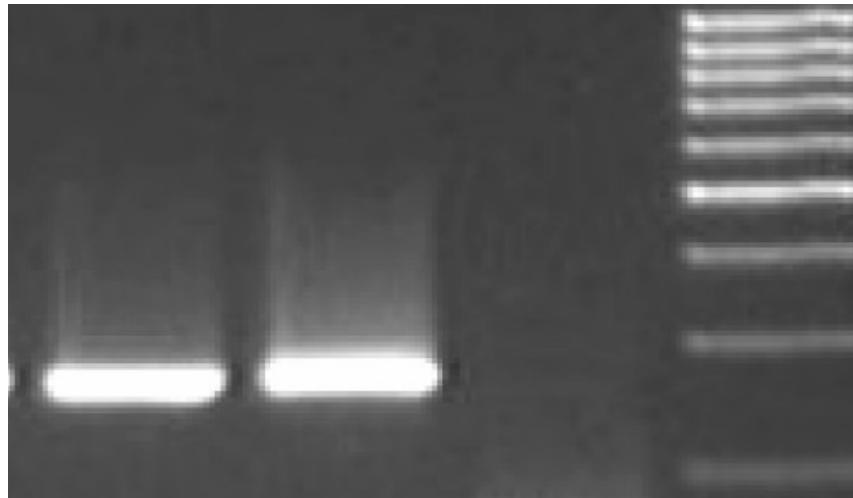
$$\text{Fetal fraction} = \frac{\text{cfDNA derivato dal feto}}{\text{cfDNA totale}}$$

Per queste applicazioni la Fetal Fraction è un po' meno critica (rispetto alla ricerca per aneuploidie)

Possibile analisi più precoce



Per determinare il sesso fetale basta amplificare con PCR «standard» sequenze specifiche del cromosoma Y



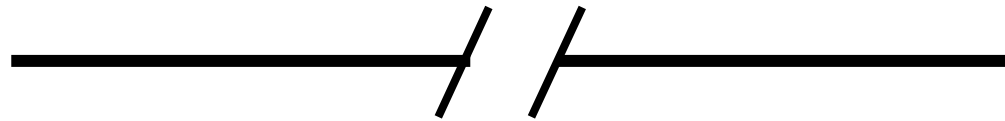
Se amplificazione positiva il feto sarà maschio  
altrimenti sarà femmina

(protocolli «moderni usano RQ-PCR)

Nel caso di malattie XL (DMD) sapere che il feto è femmina potrebbe evitare il ricorso alla Diagnosi invasiva



Rh pos



Rh neg

Nei feti maschi analisi chr Y fa da controllo Positivo

Problema nei feti femmina

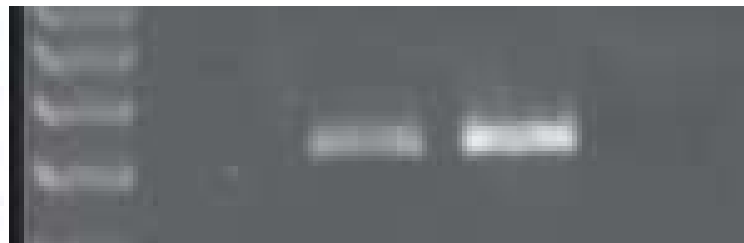
possibile analisi di altri marcatori polimorfici  
che permettono di identificare alleli fetali in  
oltre 95-99% dei casi (e determinazione della  
frazione fetale)

Madre Rh neg  
Padre Rh pos

rischio immunizzazione  
materna contro antigene Rh  
m.emolitica del neonato in  
gravidanze successive

Determinazione precoce permette di evitare profilassi o di  
programmare opportuni monitoraggi

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# Oggi Tecniche più «Raffinate»

Clin Chem. 2015 Nov;61(11):1399-407. doi: 10.1373/clinchem.2015.239137. Epub 2015 Sep 9.

**Fetal Sex and RHD Genotyping with Digital PCR Demonstrates Greater Sensitivity than Real-time PCR.**

Sillence KA<sup>1</sup>, Roberts LA<sup>2</sup>, Hollands HJ<sup>2</sup>, Thompson HP<sup>1</sup>, Kiernan M<sup>1</sup>, Madgett TE<sup>1</sup>, Ross Welch C<sup>2</sup>, Avent ND<sup>3</sup>.

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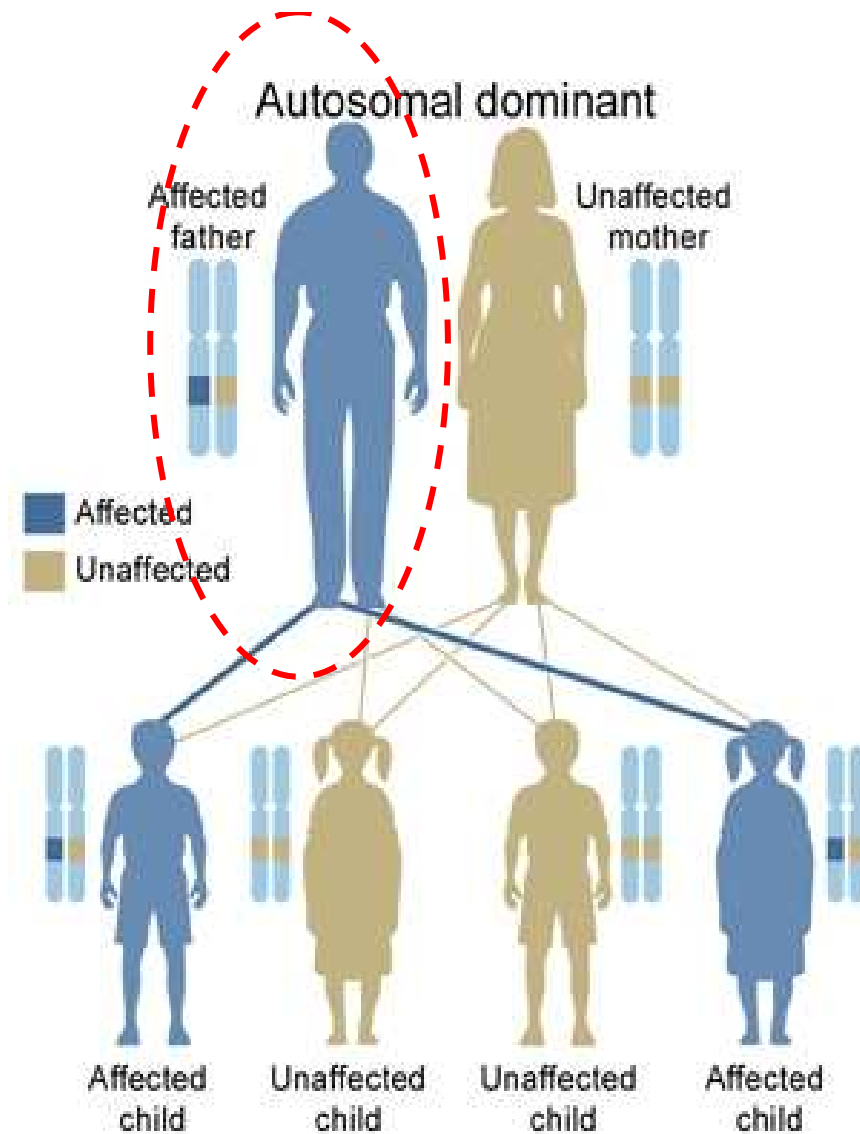
Analisi possibili anche con Fetal Fraction molto bassa

## Malattie monogeniche

AD ricerca mutazioni **Paterne** nel feto

AR esclusione trasmissione

XL (al momento non applicazioni)



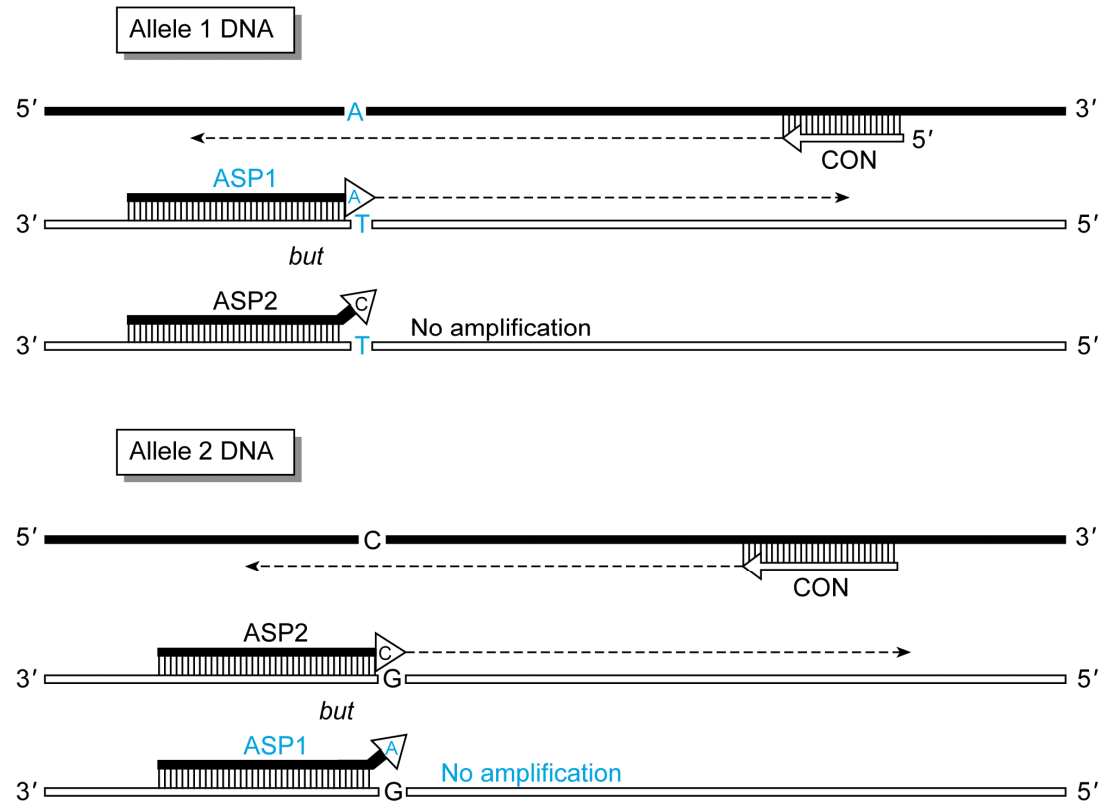
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CERCO MUTAZIONE PATERNA SU cfDNA MATERNO

# Possibili vari approcci

## PCR allele specifica

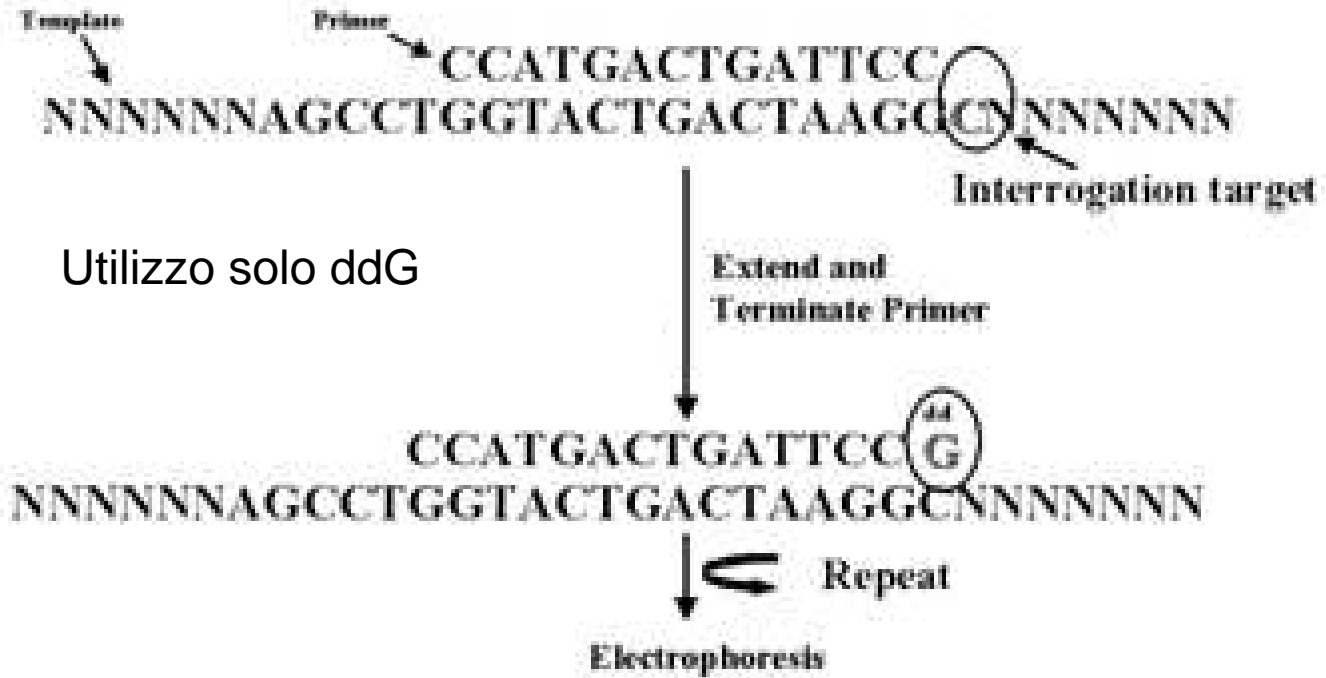
PCR with ASP1 or ASP2  
+ conserved primer (CON)



Possibili vari approcci

Minisequencing

### Minisequencing Single Base Extension



Utilizzo solo ddG

Extend and Terminate Primer

Interrogation target

CCATGACTGATTCC<sup>dd</sup>G

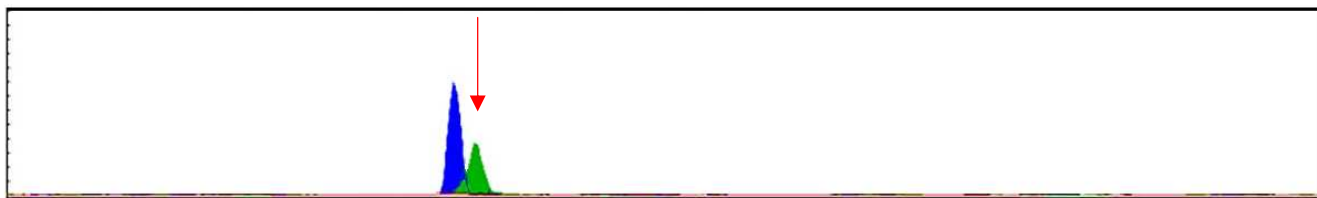
Repeat

Electrophoresis

Genotyping



# Paternal NF1 point mutation



CVS confirmed finding

Possibili anche altre metodiche.

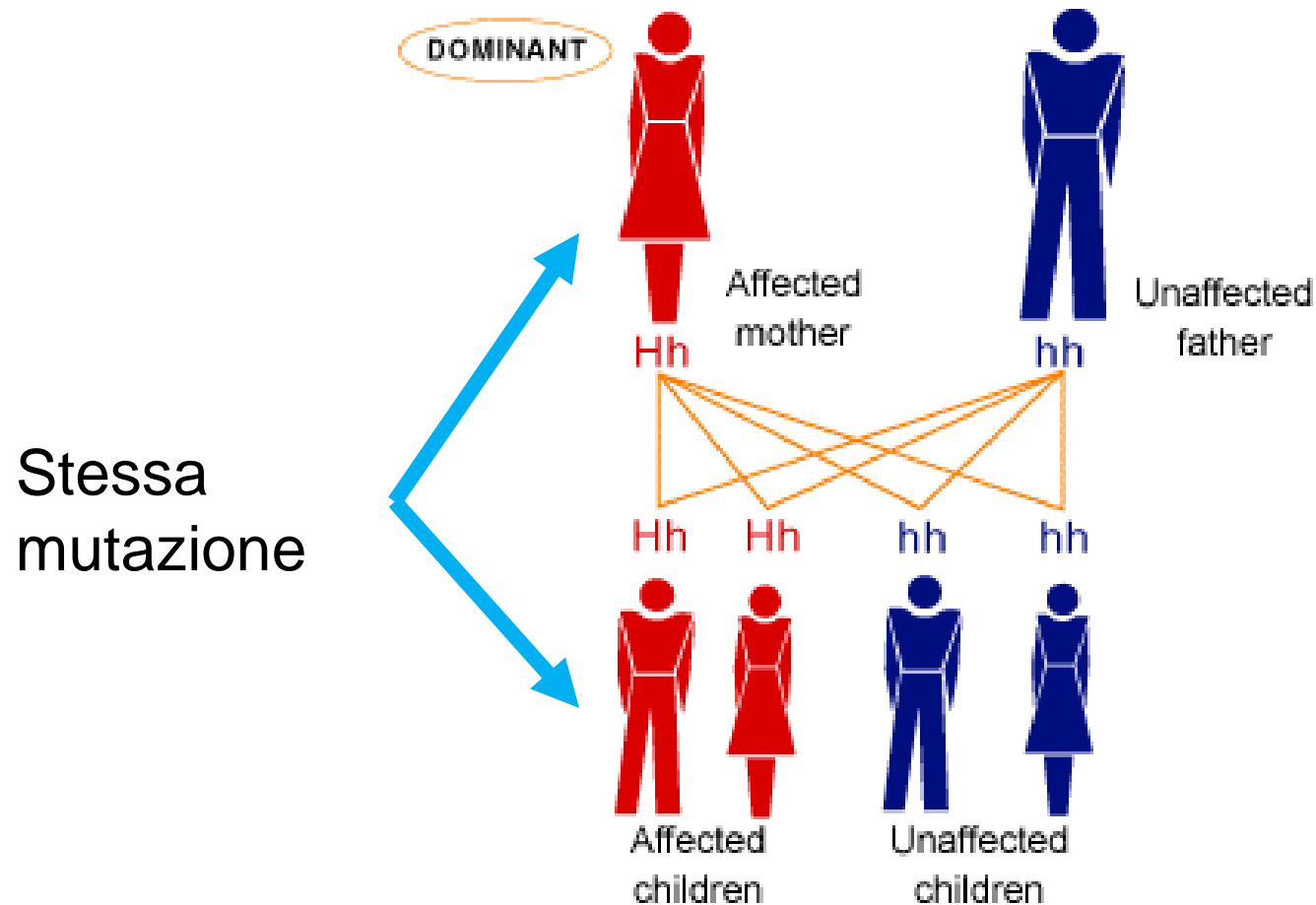
Queste sono relativamente economiche e semplici da implementare (spt. Minisequencing)

In questo caso è una tecnica potenzialmente «**diagnostica**»

(se trovo la mutazione paterna sul cfDNA materno il feto sarà *sicuramente* affetto)

Teoricamente meno problemi rispetto ad analisi per aneuploidie (come diagnosi di mutazioni su villi coriali)

(in pratica esperienza relativamente poca)

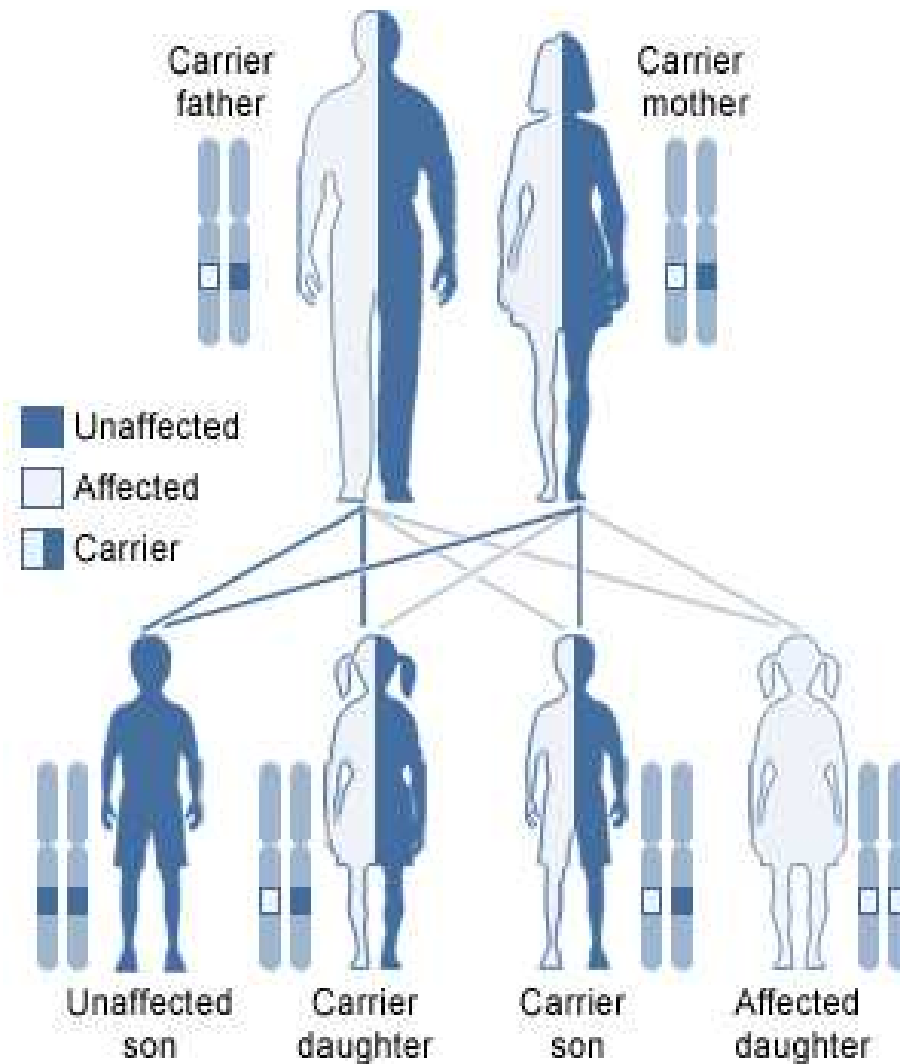


NIPD con metodiche «classiche» non possibile

Non riesco a discriminare quali molecole del cfDNA derivano dal feto e quali dalla madre



## Autosomal recessive



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Possibile se mutazione Materna è DIVERSA da quella Paterna  
Ricerca mutazione PATERNA come per le AD

In questo caso identifico solo feti «a rischio»

Se ricerca negativa **escludo** patologia  
(feto al max portatore)

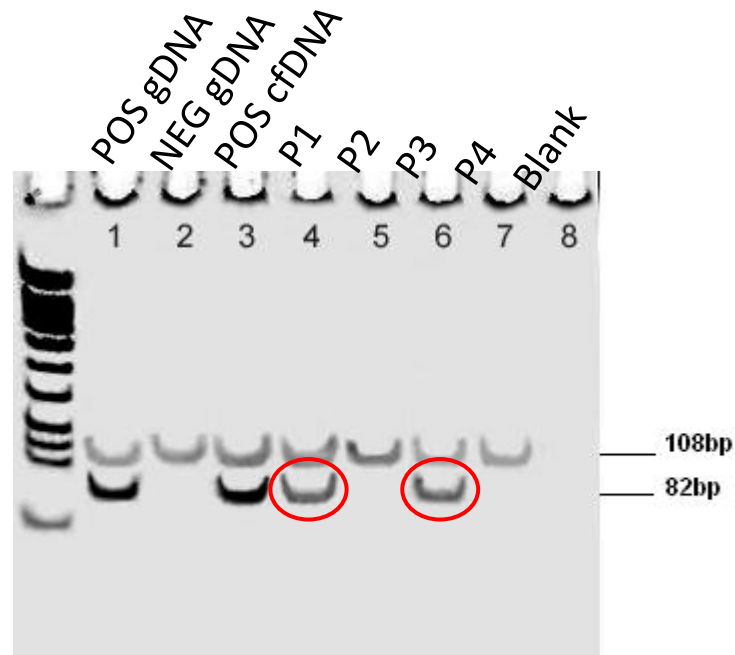
Se ricerca positiva feto      50% Portatore  
   50% Affetto

Dimezzo le dgn. Invasive

**Analysis of paternal *CFTR* F508del mutation in maternal plasma**

FATHER  
MOTHER

F508del  
other *CFTR* mutation (non-F508del)



«Positive» women underwent CVS

1 fetus had not inherited maternal mutation

1 fetus had both mutations > TOP

If both parents carry the same mutant allele

NIPD **not** possible

(Will not work for SMA)

## In passato

Tentativi di arricchire cffDNA in base alle dimensioni (frammenti più piccoli rispetto a frammenti di derivazione materna)

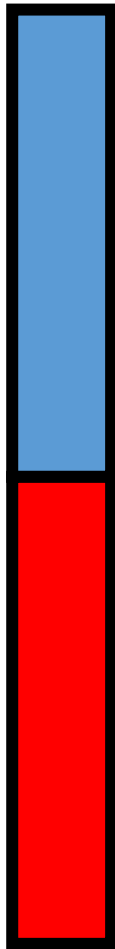
Profili di metilazione

## NGS (e digital PCR)

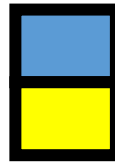
In teoria permette analisi di mutazioni AD Materne

E ricerca di ambedue gli alleli nelle AR

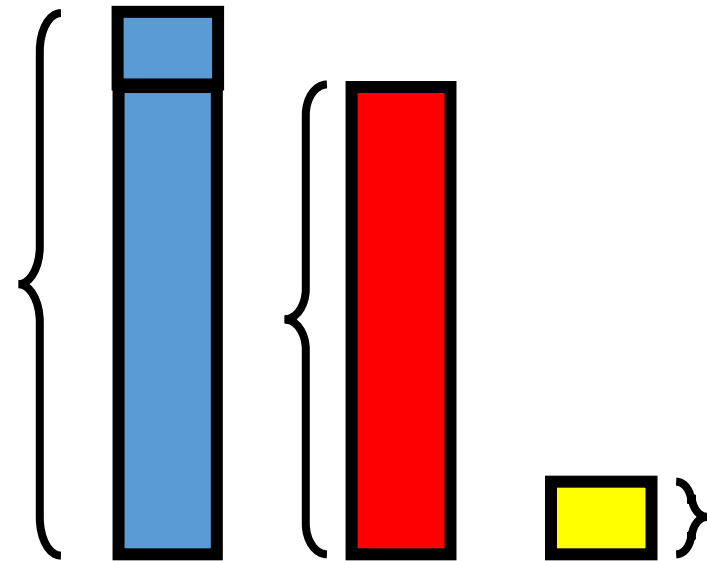
DNA di derivazione  
MATERNA



DNA di derivazione  
FETALE



NGS permette di quantificare  
con precisione l'abbondanza  
relativa dei vari alleli.



Necessario «very deep» sequencing per avere differenze statisticamente significative

Messa a punto complessa (cinetiche di amplificazione dei vari frammenti non omogenee)

Molte mutazioni diverse

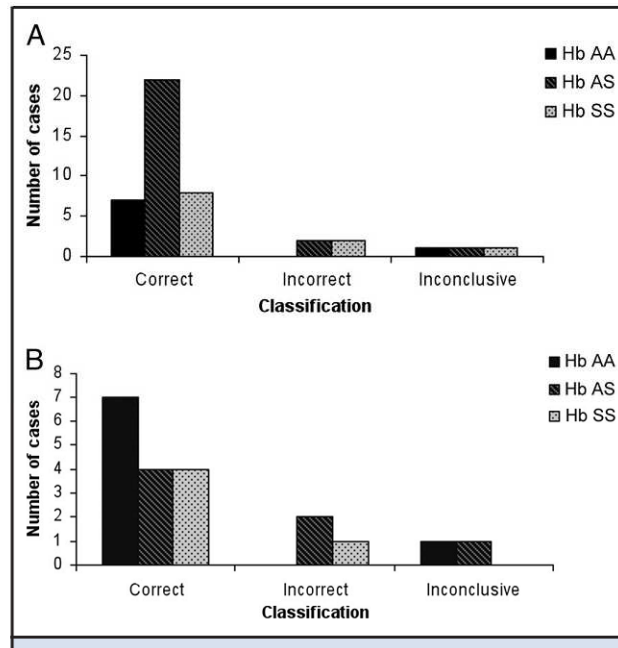
Costo elevato per messa a punto della singola analisi

numerosità pazienti scarsa (eccetto forse CF e emoglobinopatie)



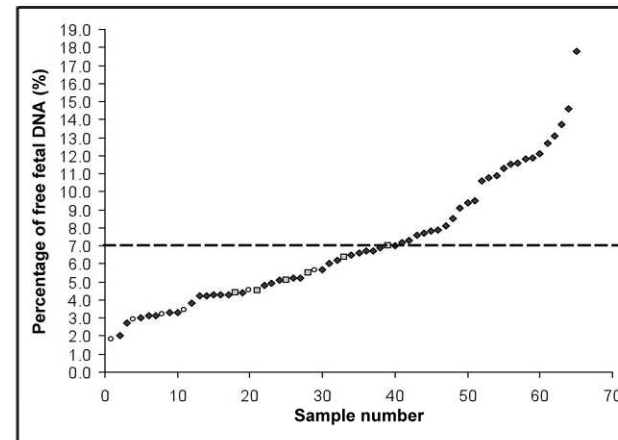
## Digital PCR Analysis of Maternal Plasma for Noninvasive Detection of Sickle Cell Anemia

Angela N. Barrett,<sup>1,2</sup> Thomas C.R. McDonnell,<sup>1</sup> K.C. Allen Chan,<sup>3</sup> and Lyn S. Chitty<sup>2,4\*</sup>



**Fig. 1.** Genotype for each classification for male-bearing (A) and female-bearing (B) pregnancies.

The number of samples with a particular genotype is shown for correct, incorrect, and inconclusive classifications.



**Fig. 2.** Classification for male- and female-bearing pregnancies with an increasing cffDNA percentage.

At cffDNA percentages >7% (dashed line), all samples are classified correctly:  $\blacklozenge$ , correct result;  $\blacksquare$ , incorrect result;  $\circ$ , unclassified.

## Altre applicazioni possibili

Paternità

Ricerca di mutazioni de novo (NGS)  
es pannello RAS ad alto coverage  
in feti con NT aumentata

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