

1 **Genetic risk of Klinefelter Syndrome in ART**

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17 **Abstract**

18 Purpose: The main cause of Klinefelter Syndrome (KS) has been believed to be XY sperm.
19 Accordingly, in ICSI treatment of KS patients, hereditary KS has been a concern. Therefore,
20 we attempted to estimate the risk before and after the ART.

21 Methods: First, to validate the safety of KS patient's gametes, FISH analysis following an
22 original cell identification method using 1052 testicular gametes of 30 patients was
23 conducted. Second, in resultant 45 babies, cytogenetic and physical/cognitive screening data
24 was analyzed. In addition, we conducted a first attempt to investigate the origin of the extra
25 X in 11 KS using 12 X chromosome short tandem repeats (STRs) to estimate paternal
26 contribution on KS.

27 Results: No sex chromosomally abnormal gamete was found in FISH and the babies were
28 normal genetically, physical and cognitively. In STR, we confirmed that most (7/11) of KS
29 patients resulted from the fertilization of XX oocytes, suggesting that a KS baby previously
30 reported may not be resultant from XY sperm.

31 Conclusion: These results indicate that the risk of ART for KS patients is not as high as
32 previously expected.

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36 **Introduction**

37 Klinefelter's syndrome (KS) is one of the most common chromosomal abnormalities found in newborns.
38 Its incidence is approximately 1 in 500~1000 live birth males [1]. Almost all patients with KS have a non-
39 mosaic 47, XXY karyotype [2] originally described as a syndrome with increased exertion follicle-
40 stimulating hormone, gynecomastia, azoospermia [3, 4] and slightly low IQ. Once considered permanently
41 infertile, these individuals can now reproduce using intracytoplasmic injection of spermatozoa extracted
42 from their testicles [5]. To date, the birth of more than 200 babies has been reported around the world [6-
43 23], 45 of those babies have been born at our institute, following ICSI with gametes of KS patients. Among
44 those cases we know only one case of a fetus in a triplet pregnancy that was diagnosed with KS with
45 amniocentesis, that case was later reduced to a healthy twin pregnancy [10]. On the other hand, there have
46 been reports warning that the sex chromosome abnormality incidence increases in children born after ICSI
47 from KS patients who produce sperm with XY disomy [24-29]. In contrast, other reports [12] showed that
48 only normal sperm with haploid X or Y were found in KS patient's testis. Accordingly, it is important to
49 collect more precise data to determine the risk level of ART using KS patient's gamete and decide how to
50 deal with the clinical treatment of KS patients.

51 Recently, we established criteria to distinguish testicular somatic and meiotic cells without fixation and any
52 staining [30], and accordingly precise cytogenetic analysis of these cells became possible. In this study, the
53 criteria were used for a cytogenetic analysis (chromosome assay and FISH) of KS patient's sperm and
54 meiotic cells selectively isolated, instead of the previous method with spermatogenic cell mixture.
55 Furthermore, a follow-up review of comparably large number (N=45) of newborn babies born from the
56 ART treatment of KS patients at our hospital from 2000 to 2013 was performed to confirm that XY sperm
57 was not selected for the ART treatment. Namely, the risk of hereditary KS was examined before and after
58 the ART treatment. In addition, we conducted a first attempt of X-chromosome short tandem repeats (STR)
59 analysis among patients and their parents to estimate XY sperm and XX oocyte contribution to the birth of
60 KS patients, since there is a possibility that KS resulted from XX oocyte fertilization may be more frequent.

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62 **Materials and methods**

63 **Patients**

64 This study dealt with 280 men who had previously been diagnosed as having non-mosaic Klinefelter
65 syndrome and had consented to receive Micro-TESE treatment at our institution from 2000 to 2013.

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67 **Biopsy of testis tissues**

68 Several different sites of each testis were biopsied under operation microscope (Micro-TESE). Biopsied

69 testicular tissues were prepared in D-PBS containing 0.125% collagenase and 0.01% DNase to free
70 spermatogenic cells from seminiferous tubules as previously described [30]. The cells were used for
71 cytogenetic analysis or clinical treatments (ICSI or ROSI) after cryopreservation.

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73 **Freezing and thawing of sperm or spermatid**

74 For cryopreservation of sperm, the testis tissue suspension was centrifuged and the pellets were transferred
75 into a droplet of HTF on a petri dish with a glass pipette under a diverted microscope. Then, the cell
76 suspension was mixed with a very small amount of a freezing medium (approximately 2 µl of HTF with
77 10% serum protein substances (SPS) and 100mM Sucrose), and placed on the tip of CRYOTOP under an
78 inverted microscope. The Cryotop was exposed to liquid nitrogen vapor for 2 min and stored in liquid
79 nitrogen. For thawing of the frozen cells, after maintaining the Cryotop in air for 5 seconds, it was dipped
80 into a droplet covered with warm mineral oil (37°C) to suspend the cells [31]. Motile sperm were selected
81 and used for ICSI.

82 For ROSI, spermatids were selected from testicular cell suspension under an inverted microscope and
83 suspended in 0.15 ml of freezing medium (D-PBS with 0.6 M ethylene glycol, 0.125 M sucrose and
84 antibiotics). The suspension was drawn in a 0.25 ml Cassou straw and cooled on ice (4°C). After the straw
85 was maintained at -7°C in a cooling chamber of a programmable alcohol-bath-freezer for 20 min, it was
86 cooled to -30°C at the rate of -0.3 °C /min before plunging into liquid nitrogen. Thawing was carried out
87 by maintaining the straw in air for 5 seconds. The cell suspension was then diluted with HTF containing
88 10% SPS (SAGE In Vitro Fertilization; Cooper Surgical) in a test tube to remove cryoprotectant [30].

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90 **Cytological identification of testicular cells**

91 We have already established criteria for identifying biopsied spermatogenic cells morphologically.
92 Characteristics of testicular cells were examined in detail under a differential interference microscope (10
93 x 40), and then their chromosomal constitutions were determined by cytogenetic analysis to confirm
94 whether the characteristics used and the meiotic phases correlate each other [30].

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96 **FISH procedure**

97 Spermatogonia (SG), primary spermatocytes (Pr-Sc), round spermatids (ST) and elongating or mature
98 sperm selected from enzymatically-treated biopsied tissues with a micromanipulator were put into a droplet
99 of HTF with SPS, and then placed in a droplet of 10 µl of PBS (C²⁺ and Mg²⁺ free) on a Poly-L-Lysine
100 coated slides with a square mark on the back slide. Soon after PBS surrounding cells was completely dried
101 off, the cells were covered with small amount of the fixative of Carnoy's solution (methanol:acetic

102 acid=3:1). The fixative evaporated gradually and the cells became transparent. When the fixative
103 completely disappeared, the cell membrane burst and nuclei were attached to the glass slide. In order to
104 wash away phosphate crystals derived from PBS (-), the cells were covered with the fixative several times
105 and dried them in air. For the fixed cells, triple target FISH was performed using fluorescence labelled DNA
106 probes specific for chromosomes X, Y and chromosome 7 (Vysis, CEP DNA probe). Mixture of the probes
107 was applied to the slide under a coverslip and the nuclear and probe DNA were denatured simultaneously
108 for 5 min at 75 °C. The slide was then incubated in a chamber (Hybrite, Vysis) at 42 °C for 120 min to allow
109 hybridization, and then counterstained with DAPI [32].

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111 **Chromosome assay of spermatogenic cells**

112 For chromosome analysis of spermatogenic cells that were identified with our morphological criteria,
113 chromosome assay with inter-specific injection into mouse MII oocytes was used [33]. The meiotic cells
114 were injected into mouse oocytes 10 min after electrical stimulations (AC 8V/cm 1000 KHz for 8sec and
115 DC 1200V /cm for 99µsec). Sperm or elongating sperm were injected without electric stimulations. After
116 overnight incubation in HTF containing 50ng/ml Vinblastine, the nucleus of meiotic cells or sperm injected
117 was allowed forming chromosomes in the mouse oocytes. Chromosome slides of the oocytes were prepared
118 by the gradual fixation-air drying method [34].

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120 **Microinjection of testicular sperm or spermatid**

121 ICSI was conducted with motile and morphologically normal sperm. Oocyte penetration by spermatid was
122 conducted with a comparably larger injection pipette than that used for conventional ICSI. In the cases of
123 Sa~Sb spermatid, oocyte activation with electrical stimulation was required before injection [30], no oocyte
124 activation for Sc~Sd. After five days of incubation, the blastocysts were transferred into the uterus.

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126 **X-chromosome short tandem repeats (STR)**

127 Using blood or oral mucous samples of 11 KS patients and one or both of their parents with their consent,
128 the origin of the extra X chromosome was determined with X-chromosome haplotype markers (short
129 tandem repeats of 12 loci), according to the method by Shrivastava et al. [35]. With DNA extracted from
130 the samples, multiplexed PCR amplifications of the 12 X-STR loci (linkage group 1, DXS10148,
131 DXS10135, DXS8378; linkage group 2, DXA10079, DXS10074, DXS7132; linkage group 3, HPRTB,
132 DXS10101, DXS10103; linkage group 3, DXS10134, DXS10146, DXS10146) and AMELOGENIN were
133 conducted using an Investigator Argus X-12 QS Kit (Quigen, Germany). Electrophoresis was run on an
134 ABI PRISM 3100 Genetic Analyzer for the PCR products. The data obtained was analyzed with

135 GeneMapper ID software. All the steps described above were entrusted to Tohoku Chemical Co., Ltd.
136 (Japan).

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138 **Screening of babies and children**

139 Out of 45 babies who were born by ICSI or spermatid injection treatment of KS patients in our hospital, 29
140 underwent chromosomal analysis using amniocentesis or peripheral blood samples before or after birth,
141 respectively, along with the compulsory newborn or infant screening for physical and cognitive
142 development in Japan. For the rest, only information in the screening was used to examine the possibility
143 of KS syndrome.

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145 **Ethics**

146 Clinical application of Round spermatid injection (ROSI) and genetic analysis with X-chromosome short
147 tandem repeats (STR) were approved by the Institutional Review Board of the Saint Mother Obstetrics and
148 Gynecology Clinic. This clinical study was also registered on the University Hospital Medical Information
149 Network of Japan (UMIN Clinical Trials Registry: UMIN000006117, UMIN000024542) adhering to the
150 ICMJE criteria.

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152 **RESULTS**

153 **Morphological characteristics of spermatogenic cells**

154 In Fig 1a, typical images of spermatogenic cells are shown. Elongating and elongated spermatids were
155 easily identified with deviated condensed nuclei and short flagella, respectively. It was comparably difficult
156 to distinguish among SG, early primary spermatocyte and round spermatids. Round spermatids were the
157 smallest spermatogenic cells (6-8 μm in diameter; slightly smaller than erythrocytes). They were much
158 smaller than spermatocytes (10-12 μm) and slightly smaller than SG (8 -10 μm). Two to three nucleoli were
159 seen within nuclei of SG and spermatocytes, but not in round spermatids. Area of the cytoplasm surrounding
160 nucleus was narrower in round spermatids than in spermatogonia. Protruded active pseudopodia were often
161 seen in SG [36], but not in round spermatids. Although an acrosomal vesicle or cap was considered to be a
162 strong evidence of the cell being a round spermatid, such structures were found in less than 10% of
163 presumptive spermatids.

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165 **Chromosome abnormality in testicular cells of KS patients**

166 In the Fig 1b and 1c, chromosome images of normal spermatogenic cells visualized by chromosome assay
167 and FISH analysis are shown, respectively. When chromosomes of spermatogenic cells were induced to

168 condense in mouse oocytes, SG had 46 of dyad chromosomes, which are seen at the metaphase of somatic
169 cell proliferation. Pr-Sc had 23 of tetrad chromosomes, in some of which the cross-overs were observed
170 (see arrow in Fig 1b). ST had 23 monad chromosomes. Therefore, the chromosome assay showed that our
171 criteria for spermatogenic cell morphology allowed them to be identified correctly, and accordingly we
172 could apply the cells which were selected with the criteria for FISH analysis of their interphase nuclei. In
173 SG, 2 blue spots of chromosome 18 and a green and orange spot of X and Y are found. In Pr-Sc each one
174 spot of chr-18, X and Y were visible, 3 spots in total. In ST a blue spot of chr-18 and either of green (X) or
175 orange (Y) spot, a total of 2 spots were observed (Fig 1c).

176 The results of FISH analysis for SG, Pr-Sc and ST in 5 KS men are shown in Table 1. The mean values of
177 age, testicle volume, FSH, LH and Testosterone were 33.2 years old, 11.2 ml, 4.08 mIU/ml, 4.32mIU/ml
178 and 4.48 ng/ml, respectively. In the SG stage, the average proportion of 46 XY and 47 XXY was
179 approximately 73.6% (194/265) and 26.4% (71/265), respectively. In one case (#2), all SG was 46 XY of
180 chromosome constitution (34/34). Until now there have been few reports describing the high percentage of
181 46 XY compared to 47 XXY. This result deserves attention. In contrast, in all 5 KS men, no sex
182 chromosomally aberrant Pr-Sc was found (0/256) and resultant STs (467 cells) were also normal with
183 haploid X or Y in almost equal proportion (49:51). This result seems to support strongly the probability that
184 chromosomally normal sperm and STs are derived from meiosis of chromosomally normal Pr-Sc in KS
185 patients. In addition, in other 25 KS patients, 100 sperm (n=10) or 485 ST (n=15) selected were subjected
186 to FISH analysis to estimate the risk of accidentally selecting gametes with sex chromosome aneuploidy
187 for ICSI. In conclusion, no sex chromosome abnormalities have been observed in the KS patient's gametes
188 until now.

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190 **The success rate of ICSI/ROSI**

191 The success rates of the ICSI/ROSI treatment of KS patients are shown in Table 2. Out of 280 patients,
192 sperm with faint motility were recovered in 92 (32.9%) patients for ICSI. Spermatids, which are evidence
193 of the completion of meiosis, were found in 33 (11.8%) patients for ROSI. In 155 (55.4%) patients, no
194 spermatogenic cells were found. The incidences of pregnancy per treatment cycle, miscarriage and delivery
195 were 12.4% (59/477), 37.3% (22/59), 7.8% (37/477), respectively. Finally, 45 healthy babies (including 6
196 twins and 1 triplets cases) were born ($\text{♂}:\text{♀}=21:24$).

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198 **Physical and cognitive development of KS patient's babies**

199 In the 29 babies who were cytogenetically analyzed, it was confirmed that they had a normal karyotype.
200 The results of the newborn or infant screening for physical and cognitive development also showed that in

201 all 45 babies, no abnormality has been found.

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203 **Origin of extra X-chromosome in KS patients**

204 Examples of X-chromosomal STR DNA profile are shown in Table 3. The KY patient number 09 is a case
205 when both X-chromosomes were inherited from the mother (maternal origin). Allele of DXS10148 locus
206 was 22.1 in the patient, 20 in his father and 20, 22.1 in his mother, suggesting that the patient's allele was
207 inherited from maternal X-chromosomes. In other loci, all alleles of the patient were consistent with those
208 of the mother. In the patient case of paternal origin (22TK), all alleles of 12 X-chromosome loci were
209 inherited from the father, indicating that patient's X-chromosomes were send from both father and mother.
210 In 63.6% (7) of the patients examined the X-chromosome was inherited from the mother and in 36.4% (4)
211 of the 11 cases from the father. In the patients who had two maternal origin X-chromosomes, the cause of
212 KS is that an extra X chromosome was left in an oocyte as a result of chromosomal non-disjunction at the
213 1st or 2nd meiotic division. In the patient who had X-chromosomes inherited from the parents, fertilization
214 of XY-sperm is the cause of KS.

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216 **DISCUSSION**

217 **Genetic risk of the ICSI treatment for KS patients**

218 The present study showed that 45 babies were successfully delivered using oocyte penetration by sperm or
219 spermatid from KS patients from January 2000 to December 2013 at our hospital, and among them there
220 was neither a case of chromosomal abnormality nor any case of physical or cognitive abnormality. The
221 miscarriage rate (37.3%) in the treatment of KS patients using sperm and spermatid was not significantly
222 higher when compared with non-KS patients (20.1% of 134) [30]. The results indicate the possibility that
223 the genetic risk of the embryos produced in the treatment of KS patients is not as high as previously believed.
224 This clinical result is consistent with the cytogenetic data of FISH and chromosome analysis in the gametes
225 from KS patients. In 25 KS patients examined, no sex chromosome abnormality was found in 952 ST cells
226 and 100 sperm (Table 2). The mechanism to produce normal gametes in KS patient's testis is considered to
227 be as follows. In the patient #2, all SG and Pr-SC analyzed were XY in the sex chromosome constitution.
228 Therefore, there is no doubt that ST with X or Y chromosome could be derived from meiosis of sex
229 chromosomally normal germ cells. In the remaining 4 KS patients with testicular mosaicism of XY and
230 XXY SG, it is difficult to determine which of XY or XXY cells were the source of ST. However, in all of
231 their Pr-SC analyzed, sex chromosome constitution was XY, and accordingly all ST cells may have been
232 produced from XY SG, suggesting the possibility that XXY SG cannot enter meiosis. Bergere et al. [12]
233 have also reported that there was no XXY pachytene gamete and no increase of XY ST or XY sperm in 3

234 testicular 46 XY/47XXY mosaic KS patients, reading a conclusion that 46, XY cells can undergo meiosis.
235 There is another possibility that the resultant abnormal daughter cells of XXY SG may become degenerative
236 or apoptotic [37], because in this study only the spermatogenic cells that were alive with the intact plasma
237 membrane and smooth round shape were selectively examined. This possibility seems to be a reason for an
238 inconsistency of the present data with those of previous cytogenetic studies in KS patients. Many previous
239 FISH studies have reported that not only sex chromosome abnormality rate but also the rate of autosomal
240 aneuploidies [24] are higher in sperm from KS patients than from non-KS infertile patients [24-29]. In those
241 studies, testicular cell suspension was directly smeared on a glass slide, treated with DTT and hybridized
242 with FISH probes. Since after the successive treatment, the artificially swollen sperm heads were not
243 allowed to evaluate morphology, a tail was used to identify sperm. Therefore, it cannot be denied that
244 aberrant sperm heads, which are not appropriate for ICSI treatment, must have been analyzed along with
245 normal sperm heads in the previous FISH studies. It is a clear fact that the risk of disomy and diploidy is
246 higher in sperm with aberrant heads [38, 39]. In addition, this assumption is also supported by the high
247 frequency of XY sperm found in the control donor sperm used in the FISH studies because the rates of XY
248 sperm obtained were 20 to 100 times higher than the rate (0.018%) reported by Kamiguchi et al. [40] using
249 chromosome assay of 15,864 ejaculated donor sperm (n=51) which penetrated hamster oocytes. We
250 understand that the reason of the distinct results between our and previous FISH studies cannot not be
251 revealed without a comparative study among the different sperm selection procedures. However, it can be
252 concluded that instead of using testicular cell suspension, our cytogenetic studies with spermatogenic cells
253 that were morphologically evaluated and selected is more suitable for exact estimation of the genetic risk
254 in the ICSI treatment of the KS patients. On the other hand, Coates et al. [41] reported an increase of sex
255 chromosome aneuploidy in array comparative genomic hybridization with the trophoblasts biopsied
256 from embryos that were obtained by ICSI treatment of oligozoospermia males, suggesting the risk of the
257 use of suboptimal sperm. Although it is not clear whether KS patients are included in their data, the result
258 seems to disagree with the present data. However, their data includes some points that are hard to understand.
259 First, the total aneuploidy rates did not differ among the embryos of IVF, ICSI with normal and suboptimal
260 sperm groups. Second, in embryos of the suboptimal sperm group, aneuploidy increased in specific
261 autosomes in addition to the sex chromosomes. These incompatible phenomena seem to be explained by
262 the possibility that patients with genetic backgrounds causing aneuploidy of a specific chromosome(s) are
263 contained in the oligozoospermia group. Therefore, their result may not be necessarily applicable to KS
264 patients, although we have to pay close attention to the genetic risk of ICSI treatment of KS patients.

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266 **Contribution of XX oocyte in production of KS syndrome**

267 When we found that no XY aneuploidy was observed in KS patient's gametes in our cytogenetic analysis,
268 we hypothesized that XY sperm did not contribute to the production of KS syndrome as much as XX
269 oocytes. In our X-chromosome STR analysis, the patients with maternal origin X-chromosomes were
270 comparably frequent (63.6%), suggesting that contribution of XX oocyte to the production of XXY
271 embryos may be greater than XY sperm, although the sample number applied for X-chromosomal STR
272 DNA profiling is not large enough. Some studies have previously attempted to determine the origin of the
273 extra-X chromosome in KS patients with X chromosome restriction site polymorphism [42-44]. Maternal
274 contribution to the production of KS syndrome was slightly greater in two studies (59% versus 41%) and
275 was slightly lower in one study (42.8 % versus 57.1%). In those studies, however, there were cases that X
276 chromosome origin was determined by appearance or disappearance of a single band in a single allele,
277 which may have resulted from mutation. In X-chromosome STR analysis, the 12 X-chromosomal markers
278 are clustered into 4 linkage groups, which consist of 3 alleles, and thus each set of three markers is handled
279 as a haplotype for genotyping to avoid misjudgment. We could find no report that applied X-chromosome
280 STR with PCR to KS patients in previous studies. Maiburg et al [45] reported that the extra X chromosomes
281 is the result of meiotic nondisjunction or possibly, as recently described, of premature separation of sister
282 chromatids both in paternally or maternally because of an increased maternal age [1, 46]. Since X-
283 chromosome origin may affect the potency of spermatogenesis in KS patients, we will collect further data
284 using this method.

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483 **Figure legend**

484 Fig 1. Morphology and chromosomal constitution of a normal spermatogonium, primary spermatocyte or
485 round spermatid.

486 The three types of spermatogenic cells identified under a differential interference microscope (a), their
487 chromosome complements formed in mouse oocytes (b), and fluorescent signals of X, Y and 18
488 chromosomes by FISH analysis (c).

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Figure 1. Chromosomal analysis and FISH results in nuclei of spermatogenic cells

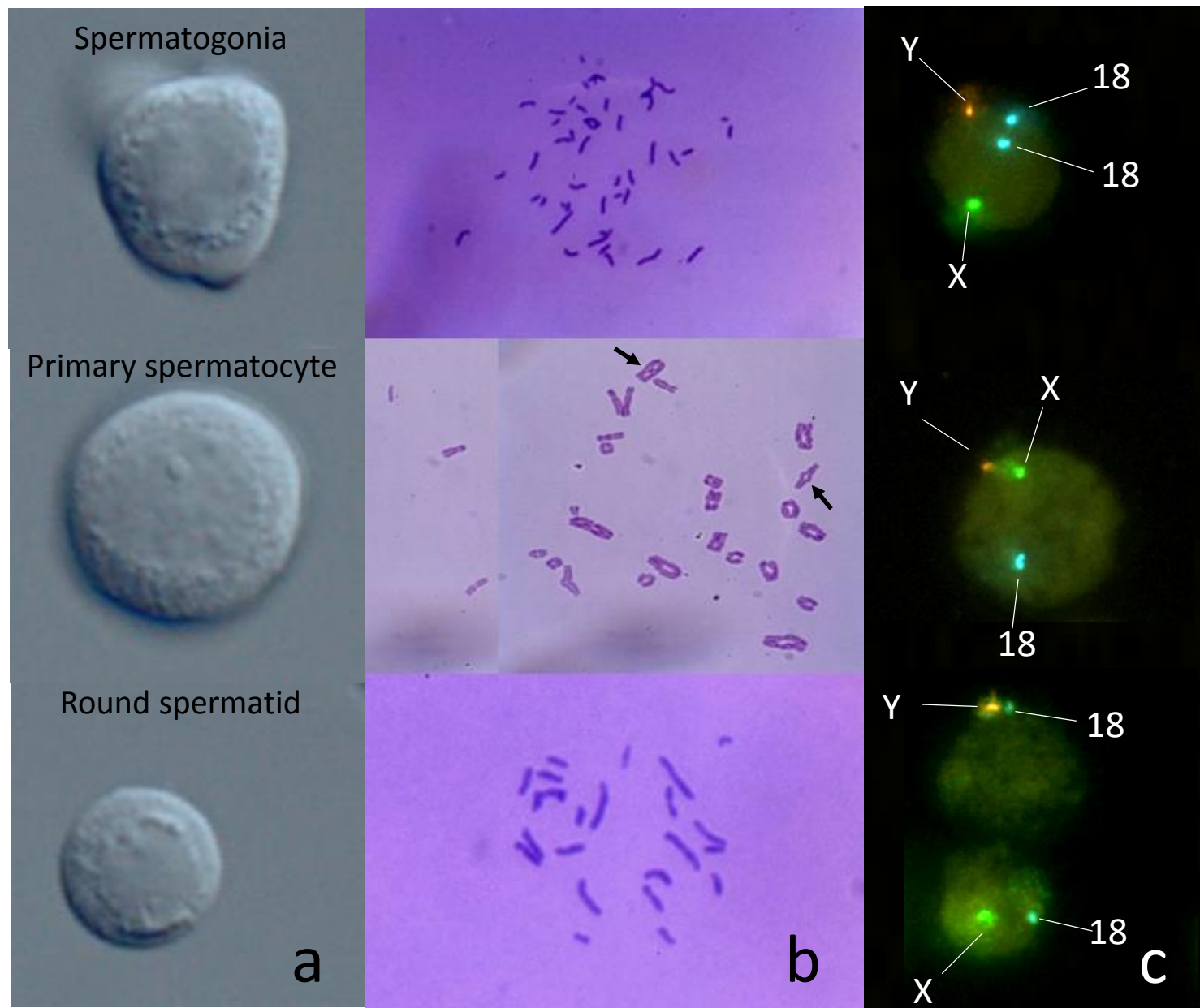


Table 1. FISH analysis of spermatogenic cells from 5 KS patients

Patient	Spermatogonia		Primary spermatocyte		Spermatid		
	XY (%)	XXY (%)	XY (%)	XXY (%)	X (%)	Y (%)	Other (%)
1	79 (95.2)	4 (4.8)	106 (100)	0	132 (49.8)	133 (50.2)	0
2	34 (100)	0 (0)	31 (100)	0	15 (41.7)	21 (58.3)	0
3	21 (45.7)	25 (54.3)	36 (100)	0	24 (48.0)	26 (52.0)	0
4	33 (57.9)	24 (42)	49 (100)	0	27 (49.1)	28 (50.9)	0
5	27 (60.0)	18 (40.0)	34 (100)	0	31 (50.8)	30 (49.2)	0
Total	194 (73.6)	71 (26.4)	256 (100)	0	229 (49.0)	238 (51.0)	0

Table 2. Clinical outcome of micro-fertilization using KS patient's gamete

	Sperm	Spermatid (Sa, Sb)	Spermatid (Sc, Sd)
No. of patients	92 (32.9%)	8 (2.9%)	25 (8.9%)
Age of wife (yrs)	31.2 (25-36)	30.5 (24-34)	29.5 (23-33)
No. of collected oocytes /patient	12.4 (8-20)	11.4 (7-19)	10.4 (6-15)
No. of fertilized oocytes /patient	8.1 (6-15)	7.9 (5-13)	7.5 (5-11)
% of good Day 3 embryos	60.4% (4.9/8.1)	30.3% (2.4/7.9)	44.0% (3.3/7.5)
Implantation rate*	17.4% (51/293)	14.5 (9/62)	16.4 (20/122)
Pregnancy rate*	13.7% (40/293)	9.7% (6/62)	10.7% (13/122)
Miscarriage rate*	32.5% (13/40)	66.7% (4/6)	38.5% (5/13)
Delivery rate*	9.2% (27/293)	3.2% (2/62)	6.6% (8/122)

* per ET cycles

45 babies were delivered in 37 cases that include 6 twins and 1 triplet pregnancies.

Table 3. Examples of X-chromosome STR profiles of KS patients and their parents.

Maternal origin of extra X-chromosome				
Patient #	Markers	Father	Patient	Mother
09KY	DXS10148	20	22.1	20, 22.1
	DXS10135	22	22	21, 22
	DXS8378	10	10	10
	DXS10079	18, 21	18, 20	17, 18, 20
	DXS10074	17	18	16, 18
	DXS7132	16	14	14, 15
	HPRTB	12	14	13, 14
	DXS10101	31.2	29, 31.2	29, 31.2
	DXS10103	18	17, 19	17, 19
	DXS10134	35	36, 37.3	36, 37.3
	DXS10146	24, 40.2	26, 32	26, 32
	DXS7423	14	15, 16	15, 16
	AM	X, Y	X, Y	X
Paternal origin of extra X-chromosome				
22TK	DXS10148	25.1	24.1, 25.1, 28.1	24.1, 27.1, 28.1
	DXS10135	26	19, 26	19, 31
	DXS8378	12	11, 12	11
	DXS10079	16	15, 16, 21	15, 19, 21
	DXS10074	18	17, 18	17, 19
	DXS7132	14	<u>14</u>	13, 14
	HPRTB	13	12, 13, 14	12, 13, 14
	DXS10101	31	31, 31.2	31.2, 32.2
	DXS10103	19	18, 19	18
	DXS10134	34	34, 36	36
	DXS10146	28	26, 28	26
	DXS7423	14	14, 16	15, 16
	AM	X, Y	X, Y	X

Italic: paternal allele, **Bold**: maternal allele, Underlined: allele may be inherited from the parents