An (11;21) Translocation in Four Generations with Chromosome 11 Abnormalities in the Offspring

A Clinical, Cytogenetical, and Gene Marker Study¹

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Abstract. A family in which a translocation t(11; 21) (q23;q22) was segregating through three generations was studied clinically and cytogenetically. Individuals monosomic for the distal part of the long arm of chromosome No. 11 showed severe malformations and retardation. A

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patient trisomic for this part of chromosome No. 11 was mentally retarded but less severely affected. Marker gene studies could exclude the location of several blood group loci at the distal part of the long arm of chromosome No. 11, but did not give any positive evidence of linkage to this part.

Fluorescence and Giemsa banding techniques have made it possible to identify all human chromosomes and to determine breakpoints in rearrangements. With fluorescence technique, we could identify a translocation involving chromosomes No. 11 and 21. The translocation chromosomes were segregating in the family.

The family was ascertained through an infant with malformations (case 1). The child had a 46,XX,11q- karyotype.

Family History

The proposita was born in 1968. Nine months later, a paternal second cousin with the same type of malformations was born. The family was then evaluated and the chromosomes examined. A translocation between the long arm of a C group chromosome and the long arm of a G group chromosome was segregating. When banding technique was introduced, the translocation type was identified as (11;21)(q23;q22).

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Fig. 2. Case 1. *a* At the age of 5 weeks. Note narrow cranium with keel-formed forehead, hypertelorism and broad-bridged nose. *b* Note slanting forehead, low hairline, low-set malformed ears, ulnar deviation of second finger, and hammer toe.

The pedigree of the family is given in figure 1 and a more detailed description of the family in the Appendix.

Case Histories

Case 1.

The proposita (individual IV-3 in the pedigree) was born in July, 1968, five weeks before term after an uneventful pregnancy; birth weight 2,000 g, length 46 cm. Her mother was 24 years and the father 25 years at the time of her birth. The patient is the youngest of three children. The elder brother, sister, and mother are healthy. The father is disabled because of a traffic accident.

At birth the child was oedematous with respiratory distress for which reason she was treated in an incubator with oxygen. Because of failure to thrive, the patient was transferred to a paediatric department at the age of five weeks.

At that time (fig. 2a, b) her weight was 2,320 g, her length 48 cm. The cranium was narrowed from side to side and the frontal region was formed like a keel. The occipitofrontal circumference was 32 cm. The hair-line was low posteriorly. Ocular findings included epicanthus, hypertelorism and mongoloid slant of the palpebral fissures. The nose was broadbridged. The upper lip was short and the chin receding. The ears were low-set and slightly malformed with an indicated double helix. The palate was high arched and narrowed.

Stethoscopy of the heart revealed a strong systolic murmur, best heard along the left sternal border. The extremities were hypertonic with brisk deep reflexes and indicated foot clonus. The feet were held in an equinovarus position, and the big toes were hammershaped. The hands were in a clenched fist position, and the second finger showed ulnar deviation. The right hand was broad, the left was normal. The fingers were short, the fourth and fifth finger being relatively shorter than the others. The fifth finger was curved on both sides. Simian creases were present bilaterally.

The child continuously failed to thrive, and physical and mental development was retarded. She was discharged from the hospital at the age of 4 months and was cared for at home. At the age of 14 months, her development was estimated to correspond with that of a 4-month-old child. She was able to keep her head upright without support, could not sit alone without support, she could reach out for things passed to her. The patient died at home at the age of 19 months. Autopsy was not performed.

Laboratory investigations. Haemoglobin, erythrocytes, leucocytes, and differential counts were normal. In the urine neither protein nor glucose were found and the sediment was normal. Phenylpyruvic reaction was negative.

ECG was normal.

Slightly increased activity of all lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) isoenzymes were found. Galactose-1-phosphaturidyltransferase was normal. Serum electrophoresis was normal. Qualitative cellulose-acetate electrophoresis of urinary acid mucopolysaccharides revealed a normal pattern.

For blood, serum and enzyme types, see table II.

Radiographic examination. The cranium was narrowed from side to side. Left hand and wrist were normal for the age, so was the spine. Hip and pelvis roentgenograms showed no abnormalities. Radiographic examination of the thorax showed enlargement of the heart.

Cardiac catheterization performed at Queen Louise's Children's hospital (Copenhagen) showed an atrial septum defect. According to oxygen analysis, it was not conjugated with any shunt. Furthermore, an interventricular defect with a left-right shunt was found. In the right ventricle a significant elevated tension was diagnosed.

Ophthalmoscopic examination was normal.

Case 2.

A girl (individual IV–10 in the pedigree) was born in April, 1969, when the mother was 23 years and the father 29 years. She was number three of three living sibs. The mother, who is healthy, had a spontaneous abortion before the birth of the first child and a therapeutic abortion on psychiatric indication after the birth of the second child. The sister and brother are healthy. The pregnancy was complicated with hydramnios. The child was born



Fig. 3. Case 2. *a* After death. Note keel-formed forehead, broad-bridged neos, and epicanthus. *b* Post-mortem photo of calvarium, showing acute angle of frontal bone.

at term with head presentation; birth weight was 1,700 g, length 43 cm, head circumference 30.5 cm. The child was flabby, slow at crying, and had a peculiar appearance. She was therefore transferred to a paediatric department in the first day of life. She expired, 28 h old, after repeated attacks of cyanosis. The child was phenotypically exactly like case 1 (fig. 3a, b).

For appearance and pathological findings, see table I.

Case 3.

A boy (individual IV-4 in the pedigree) was born in January, 1960, three weeks before term after an uneventful pregnancy. Birth was uncomplicated; birth weight 2,250 g, length 50 cm. The parents were 31 years old at the time of the child's birth, and he was the first born. A younger sister died at five days old. There were no abortions.

At birth the appearance of the child was normal; at the age of three weeks he had a single attack of cyanosis. Because of feeding difficulties and failure to thrive, he was hospitalized the first 3 months of life. He was restless; physical and mental development was retarded. He sat without support at the age of 10 months, could walk at 2 years of age, and began to talk at $2\frac{1}{2}-3$ years old. He was toilet-trained at the age of $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. At the

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Fig. 4. Case 3 at the age of 111/2 years.

age of 7 years, he continued to talk in a babyish manner in short sentences. Furthermore he stutters. During childhood he had numerous periods of illness with colds, pneumonia, and otitis.

An intelligence test was performed when he was 7 years old; his concentration span was short and his IQ was 65. At the age of $7\frac{1}{2}$ years he attended a special school for the mentally retarded. He made little progress, still has a short concentration span, is childish and dependent on others. He reacts violently towards all that is new, getting aggressive and crying when something upsets him.

Clinical investigation at the age of $11\frac{1}{2}$ years (fig. 4a, b) revealed a boy with an appearance of slight mental retardation, coarse facial appearance, a high prominent forehead, an asymmetrical face and flopping, low-set, sparsely modelled, backward placed ears.

His height was 137 cm, weight 36 kg; armspan was 134 cm; maximum head circumference was $53\frac{1}{2}$ cm, cephalic index 0.76. The nose was small with anteverted nostrils. Extensive dental caries were present, teeth were very irregular, and there was a high arched palate. Clinical neurological investigation showed no abnormalities except for slight predominance of the reflexes on the left side. The hands were broad with tapering fingers. The fifth finger was short on both sides and the left fifth finger curved. The feet were small with broad distance between the first and second toe on the right side. The fifth toe was short on both sides. There were marked pedes plani. The skin showed extensive prurigo Besnier. The external genitals were normal.

| | Case 1 | Case 2 | Case 3 |
|---|--|---|---------------------|
| Index number | IV-3 | IV-10 | IV-4 |
| Sex | F | F | М |
| Maternal age at birth of child | 24 years | 23 years | 31 years |
| Paternal age at birth of child | 25 years | 29 years | 31 years |
| Gestational length | 35 weeks | 40 weeks | 37 weeks |
| Birth weight; length | 2,000 g; 46 cm | 1,700 g; 43 cm | 2,250 g; 50 cm |
| Neonatal problems | cyanosis, dyspnea | cyanotic attacks, died 28 h old | - |
| Physical development | retarded | 'small for date' | retarded |
| Mental development | retarded | | retarded |
| Microcephalia | + | + | - |
| Narrow forehead | + | + | 1000 |
| Keel-formed frontal region | + | + | |
| Broad-bridged nose | + | + | _ |
| Epicanthus | + | + | |
| Mongoloid slant | + | + | |
| Receding chin | + | + | |
| Low-set ears | + | + | + |
| Loose skin folds at the back of the neck | - | + | |
| Ulnar deviation of 2nd finger | +/+ | | |
| Simian crease | +/+ | +/+ | |
| First toe is a hammer toe | +/+ | | |
| Congenital heart disease | asd + vsd pulmonary hyper- tension | cor univentriculare, truncus arteriosus comm., hypoplasia atrii sin. | |
| Renal defect | ? | ren dupl. utr., hydronephrosis sin. | - |
| Chromosome analysis | 46,XX,der(11)pat | post-mortem culture failed | 46,XY,de (21)mat |

Table 1. Summary of anamnestic and pathological findings in the cases described

Laboratory investigations. Haemoglobin, ESR, and serum creatinine showed normal values. No protein was found in the urine, and the sediment was normal. ECG was normal. EEG showed diffuse fast activity, 4–7 Hz, and sharp waves with uncertain predominance in the right temporo-occipital region. Electrophoresis of serum proteins



Fig. 5. Giemsa band karyotype from a male carrier (III–6). The translocation chromosomes are indicated by arrow.



Fig. 6. Fluorescence karyotype from case 3. The der(21) chromosome is indicated by arrow.

| Pedi- | ABO | MNSs | Rhe | Rhesus | | | | Ь | × | Kp(a) Fy(a) Hp | dH (| Gc | Gm | PGN | 1 AcP | 'AK | PGM AcP ¹ AK Karyotype ² |
|-------------|--------|-----------|-----|--------|---|---|---|---|----|----------------|------|----------|--|-----|-------|----------|--|
| gree No. | | | υ | Č | D | ш | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | A_1 | NSs+ | Ĵ, | | Ĭ | 1 | + | + | + | 1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | a-x-b+ | 2-1 | В | Ξ | z |
| - | A_1B | MNS-s+ | | + | + | l | + | + | ľ | + | 2-2 | 2-1 | a + x + b + | Ξ | в | Ξ | c |
| 2 | A1 | MS + s + | + | ţ | + | t | + | + | ľ | + | 2-1 | 2^{-1} | a + x + b + | Ξ | A | 1 | z |
| Э | A1 | MNS-s+ | + | 1 | + | 1 | + | + | + | + | 2-1 | 2-23 | a+x+b+ | Ξ | в | Ξ | Z |
| 4 | A2 | NSs+ | + | Î | + | 1 | + | + | ł | 1 | 2-1 | Ξ | a + x - b + | 2-1 | В | Ξ | z |
| 5 | A_1 | MNS+s- | ł | ţ | + | 1 | + | + | Ĭ | + (+ | 2-2 | 1 | a-x-b+ | Ξ | BC | Ξ | z |
| 9 | A_1 | MNS + s + | | + | + | ſ | + | Ĩ | + | + | 2-1 | 2^{-1} | a + x + b + | 2-1 | AB | Ξ | С |
| I. 3 | A_1B | MS-s+ | + | Į, | + | Ŭ | + | + | Ē | ľ | 2-1 | Ξ | a + x + b + | Ξ | AB | 1 | C, |
| 4 | A1 | MNS+s+ | 1 | | 1 | 1 | ÷ | + | + | + | Ξ | Ξ | a + x + b | Ξ | В | 2-1 | z |
| 9 | в | MNS- | + | 1 | + | 1 | + | + | 1 | + | 2-1 | 2-1 | a - x - b + | Ξ | AB | 1 | c |
| 12 | A1 | MNS+s+ | l | | Ĩ | l | + | + | + | + | 2-2 | 2-1 | a-x-b+ | Ξ | AC | 1 | С |
| 13 | 0 | MNS+s+ | + | 1 | + | ł | t | + | i) | + | 2-2 | 1 | a-x-b+ | 1 | В | 2^{-1} | z |
| 15 | 0 | MNSs+ | + | 1 | + | 1 | + | + | 1 | + | 2-2 | 2^{-1} | a + x - b + | Ξ | AB | Ξ | z |
| 16 | A1 | NS + s + | I | | Ĩ | 1 | + | + | 1 | + | 2-2 | 2-1 | a - x - b + | 2-1 | BC | Ξ | C |
| 18 | A_2 | NS+s+ | + | + | + | 1 | 1 | + | 4 | + | 2-2 | 1 | a-x-b+ | Ξ | AC | Ξ | z |
| 21 | A, | MS+s- | + | + | + | 1 | 1 | + | + | + | 1-0 | 2-1 | $+ \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{h}$ | 2-1 | AB | 1 | J |

Table 11. Blood, serum, and enzyme types for the family

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|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------------------|-------------------|-----|------|-------------|-------|-----|-----------------|--|
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | gree No. | | | U | Q | | ш | o | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | 28 | | MS+s- | 1 | | 1 | I | + | + | + | · (+) | + | 2-1 | 2-1 | a-x-b+ | Ξ | AC | Ξ | С |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | 29 | A1 | MNS+s- | ł | | ļ | ţ | + | + | + | (+) | + | 2-1 | Ξ | a - x - b + | Ξ | BC | Ξ | C |
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| | 13 | | MS + s + | + | Ĩ | + | Ţ | + | + | l | | | 2-1 | 2-2 | a - x - b + | 2-2 | A | Ξ | С |
| | 14 | | MS + s + | + | Ï | + | + | + | 1 | + | 1 | -i | 2-2 | 2-1 | a - x - b + | 2-1 | AB | Ξ | С |
| AcP = Red cell acid phosphatase. N = Normal karyotype; C = 46,XX or XY,t(11;21)(q23;q22). ^a Proband | 15 | A_1 | MS + s + | | + | ÷ | + | + | + | 1 | 1 | Ť | 2-1 | ¢. | a + x + b + | 1 | AB | 1 | С |
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Table II. (Continued)

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including immunoelectrophoresis of the γ -globulins showed normal values. LDH isoenzymes were normal.

Cytogenetic Studies

Chromosome analysis was performed on lymphocytes cultured for 2 or 3 days under addition of phytohaemagglutinin. Conventional Giemsa-stained slides from the proposita, case 1, showed a 46,XX,Cq- karyotype. In her father a translocation between a C group and a G group chromosome was identified. Extensive autoradiographic studies with ³Hthymidine, with the method described by FRØLAND [1965], in the proposita and her father did not allow identification of the C or the G group chromosomes involved in the translocation. In case 2 the post-mortem culture failed.

After introduction of banding methods, the family was studied either by fluorescence with a modification of the method described by CASPERSSON *et al.* [1970] or with Giemsa banding with the method routinely used at the Kennedy Institute [MIKKELSEN and DYGGVE, 1973]. The proposita, case 1, was dead at that time and could not be reexamined with banding methods. In the father of the proposita and 13 other family members, a balanced translocation between the long arm of chromosome No. 11 and the long arm of chromosome No.21 was found (fig.5). The breakpoints were at 11 q23 and 21 q22; karyotypes being 46,XX or XY,t(11;21)(q23;q22). In case 3, a partial trisomy for the long arm of chromosome 11 was found; the karyotype was 46,XY,der(21) (fig. 6). The banding methods applied did not allow to decide with certainty if the translocation was reciprocal or simple. It appeared as a simple transmission of the distal part of the long arm of chromosome 11 onto the terminal end of chromosome 21. 15 other family members had normal karyotypes. The ratio of normal karyotypes:translocation carriers among the offspring of female carriers was 3:8, among males, 4:6.

Anthropological and Serological Studies of the Family

Data on the distribution of blood and serum groups and enzyme systems are given in table II and on dermatoglyphics in table III.

In 26 family members including both carriers, normal individuals, and case 3, the following examinations were carried out: Agar-gel electrophoresis and immunoelectrophoresis of serum proteins and also serum LDH isoenzyme activity. In all cases normal values were found. (We are indebted to Dr. KNUD JENSEN, University Hospital, Odense, Clinical Chemical Department, for these studies.)

| | Fing | gers | | | | | Palms |
|-----------|---------|----------|-------|-----|-----|------------|---|
| | thur | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| Case 1 | (IV-3) |) | | | | | |
| Right | W | W | W | W | W | TRC = 136? | 11.0.7.3-0.0.0.0.0-t' 13, at'd 59° |
| Left | W | W | W | W | w | | 9.0.5'.1-0.V.0.0.V-t' 11, at'd 63° |
| Simian | line o | n both | hand | ds | | | |
| Case 3 | (IV-4) |) | | | | | |
| Right | U | U | U | W | U | TRC = 178 | 7.5".5".3-Lr.0.0.0.L-t 13, atd 42° |
| Left | U | U | U | W | U | | 7.5".5'.3-0.0.0.0.L-t 13, atd 45° |
| No sim | ian lir | ne | | | | | |
| Father 1 | to case | e I (II) | [-3] | | | | |
| Right | W | Wsm | U | Wsm | U | TRC = 169 | 11.7.7.3-0.0.0.0.v- t 13, atd 38° |
| Left | U | U | U | U | U | | 11.X.7.3-0.0.0.0- t 13, atd 38° |
| No sim | ian lir | ne | | | | | |
| Mother | to cas | se 1 (1 | II-4) | | | | |
| Right | W | W | W | W | W | TRC = 152 | 11.x.7.3-Comp.0.0.0- t 13, t'' 11, at''d 75 |
| Left | W | W | W | W | W | | 9.7.5".2-M/Ac.0.0.L-t' 11/12, at'd 45° |
| No sim | ian lir | ne | | | | | |
| Brother | to ca. | se 1 (I | V-1) | | | | |
| Right | Ucp | W | W | W | W | TRC = 169 | 11.9.7.3-0.0.0.L.0- t' 13, at'd 46° |
| Left | U | W | W | w | W | | 11.9.7.3-0.0.0.V.0- t 13, atd 40° |
| No sim | ian lir | ne | | | | | |
| Sister to | o case | 1 (IV- | -2) | | | | |
| Right | U | W | w | W | Wsm | TRC = 144 | 9.x.5'.3/11-0.Lr.0.0.0-t 13, atd 45° |
| Left | W | W | W | W | Wsm | | 10.x.6.2-V.0.0.0.0- t 12, atd 42° |
| No sim | ian lir | ie | | | | | |

Table III. Dermatoglyphics

Discussion

The clinical picture of IV-3, who lacked the distal part of chromosome No. 11, showed considerably more severe abnormalities than IV-4, who was

trisomic for the same part of chromosome No. 11. It must be assumed that case 2, who was clinically identical to case 1, had the same chromosomal aberration. It seems that the deletion of a chromosome has more deleterious effect than the trisomic state for the same part of the chromosome in question.

Only few chromosome abnormalities concerning No. 11 have been described. ROTT *et al.* [1972] described a family with a C11/D13 translocation. The propositus, who was partially trisomic for the long arm of chromosome No. 11, showed low birth weight and severe congenital malformations including congenital heart failure, lack of subcutaneous fatty tissues, epicanthic folds, hypertelorism, low-set ears with preauricular dimples, broad flat nose, micrognathia, muscular hypotonia, and psychomotor retardation. He died at the age of 10 months. FRANCKE [1972] described a girl trisomic for the distal third of the long arm of chromosome No. 11. The child showed micrognathia, macroglossia, complete cleft palate, dislocated hips, atrial septal defect, agenesis corporis callosi, one kidney, and one fallopian tube. She died at the age of 5 weeks.

These two cases showed a more severe clinical condition than our trisomic case presumably because the amount of extra material of the long arm of chromosome 11 was greater. No cases of deletion of the long arm of chromosome No. 11 were described until now.

The balanced translocation was found in two siblings in generation II and, as their mother (I-2) had a normal karyotype, it must be assumed that the father (I-1) carried the translocation.

This family is interesting because besides normal and carrier karyotypes, both partial monosomic and partial trisomic individuals were found. The unbalanced individuals represent both types of adjacent–1 segregation. Also, two children in generation III (III–1 and III–22), who died in early infancy, may have had an unbalanced karyotype as retardation and malformations were recorded. Poor economic and social conditions in this generation may have contributed to the great infant mortality observed also in children where nothing is known about malformations or mental and physical retardation.

The ratio of normal and carrier karyotype found in this family, 7:14, differs from the expected 1:1 ratio, but not significantly. There is a remarkably small number of known abortions and there are no signs of decreased fertility in this family, as has been observed in other translocation families. The transmission to an unbalanced child was maternal as well as paternal, and no sex difference was found in the segregation ratio.

The information which this family may give with respect to the chromosomal assignment of the loci of serological markers has been analysed. Conclusive negative evidence is provided by the individual IV-3 who lacks the distal part of the long arm of one chromosome No. 11; as this person is heterozygous at the ABO, MNS, and red cell acid phosphatase loci, it is excluded that these loci are sited here. Furthermore, individual IV-4 shows partial trisomy involving the same distal segment of chromosome No. 11, transmitted from the mother who also contributed her normal chromosome No. 11 to IV-4. As this child has received only one of the two different alleles identified at the mother's ABO, MNS, red cell acid phosphatase, and Kell loci, the location of these loci on the distal part of the long arm of chromosome No. 11 is likewise excluded.

The two visibly abnormal chromosomes in the carriers, No. 11 and 21, may serve as chromosome markers in an analysis of possible linkage between these and the serological markers. No information is provided concerning the P and AK systems, and no positive evidence of linkage is found for the other markers investigated. Finally, if lack of a small part of chromosome No. 11 and/or 21 is assumed in the carriers, it is of relevance to note that heterozygosity at most of the marker loci (except P, Kell, Duffy, and AK) has been observed in one or more of the carriers.

The finding of a normal karyotype in the amniotic fluid cells when the girl IV-12 was examined prenatally, while a 46,XX, (11; 21) translocation was found after birth, stresses once more the necessity of fluorescence or HL-A antigen studies to exclude that maternal cells have been cultured.

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Appendix

| Index No. | | Sex | Born | General remarks | Chromosomal findings |
|--------------|---|-----|------|---|--------------------------------|
| I. | 1 | м | 1880 | died 1961 | not examined |
| | 2 | F | 1884 | healthy, no abortion | 46,XX |
| П. | 1 | М | 1911 | healthy | 46,XY,t(11;21) (q23;q22)pat |
| | 2 | F | 1920 | healthy, 6 pregnancies | 46,XX |
| | 3 | F | 1913 | healthy, 4 pregnancies | 46,XX |
| | 4 | M | 1908 | husband to No. 3 | 46,XY |
| | 5 | Μ | 1915 | husband to No. 6, healthy | 46,XY |
| | 6 | F | 1918 | twelve pregnancies, no abortion | 46,XX,t(11;21) (q23;q22)pat |
| ш. | 1 | F | 1939 | Pregnancy uneventful, spontaneous delivery 2 weeks before term; physical ar mental development retarded. At the age of 8 years referred to an institution for mentally retarded. She was small for age 115 cm tall and looked normal, except for a very long and narrow head, a café-au-l spot as large as the palm of a hand in front of the right side of the thorax, and a 2×4 -cm teleangiectasia on the left side of the cheek and neck. UK (Bühler- Hetzer) 42. She died at the age of 29 year of a stemcell leukemia. Autopsy showed atrophy of the cerebral cortex; no malformations recorded. | or ait ars |
| | 2 | F | 1940 | birth weight 3,100 g, length 49 cm; looked normal, except for ecchymoses of feet and legs; she died at home, 11 months old, of pneumonia | not examined |
| | 3 | М | 1943 | disabled on account of motor accident; previously healthy; father to the proband | 46,XY,t(11;21) (q23;q22)pat |
| | 4 | F | 1944 | mother to the proband; healthy | 46,XX |
| | 5 | F | 1947 | died at the age of 3 months, presumably of gastroenteritis; no further information available | |
| | 6 | М | 1948 | healthy | 46,XY,t(11;21) (q23;q22)pat |

Description of the family including cytogenetical findings

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| Index No. | | Sex | Born | General remarks | Chromosomal findings |
|--------------|----|-----|------|--|--------------------------------|
| | 7 | ? | 1951 | abortion M II–III | |
| | 8 | М | 1933 | healthy, married, with three living children, one stillbirth, and one abortion | not examined |
| | 9 | M | 1940 | healthy, married, with two children | not examined |
| | 10 | M | 1946 | healthy | not examined |
| | 11 | F | 1948 | hydrocephalus congenita, idiotia; at the age of 13 years referred to an institution for mentally retarded; died 1971 | 46,XX |
| | 12 | F | 1939 | healthy, mother of case 3 | 46,XX,t(11;21) (q23;q22)mat |
| | 13 | Μ | 1929 | healthy, husband to No. 12 | 46,XY |
| | 14 | М | ? | illegitimate connection III-15 | not examined |
| | 15 | F | 1946 | healthy | 46,XX |
| | 16 | М | 1940 | healthy, father of case 2 | 46,XY,t(11;21) (q23;q22)mat |
| | 17 | M | ? | husband to No. 18 | not examined |
| | 18 | F | 1941 | healthy; three normal children | 46,XX |
| | 19 | М | 1944 | healthy | examination refused |
| | 20 | М | 1946 | husband to No. 21 | examination refused |
| | 21 | F | 1946 | healthy | 46,XX,t(11;21) (q23;q22)mat |
| | 22 | F | 1947 | died of bronchitis capillaris at the age of 7 months; retarded development and imbecile appearance were recorded (head was big and square; she could not support it) | |
| | 23 | M | ? | husband to No. 24 | not examined |
| | 24 | F | 1949 | healthy | 46,XX |
| | 25 | М | 1950 | Uncomplicated birth at home, birth weight 3,500 g. Because of failure to thrive, he was referred to the hospital | not examined |
| | | | | at the age of 7 weeks; weight was then 3,900 g; died of bronchopneumonia at th age of 4 months. No malformations | le . |
| | | | | registered. | |
| | 26 | М | 1952 | healthy, has attended a special school (slightly retarded) | 46,XY |

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| Index No. | | Sex | Born | General remarks | Chromosomal findings |
|--------------|----|-----|------|---|--------------------------------|
| | 27 | М | 1953 | Birth at home, breech presentation, birth weight 3,400 g, length 51 cm. Because of weakness, the child was referred to hospital, where it died, 3 days old (intracranial haemorrhage); no record of malformations. | not examined |
| | 28 | F | 1955 | healthy | 46,XX,t(11;21) (q23;q22)mat |
| | 29 | М | 1958 | healthy | 46,XY,t(11;21) (q23;q22)mat |
| IV. | 1 | M | 1965 | healthy | 46,XY |
| | 2 | F | 1967 | healthy | 46,XX |
| | 3 | F | 1968 | proposita, case 1 | 46,XX,der(11) pat |
| | 4 | М | 1960 | case 3 | 46,XY,der(21) mat |
| | 5 | F | 1962 | Born at term in hospital, breech presen- tation, birth weight 2,500 g, length 50 cm no malformations. After increasing weak ness and jaundice, the child expired, 5 da old. | 1, - |
| | 6 | ? | 1963 | spontaneous abortion M IV | not examined |
| | 7 | F | 1964 | healthy | 46,XX |
| | 8 | М | 1966 | healthy | 46,XY,t(11;21) (q23;q22)pat |
| | 9 | ? | 1966 | therapeutic abortion | not examined |
| | 10 | F | 1969 | case 2 | post-mortem culture failed |
| | 11 | F | 1971 | spontaneous abortion M III | 46,XX |
| | 12 | F | 1973 | Amniocentesis in 15th week of preg- nancy; cultured cells showed a normal female karyotype. A healthy female was born 4 weeks before term; birth weight 2,800 g, length 51 cm, head circumferenc 34.5 cm; showed no malformations, but simian crease on both hands. Chromo- some analysis after birth showed carrier karyotype. | 46,XX,t(11;21) (q23;q22)pat |
| | 13 | М | 1966 | healthy | 46,XY,t(11;21) (q23;q22)mat |

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|--------------|----|-----|------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | 14 | М | 1968 | healthy | 46,XY,t(11;21) |
| | | | | | (q23;q22)mat |
| | 15 | Μ | 1969 | healthy | 46,XY,t(11;21) |
| | | | | | (q23;q22)mat |

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