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SEGMENTAL ANEUPLOIDY IN BLASTOCYSTS: WHEN THE CHROMOSOMES BREAK.

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OBJECTIVE: Our objective is to describe quantitatively and qualitatively segmental aneuploidies (SA) in trophoectoderm samples, defined as a loss or gain of a chromosomal fragment and its relationship with clinical and embryological parameters.

DESIGN: Clinical retrospective historical study

MATERIALS AND METHODS: 3628 blastocysts were studied of 844 cycles of PGT-A.Trophoectoderms were analyzed by NGS (next generation sequencing). SA was considered, if the lost / gained fragment measured was higher than 5 Mb.The diagnosed aneuploidies were classified as: complete chromosome, single segmentals (only a segmented chromosome, with or without complete chromosome aneuploidy) and pure segmentals (PSA, segmented chromosome unique without additional aneuploidy).We defined: prevalence, type, size, distribution and chromosomal topology (arm p or q) and its relation to: clinical indication, blastocyst stage and quality of the MCI and of the trophoectoderm.

RESULTS: 8.6% (314/3628) of blastocysts showed SA associated or not with complete chromosome aneuploidy;7.9% (288/3628) exhibited unique SA, and 4.4% (161/3628) PSA. The incidence of PSAwas not related to clinical or embryological parameters, except for the quality of the trophoectoderm. Chromosomes 19, 22, and Y did not exhibit PSA. PSAs were more frequent in the q arm of the metacentric and submetacentric chromosomes. Its size was greater in q than in p. The PSA/ chromosome ratio was constant. The PSA in q was greater than in p.The ratio PSA / arm was lower in arm q. The description of the PSAs only relates to intrachromosome topographic parameters

CONCLUSIONS: PSA is chromosome-dependent with clear topographic effect. In addition, it does not vary with maternal age, but it does vary with the morphology of the blastocyst, as a possible indicator of chromosomal inestability in the trophoectoderm. Supported by: IVIRMA Private Grant.