



# Diagnostic yield of the chromosomal microarray analysis in turkish patients with unexplained development delay/intellectual disability(ID), autism spectrum disorders and/or multiple congenital anomalies and new clinical findings

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## Abstract

**Background** Chromosomal microarray analysis is an essential tool for copy number variants detection in patients with unexplained developmental delay/intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, and multiple congenital anomalies. The study aims to determine the clinical significance of chromosomal microarray analysis in this patient group. Another crucial aspect is the evaluation of copy number variants detected in terms of the diagnosis of patients.

**Methods and results** A Chromosomal microarray analysis was conducted on a total of 1227 patients and phenotype-associated etiological diagnosis was established in 135 patients. Phenotype-associated copy number variants were detected in 11% of patients. Among these, 77 patients (57%, 77/135) were diagnosed with well-recognized genetic syndromes and phenotype-associated copy number variants were found in 58 patients (42.9%, 58/135). The study was designed to collect data of patients in Kocaeli Derince Training and Research Hospital retrospectively. In our study, we examined 135 cases with clinically significant copy number variability among all patients.

**Conclusions** In this study, chromosomal microarray analysis revealed pathogenic de novo copy number variants with new clinical features. Chromosomal microarray analysis in the Turkish population has been reported in the largest patient cohort to date.

**Keywords** Chromosomal microarray analysis · Developmental delay/intellectual disability · Microdeletion and microduplication syndromes

## Introduction

Chromosomal microarray analysis (CMA) has been the first-tier test for patients presenting with unexplained developmental delay/intellectual disability (DD/ID), autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and multiple congenital anomalies (MCA), since 2010. [1, 6–11].

DD/ID are clinically heterogeneous neurodevelopmental disorders seen in 1–3% of children [9]. Thus, genetic testing plays an important role in evaluating patients with DD/ID, ASD, and MCA, however, etiology is still not defined in all patients. Microarray analysis has increased the detection rate of chromosomal imbalances in the human genome, enabling the diagnosis of syndromic phenotypes with previously unknown etiologies. CMA detects microdeletion and microduplication syndromes in this group with a high diagnostic yield [11, 12]. In addition, with the use of high-resolution microarray analyses, it is possible to identify new regions whose copy number changes have not been associated with any phenotype before.

ASD is a complex and genetically heterogeneous disorder, characterized by social communication deficits and interaction as well as restricted, stereotypic behaviors. A recent study estimated that the prevalence is about 1–2% [2,

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3]. Previous studies have shown that genetic factors contribute to the diagnosis of ASD [4, 5].

On the other hand, some syndromes been rarely reported despite their potential for diagnosis, such as the Bosch-Boonstra-Schaaf Optic Atrophy Syndrome (BBSOAS; MIM #615,722), 18p monosomy syndrome, 9p duplication syndrome (ORPHA:236), 6q terminal deletion syndrome (ORPHA:75,857), 2q33.1 microdeletion syndrome, and 6q27 terminal deletion syndrome.

The CMA studies plays a significant role in investigating the genetic etiology and identifying new syndromes in patients diagnosed with DD/ID, ASD, and MCA [6–8]. The study aimed to identify CNVs and clinical phenotypes by determining the clinical efficiency of CMAs in evaluating DD/ID, ASD, and MCA in Turkish patients.

## Materials and methods

In this study, 1227 patients with DD, ASD, and MCA who were consulted by the Department of Medical Genetics at the Health Sciences University Kocaeli Derince Training and Research Hospital were included.

Ethical committee approval for the study was obtained from the Kocaeli Derince Training and Research Hospital Ethical Board (2021–53).

In this study, we presented the CNVs we detected in 135 patients with DD, ASD, and MCA, with or without accompanying dysmorphic features, growth disorder, or epilepsy, and correlated them with the clinical findings. After written informed consents were obtained from the parents of the patients, DNA was isolated from peripheral blood. Microarray analysis was performed using CytoScan Optima, Affimetrix® chips according to the manufacturer's protocol and the data was analyzed by Chromosome Analysis Suite (ChAS) 3.1 Thermo Fisher Scientific®. Copy number variations (CNVs) with a gene size greater than 100 kb and represented by a minimum of 25 probes were considered in variant calling.

Database of Genomic Variants (DGV, <http://projects.tcag.ca/variation>), Database of Chromosomal Imbalance and Phenotype in Humans Ensembl Resources (DECIPHER, <https://decipher.sanger.ac.uk>), PubMed (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>), Online Mendelian Inheritance of Man (OMIM; <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/omim>), ClinVar (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinv>) and in-house database of Haseki Genetic Diagnosis Center were used to identify the CNVs with three classes: variants of uncertain clinical significance (VUS), likely pathogenic, and pathogenic.

In this study, we examined cases with clinically relevant CNVs, categorized as “pathogenic”, “likely pathogenic”, or “VUS” variants by assessing the diagnostic efficiency

of microarray analysis, a frequently used method, in diagnosing patients with DD/ID, ASD, and MCA, according to the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics guidelines (ACMG) and ClinGen [13].

A retrospective study was conducted on patients with DD/ID, ASD, and MCA within the period between January 1, 2017 and March 30, 2021. A total of 1227 patients with DD/ID, ASD, and MCA were examined using the CMA test. Male individuals underwent conventional karyotyping and Fragile X analysis before introducing microarray analysis. In this study, we analyzed the data from routine microarray analysis performed on patients admitted to the outpatient clinic of the Department of Medical Genetics who were diagnosed with DD/ID, ASD, and MCA.

## Results

The results of 1227 patients, 701 male and 526 female, who underwent CMA in the genetics outpatient clinic were evaluated and phenotype-associated CNVs were found in 58 (42.9%, 58/135) patients. Furthermore, 77 out of 135 patients (57%) were diagnosed with well-recognized genetic syndromes via the OMIM database (Table 1). Demographic information and clinical features of the patients are shown in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

Phenotype-associated CNV was detected in 58 patients, where 25 patients were classified as pathogenic CNV (Table 2) and 33 patients had CNV of uncertain clinical significance (Table 3). The diagnosis of well-recognized genetic syndromes was achieved in 77 patients (Table 1). The patients are listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

The number and percentage of patients diagnosed with a well-known genetic syndrome are indicated in Table 4. Among the well-known genetic syndrome diagnoses, 22q11.2 microdeletion syndrome was the most common, as it was observed in 4 patients. On the other hand, 3 patients were diagnosed with 16p13.11 microdeletion syndrome, 3 patients were diagnosed with 16p13.11 microduplication syndrome, 3 patients were diagnosed with Williams-Beuren syndrome, and 3 patients were diagnosed with Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome (Table 4). Table 5 shows the number and percentage of patients diagnosed with multiple CMA findings.

On the other hand, our study identified 16 ASD patients with phenotype-related CNVs including 8 patients with well-recognized genetic CNVs and 8 patients with uncertain CNVs in ASD. The well-known genetic syndromes identified in 8 patients with ASD were; Joubert syndrome (patient 1), Xq28 microduplication syndrome (patient 4), Klinefelter syndrome (patient 17), Coffin-Siris Syndrome 6 (patient 25), 15q13.3 microdeletion syndrome (patient 28), 16p13.11 microduplication syndrome (patient 48), 7q11.23

**Table 1** Patients with a well-known genetic syndromes

Case	Age/ Sex	Region	Known syndrome	OMIM numbers	Type/Size	Critical genes or region	OMIM genes	Karyotype	Major clinical dysmorphology findings	Inherit- ance
1A	15/M	arr[hg19] 4p16.3(68,345_3,719,026)x1 2q13(10,874,326_110,983,418)x1	Joubert Syndrome	Del 109kbp	NPHP1, LINC00116				Severe developmental delay/ intellectual disability (DD/ID), autism	N.D. <sup>a</sup>
2A	10/F	arr[hg19] 4p16.3(68,345_3,719,026)x1	Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome	#194190	Del 3,651kbp				Small facial dysmorphisms, low-set ears, exophthalmos, prominent typhosis	N.D.
3A	5/F	arr[hg19] 3q27 .3q29(186,838,656_197,851,986)x3, 18q22.3;q23(72,196,741_78,014,123) x1	18q23 Deletion Syndrome	Dup 11,013 kbp Del 5,817 kbp	Dup 120 Del 33			ID, global DD, precocious, MVP, MY		de novo
4A	10/M	arr[hg19] Xq28(153,367,758_153,963,756)x2	Xq28 Microduplication Syndrome	#300815	Dup 547kbp TPMI 396kbp	15q22.2 MGC15885, TLN2, MIR190A, Xq28(25)		Autism		N.D.
5A	1/M	arr[hg19] 16q12 .1q12.2(49,943,803_55,223,146)x1	16q12 Microdeletion Syndrome	Del 5,279kbp	CYLD, NOD2, SALL1			DD/ID, DD/PS, aortic regurgitation, bicuspid aortic valve	Retroverted low-set ears, left simple ear, wide nasal root, deeply set eyes, hypertelorism, strabismus	N.D.
6A	9/M	arr[hg19] 15q13 .2q13.3(31,073,668_32,915,723)x1	15q13.3 Microdeletion Syndrome	#612001	Del 1,842kbp	CHRNA7		Long triangular face, high nasal bridge, prominent ears, pectus excavatum		N.D.
7A	5/F	arr[hg19] 10p15.3p14(100,026_11,950,322)x1	10p15.3 Microdeletion Syndrome	Del 11,850kbp	ZMYND11 (OMIM#608668) DIP2C (OMIM# 6111380) WDR37 (OMIM#618586)			Synophysis, highly arched eyebrow structure, depressed nasal ridge, short philtrum, low-set ear, 2-3 syndactyly on the feet, long eyelashes		N.D.
8A	4/M	arr[hg19] 10q22 .3q3,281,646,459_88,931,737)x1	10q22.3-q23.2 Deletion Syndrome	#612242	Del 7,285 kbp			DD/ID, corpus callosum hypoplasia, PS, perinebrainous VSD		N.D.
9A	1/F	arr[hg19] 5p15.3(919,496_1,285,604) x3, 9q34.3(140,489,625_140,798,298) x1	Kleefstra Syndrome	#610253	Dup 366kbp Del 309kbp	EHMT1	Dup:8 Del:7	Neonatal CMRI: normal hypoponia, DD/ID, hyponotonia		N.D.
10A	4/M	arr[hg19] 5q14.3q15(92,186,058_93,195,389) x1	Bosch-Boonstra-Schaaf Optic Atrophy Syndrome	#615722	Del 1,009kbp	NR2F1	6	Triangular face, deeply set eyes, DD, short stature		N.D.

**Table 1** (continued)

Case Age/ Sex	Region	Known syndrome numbers	OMIM genes	Type/Size numbers	Critical genes or region genes	OMIM Karyotype	Major clinical findings	Facial dysmorphology	Inherit- ance	
11A 11/F arr[hg19] 17p11.2(16,783,645_20,392,074)x1	Smith Magenis Syndrome	#182290 Del 3,608kbp	<i>RAII</i>	71	46,XX,del(17)(p11.2p11.2)	DD/ID, aggressive- ness, self destructive behavior	DD/ID, aggressive- ness, self destructive behavior	DD/ID, aggressive- ness, self destructive behavior	N.D	
12A 7/F arr[hg19] 15q11. 2q13.1(23,635,046_28,828,168)x1	Prader-Willi/ Angelman Syndrome	#105830 Del 5,193kbp		115		DD/ID, micro- cephaly, epilepsy, aggressive- ness, self destructive behavior	Unable to walk without support, N.D puppet-like gait, wide mouth, pes cavus	DD/ID, micro- cephaly, epilepsy, aggressive- ness, self destructive behavior	N.D	
13 13/M arr[hg19] 1q21. .1q21.2(145,927,661_147,883,764)x1	1q21.1 Deletion Syndrome	#612474 Del 1,959kbp		25		DD/ID, epilepsy, occipital encephalo- malacia	Prominent ears, narrow forehead,N.D occipital encephalomalacia	DD/ID, epilepsy, occipital encephalo- malacia	N.D	
14A 2/M arr[hg19] Xq22.2(102,995,019_103,162,012)x0	Pelizaeus-Merz- bacher Syndrome	#312080 Del 167kbp 16p13.11 Recur- rent Microduplica- tion Syndrome	<i>PLP1</i>			DD/ID, severe hypotonia		DD/ID, severe hypotonia	N.D	
15A 0/M 11p12.3(14,913,788_16,858,3,08)x3	16p13.11 Recur- rent Microduplica- tion Syndrome	Del 1,945kbp		45		N/A		N/A	N.D	
16A 5/M arr[hg19] 1p36. 33p36.3(1,908,648_2,568,425)x1	1p36 Deletion Syndrome	#607872 Del 660kbp	<i>GABRD, SKI</i>	18		DD/ID, microceph- aly, ASD		DD/ID, microceph- aly, ASD	N.D	
17A 6/M arr(X)2,(Y)1	Klinefelter Syn- drome				47,XXX	Autism	Hypotelorism, high nasal bridge, de novo synophrosis, deeply set eyes, short philtrum, long face	Hypotelorism, high nasal bridge, de novo synophrosis, deeply set eyes, short philtrum, long face	N.D	
18A 8/F arr[hg19] Xq22. .1q23(100,213,231_109,412,3,33)x3	Pelizaeus-Merz- bacher Syndrome	#312080 Del 9,199kbp	<i>PLP1</i>	102		DD/ID		DD/ID	N.D	
19A 7/M arr[hg19] 17p11.2(16,783,645_20,238,524)x1	Smith Magenis Syndrome	#182290 Del 3,455kbp	<i>RAII (#6007642)</i>	69	46,XY,del(17)(p11.2p11.2)	DD/ID, learn- ing disabil- ity, speech delay, aggressive- ness, self destructive behavior		DD/ID, learn- ing disabil- ity, speech delay, aggressive- ness, self destructive behavior	DD/ID, epilepsy, stereotypic clapping movements	N.D
20A 11/F arr[hg19] 15q11. .2q13.1(22,770,421_28,660,038)x1	Prader-Willi/ Angelman Syndrome						Hypotelorism, high nasal bridge N.D	Hypotelorism, high nasal bridge N.D		

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Case Age/ Sex	Region	Known syndrome numbers	OMIM numbers	Type/Size	Critical genes or region genes	OMIM Karyotype	Major clinical findings	Facial dysmorphology	Inherit- ance
21A 5/F	arr[hg19] 17p11.2q11.2(19242466_27194634) x3, 17q22q23.1(51305969_58064804) x3, 17q23.2(58946690_6011600)x3, 17q24.1(62998022_64158655)x3	Potocki-Lupski Syndrome	#610883 Dup 7,952 kbp 1,170 kbp 1,161 kbp	mos 47,XX+mar[19]/46,XX[31]	Epilepsy, callosus hypoplasia, MRI: inferior vermis hypoplastic, cerebral atrophy	Hypertelorism, bilateral epicanthus, depressed nasal ridge, short filtrum, narrow forehead, 4th ventricle-associated cyst, decrease in deep and white matter volume	N.D		
22A 0/F	arr[hg19] 13q33.3q34(108420793_115107733) x1, Xp21.1(31020837_3184448)x1 x4	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	#310200 Del 6,687 kbp 224 kbp	77	mos 47,XX+mar[19]/46,XX[31]	Microcephaly Case 35A mother Case 36A father	N.D		
23A 12/M	arr[hg19] 15q11.2q13.1(22770421_28516084)	15q11 Tetrasomy Syndrome	Dup 5,746 kbp	122	DD/ID, epilepsy	Prominent ears de novo	DD/ID,		
24A 0/F	arr[hg19] 2p16.3p16.1(50443907_55676153) x3, 4p16.3p16.1(683345_10811651)x1 x3	Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome	#194190 Dup 5,232 kbp Del 10,743 kbp	Dup 25 Del 130	46,XX,del(4)(p15.3)	Downslanted palpebral fissures, N.D cephaly, ID, bilateral simian line, 2-3 syndactyly in feet, short philtrum, metopic depression, triangular face, micrognathia	Microcephaly, ID, bilateral simian line, 2-3 syndactyly in feet, short philtrum, metopic depression, triangular face, micrognathia		
25A 3/M	arr[hg19] 12q12q13.1(46192356_46833605)	Coffin-Siris syn- drome 6	#6017808 Dup 641 kbp	5	5	Autism Triangular face, prominent ears, N.D macrocephaly	ID, severe DD, hypotonia		
26A 7/M	arr[hg19]22q13. 31q13.33(47195273_51197838)x1 x1	Phelan-McDermid Syndrome	#606232 Del 4,003 kbp SHANK3	51	46,X, r(22)p13q13.3	ID, severe DD, hypotonia	N.D		
27A 2/M	arr[hg19] Xp22.33 or Yp11.32(513368_944608 or 463368_894608)x1 x1	Leri Weill Disostosis (LWD)	#127300 Del 431 kbp	1	Short stature	Autism, DD/ID, esophageal atresia	N.D		
28A 10/M	arr[hg19] 15q13.2q13.3(31154980_32914239) x1	15q13.3 Microde- letion Syndrome	#612001 Del 1759 kbp	19	Feeding with gastrostomy, eating and swallowing dysfunction	Autism, DD/ID, esophageal atresia	N.D		
29A 2/F	arr[hg19] 9p24.3p13.1(203861_38787480)x3	Nicolardet-Barrat- ser syndrome	#601358 Dup 38,384 kbp	225	46,XX,add(15)(p11.2)	Scaphocephaly, hypotonia, malar hypoplasia, microphthalmia, hypoplastic ala nasi, short philtrum, right microcephaly, ASD	Scaphocephaly, hypotonia, malar hypoplasia, microphthalmia, hypoplastic ala nasi, short philtrum, right microcephaly, ASD		
30A 2/F	arr[hg19] 7q11.23(72765457_74257046)x1	Williams-Beuren Syndrome	#194050 Del 1,492 kbp	29	ELN (#130160)	Hypertelorism, depressed nasal ridge, epicanthus, insufficient weight gain, long filtrum	DD/ID, hypotonia, PS		
31A 2/M	arr[hg19] 22q11.21(18917030_21804886)x4	22q11.2 Micro- duplication Syndrome	#608363 Dup 2,888 kbp	79		Hypoplasias, cryptorchidism, hypertelorism, strabismus, broad nasal bridge, antevert nares, long filtrum	DD/ID, hypoplasia		
32A 11/M	arr[hg19] 9q34.3(139711692_141020389)x1	9q34.3 Deletion (Kleefstra syn- drome-1)	#610253 Del 1,309 kbp		EHMT1	Coarse face, open mouth DD, epilepsy, hypotonia	N.D		

**Table 1** (continued)

Case Age/ Sex	Region	Known syndrome numbers	OMIM genes	Type/Size	Critical genes or region numbers	OMIM Karyotype	Major clinical findings	Inherit- ance
33A 5/F ar[flg19] x1	18p11.3;2p11.2(136226_15124170) x1	18p Monosomy (ORPHA:1598)	Del 14,988kbp			109	DD/DD Broad nasal bridge, epicanthus, facial asymmetry, long philtrum	N.D
34A 7/M ar[flg19] 4p16.3(68345_2054373)x1	Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome	#194190 Del 1,986kbp				45	DD/DD, Strabismus, short philtrum, neonatal epilepsy, hypotonia	N.D
35A 26/F ar[flg19] Xp21.1(31620837_31824850)DDM x1			Del 204kbp				Segregation analysis 22A's mother	N.D
36A 31/M ar[flg19] 3p12.2;p12.1(81619 58_83704233)x1	Glucogen Storage Disease type-4	#232500 Del 2,085kbp <i>GREI</i>					Segregation analysis 22A's father	N.D
37A 6/F ar[flg19] 16p13.1(15241280_16521281)x3	16p13.11 Recur- rent Microduplication Syndrome	Dup 1,280kbp				35	Mother DD, balanced trans- location carrier	
38A 15/F ar[flg19] 1q21 .1q21.2(146,581,117_147,393,549)x3	1q21.1 Microduplica-#612475 tion Syndrome	Dup 812kbp				10	Short stature	N.D
39A 11/F ar[flg19] 15q11.2(22,770,421_23,276,605)x1	Chromosome 15q11.2 deletion syndrome	#615656 Del 506 kbp	TUBGCP, CYFIP1, NIPA2, IPAI, LOC283683, WHAMMP3, GOLGA8IP			7	Behavioral problems	N.D
40A 2/M ar[flg19] 16p11.2(29567295_30226930)x1	16p11.2 Microde- letion Syndrome	#611913 Del 660kbp	<i>PRRT2</i>			43	DD Blepharophimosis, synophrosis, N.D bilateral ptosis, long philtrum, depressed nasal ridge, antevert- nares, scalp hair, sparse	
41A 13/F ar[flg19] 3q13.3(114237032_114952404) x3, (X)x1	Primrose Syn- drome/ Turner Syndrome	#259050 Dup 715kbp	<i>ZBTB20</i>			5	Short stature	
42A 2/M ar[flg19] 8p23.1p21.1(1935023_27551740) x3, 8p23.3p23.1(158048_6982980)x1	Monosomy in dis- tal 8p Syndrome	Dup 15,617kbp Del 6,825 kbp	Dup 21.1::8p23.1→8pter) Del 46	46,XY,der(8)(8p23.3::8p23.1→8pDD/ID, Macrocephaly, prominent ears corpus callosum agenesis			de novo	
43A 19/M ar[flg19] 16q23.1;q23.3(78961206_83310923) x1	Ayme-Gripp Syndrome	#601088 Del 4,350kbp	<i>MAF</i> gene (#177075)			30	DD/ID, epilepsy, congenital cataract, growth hormone deficiency	Scoliosis 12 degrees, high nasal bridge, short philtrum, blepharophimosis, arachnodactyly

**Table 1** (continued)

Case Age/ Sex	Region	Known syndrome numbers	OMIM numbers	Type/Size critical genes or region	Critical genes or region numbers	OMIM Karyotype genes	Major clinical findings	Facial dysmorphology	Inherit- ance
44A 17/M ar[hg19] x1, 22q11.21(18917030_21928916) 22q11.23(22998049_24933069)x3	22q11.2 Microdeletion Syndrome	#611867 Del 3,012kbp	Del 81	Blepharophimosis, short philtrum, eyebrow, highly arched, low-set prominent ear, macrodontia	DD/ID, tetralogy of falot, microcephaly	N.D			
45A 7/M ar[hg19] 22q11.21(18917030_21082033)x1	22q11.2 Microdeletion Syndrome	#611867 Del 2,165kbp	Dup 44	CMRI: cerebral and cerebellar atrophy	DD/ID, short Micropenis, small hands, feet, stature, hypospadias	Father had deletion			
46A 0/M ar[hg19] 9p24_3p23(203861_13750430)x3, 9p21_3p13.2(21931895_36793445)x3, 9p23p21.3(13759928_21928300)x4, 9p13_2p13.1(36809550_38787480)x4	9p Duplication syndrome (ORPHA:236)	Dup 13,547kbp	55	47.XY,+i(9)(p10)	DD/ID, learn-Long face, prominent ears, long de novo philtrum	N.D			
47A 14/M ar[hg19] 16p13.11(14866283_16475181)x1	16p13.11 Microdeletion Syndrome	Del 1,609kbp	45	DD/ID, learning disability, speech delay, short stature	Autism, epilepsy	de novo			
48A 7/M 16p13.11(15450289_16521281)x3, Xp22.31(6486489_8086425)x2	16p13.11 Micro-duplication Syndrome	Dup 1,071kbp	34	DD/ID, learn-Synoprosis, hypotelorism	de novo				
49A 2/M ar[hg19] 12p13.3p13.31(173786_5749168) x1, 17p13.3(525_3057413)x3	12p13.33 Deletion Syndrome/ 17p13.3 Duplication Syndrome	Del 5,575kbp	YWHAE, CRK, PAFAH1B1	DD/ID, learn-Synoprosis, hypotelorism	de novo				
50A 12/F ar[hg19] 17p12(14114279_15475087)x3, 21q11.2q22.3(15500149_48097372)x3	Down syndrome/ CMT Syndrome	Dup 13,61 kbp	PMP22 gene	DD/ID, DD/ID, learning disability	N.D				
51A 2/F ar[hg19] x1	21q11.2q22.3(15500149_48097372)x3	Del 3,2597 kbp	56	DD/ID, Prominent ear, short philtrum, strabismus	de novo				
52A 3/M ar[hg19] x1	15q11.2q13.1(23654293_28456373)	Prader-Willi/ Angelman Syndrome	#105830 Del 4,391kbp	ID, severe Triangular face, gait disturbance, N.D DD, lack of speech, corpus callosum	hypoplasia, repetitive stereotypic movements				

**Table 1** (continued)

Case Age/ Sex	Region	Known syndrome numbers	OMIM numbers	Type/Size critical genes or region	OMIM genes	Karyotype	Major clinical findings	Inherit- ance
53A 1/F	arr[hg19] 22q11.21(18917030_21465662)x1	22q11.2 Microde- letion syndrome	#611867 2,549 kbp	Del 1,410 kbp	<i>ELN</i> (#130160)	72	Broad nasal bridge, facial asym- metry, broad forehead	N.D
54A 4/M	arr[hg19] 7q11.23(72765457_74175640)x1	Williams-beuren syndrome	#1194050 Dup	Del 2,376 kbp	<i>MED13L</i> (#608771)	27	DD, tetralogy of fallot, hypotonia, right hemi- paresis	N.D
55A 0/F	arr[hg19] 10q26.3(133051452_135427143) x1, 12q24, 11q24.3,33(110988885_133777902)x3	Impaired intellect and distinctive facial features with or without cardiac defects; MRFA/CD	#616789 Dup 22,789 kbp	Del #613906 Dup	46,XXX,der(10) (10pter→10q26;?)	38 262	Small face, macronasia, depressed nasal root, pro- longed colic, chronic constipa- tion, long philtrum, small chin Talipes valgus, long eyelashes, N.D aneverted nares, prominent nose, short philtrum, palmar crease single transverse, left hand flexor contracture, low-set ears, hairline low posterior, short neck	DD/ID, PS, supraval- vular aortic stenosis
56A 3/F	arr[hg19] 16p13.1(16267,967_16,391,9,10)x1	16p13.11 Microde- letion syndrome	Del 124 kbp	2	Del #613406 Del	2	Long face, broad nasal bridge, short philtrum	DD/ID
57A 0/F	arr[hg19] 15q24.2(75,567,134_75,898,596)x1	15q24 microdele- tion syndrome	Del 331 kbp	8	VSD, PDA	8	de novo	
58A 4/F	arr[hg19] 22q11.21(18,917,030_21,465,662)x1	22q11.2 Microde- letion syndrome	Del 2,549 kbp	73	PS, truncus arteriosus, right aortic arch, aortic stenosis	73	N.D	
59A 18/M	arr[hg19] 15q24 .2q24.3(75,567,134_78,210,123)x1	15q24 Microdele- tion syndrome	#613406 Del	36	DD/ID, epilepsy, obesity	36	DD/ID,	
60A 1/F	arr[hg19] 7q11.23(72,225,441_74,154,634)x1	Williams-beuren syndrome	#1194050 Del	1,929 kbp	PS, hypothy- roidism	115	Macrostomia, long philtrum	N.D
61A 0/M	arr[hg19] 17p13 .3p13.2(2,474,928_3,444,224)x1	Miller dieler syndrome	#247200 Del	969 kbp	DD/ID, hypo- Strabismus	22	DD/ID, hypo- Strabismus	N.D
62A 3/M	arr[hg19] 7q11.23(72,701,768_74,175,640)x3	7q11.23 Duplica- tion syndrome	#609757 Dup	1,474 kbp	Autism	29	epilepsy, lis- sencephaly	
63A 0/M	arr[hg19] 18q21. 31(q23(54,334,985_78,014,123)x1	18q Deletion syndrome	#601808 Del	23,679 kbp	Inguinal hernia	115	Autism	N.D
64A 3/M	arr(8)x3[0,32]	Mosaic trisomy 8(Warkany Syndrome 2)			de novo		de novo	
65A 2/F	arr[hg19] 1q21 .1q21.2(146,003,044_147,393,549)x3, 1q21.1(144,938,984_145,986,083)x1	1q21.1 Microdupl-#612475 cation syndrome	Dup 1,391 kbp Del	1,047 kbp	Dup 18 Del	51	DD/ID, corpus callosum hypoplasia	N.D
66A 2/F	arr[hg19] 22q13. 31(q3,33(47,195,273_51,197,838)x1	Phelan-McDermid syndrome	#606232 Del	4,003 kbp	<i>SHANK3</i>	51	DD/ID, micro- cephaly,	N.D

**Table 1** (continued)

Case Age/ Sex	Region	Known syndrome numbers	OMIM numbers	Type/Size	Critical genes or region	OMIM genes	Karyotype	Major clinical findings	Facial dysmorphology	Inherit- ance
67A 1/M	arr[hg19]_15q11 .2q13.1(22,770,421_28,660,038)x1	Prader-Willi/ Angelman syndrome	#105830 Del 5,890 kbp							N.D.
68A 9/F	arr[hg19] 11q13.2(66,402,332_67,423,346)x1	Spinocerebellar Ataxi 5	#600224 Del 1,021 kbp <i>SPTBN2</i> (#604985)				42	ID, severe DD, hypo- tonia		N.D.
69A 10/M	arr[hg19] Xq28(153,223,935_153,368,575)x2	Xq28 (MECP2) Duplication syndrome	# 300815 Dup 145 kbp		<i>MECP2</i>		8	DD, epilepsy		N.D.
70A 11/K	arr[hg19] 12q3.1(197717566_197873563)x1	2q33.1 Microdele- tion syndrome	#614290 Dup 156 kbp				2	Short stature		N.D.
71A 12/M	arr[hg19]18p11. 32q11.1(136227_18521285)x4	Tetrasomy 18p	#614290 Dup 18,385 kbp				73	DD/ID		N.D.
72A 1/E	arr[GRCh37] 16p13.1(15531295_16391910)x1	16p13.11 Microde- letion syndrome	#614290 Dup 861 kbp				10			N.D.
73A 1/F	arr[GRCh37] 16p13.3p13.1(6597421_11821708) x1	16p13.2 Microde- letion syndrome	#616863 Del 5224 kbp		<i>USP7</i>		36	Hypotonia		N.D.
74A 12/M	arr[GRCh37] 6q27(169810854_170919482)x1	6q27 Terminal Deletion syndrome	Del 1,109 kbp				343	DD/ID, epi- lepsy, cere- bral palsy		N.D.
75A 20/F	arr[GRCh37] 17q12(34477480_36283612)x1	17q12 Deletion syndrome	#614527 Del 1,806 kbp				29	Premature hydro- cephaly		N.D.
76A 10/F	arr[GRCh37]5p15.33(113577_676768)x1	Cri du chat syn- drome	#123450 Del 563 kbp				17	Premature ovarian insuffi- ciency		N.D.
77A 2/F	arr[hg19] 17q21.31(43537167_44212310)x1	Koolen-de vries syndrome	#610443 Del 675 kbp		<i>KANSL1</i>		15	DD, epilepsy		N.D.
								Microcephaly, Strabismus epilepsy, bicuspid aorta		

*CMR* cranial magnetic resonance imaging, *VSD* ventricular septal defect, *DD* developmental delay, *PS* pulmonary stenosis, *ID* intellectual disability, *ASD* atrial septal defect, *MVP* mitral valve prolapse, *PDA* patent ductus arteriosus, *VUR* vesicoureteral reflux

<sup>a</sup>N.D.- not determined, because parents were not available for analysis

duplication syndrome (patient 62), and Mosaic trisomy 8 (Warkany syndrome 2) (patient 64) (Table 1).

Among the patients diagnosed according to the major clinical findings, 28 had DD/ID, 16 had DD, 9 had epilepsy, 8 had hypotonia, 4 had microcephaly, 3 had corpus callosum hypoplasia, 5 had autism, short stature 4, 12 in cardiovascular anomalies, and 11% of patients with other minor findings (Fig. 1).

In this cohort, 111 patients were positive through CMAs but their karyotype analyses results were negative. These findings highlight the importance of CMA analysis in cytogenetic analysis.

## Discussion

In 2010, according to the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) practice guidelines, CMA testing for CNVs was recommended as a first-line test in the clinical genetic evaluation of unexplained DD/ ID [6]. Since then, CMA has been the first-tier test for patients presenting with DD/ID, ASD, and MCAHowever, another consensus statement was published in 2019 recommended whole exome sequencing as a first-tier test for patients with neurodevelopmental disorders [1].

In the present study, we conducted CMA analysis in 1277 patients with DD/ID, ASD, and MCA. To our knowledge, this study has the highest number of Turkish patients in reports of CMA ever published. The diagnostic rate of chromosomal abnormalities was 11 which is consistent with the results of previous studies 5–20% [7, 14]. Among the 135 patients diagnosed in this study, many patients have additional features that may contribute to the literature.

In previous studies conducted in the Turkish population, CNV rates ranged between 8.5 and 18.55% [15–18]. Ceylan et al. (2018) reported that of a group of 124 Turkish patients with intellectual disability and global developmental delay, 18.55% had pathogenic and likely pathogenic CNVs detected [15]. A study conducted by Ozyilmaz et al. (2016) reported that 13.6% of a group of 971 Turkish patients with developmental disabilities and congenital anomalies had pathogenic CNVs detected [16]. Ozaslan et al. (2021) reported that 8.5% had pathogenic CNVs detected in a group of 47 Turkish patients with ASD [17]. In their study, Türkyılmaz et al. (2021) reported that 17.1% had pathogenic and likely pathogenic CNVs detected in a group of 139 Turkish patients with DD/ID [18]. Pathogenic and likely pathogenic CNVs have been evaluated in several studies. Our study results revealed that 11% of the study cohort showed all clinically relevant CNVs. The differences in CNV rates between the conducted studies, including ours, may be attributed to variations in sample sizes or the effect of VUS variants.

The major clinical findings showed that DD/ID has the highest diagnostic rate (77), followed by DD (16), epilepsy (9), hypotonia (8%), and microcephaly (%4). The diagnostic rates of other findings are shown in Fig. 1. Additional minor findings with very poor diagnostic values, according to radiological findings, are endocrine disorders, hydrocephaly, behavioral problems, aggressiveness, and minor congenital anomalies such as cleft palate, cryptorchidism, and vescoureteral reflux. Based on these findings, MCA should be the first step while selecting the test for diagnosing patients with DD/ID.

Patient 1B with phenotype-associated pathogenic CNV, shown in Table 2, presented with intellectual disability, learning disability, mitral valve prolapse (MVP), and bicuspid aortic valve. Microarray analysis revealed a 3,965 kbp deletion at 15q21.3q22.2 including the *TCF12* gene. Additionally, craniosynostosis-3 (CRS3)(OMIM #615,314) is caused by heterozygous mutation in the *TCF12* (OMIM #600,480) on chromosome 15q21. Pathogenic variants in *TCF12* were reported in patients with significant developmental delay or learning disability. Moreover, few reports documented chromosomal deletions including *TCF12* in patients with craniosynostosis and intellectual disability [19, 20]. *TCF12* heterozygous loss-of-function mutations have been associated with craniosynocytosis. Recently, intragenic deletions and duplications have been reported in 5 cases with TCF-related craniosynostosis and intellectual disability [21, 22]. To date, whole *TCF12* deletion has been reported in three patients. Firstly, coronal craniosynostosis and intellectual disability were reported in a patient with a deletion in the 15q21.3q22.2 region, including the *TCF12*, but a small duplication in the 2q21 region was accompanied as a result of maternal complex chromosomal rearrangement [20]. Second *TCF12* deletion was reported in a patient with developmental delay, dysmorphic features, seizures, and atrial septal defect [23]. Two of the four patients with *TCF12* deletion had atrial septal defects. Interestingly, MVP and bicuspid aortic valve were reported for the first time in our case. Accordingly, further investigations are required to determine whether MVP and bicuspid aortic valve are related to the *TCF12* gene.

Patient 2B with phenotype-associated pathogenic CNV, shown in Table 2, a 12-year-old male, presented with intellectual disability, developmental delay, speech delay, learning disability, gait ataxia, and cerebellar cyst. Microarray analysis revealed a de novo genomic rearrangement including a 5,575 kbp deletion at 12p13.33p13.31 and a 3,057 kbp duplication at 17p13.3. Chromosome 12p deletions included *CACNA1C*, *ERC1*, *FBXL14*, *WNT5B*, *ADIPOR2*, *CACNA2D4*, *LRTM2*, and *DCP1B* that have been linked to the developmental verbal dyspraxia (DVD) and childhood apraxia of speech (CAS). Pathogenic variants of the *CACNA1C* gene are associated with autosomal dominant

**Table 2** Patients with phenotype-associated pathogenic CNV

Case	Age/Sex	Region	Type/Size	Critical genes or region	OMIM genes	OMIM numbers	Karyotype	Major clinical findings
1B	9/M	arr[hg19] 15q21 .3q22.2(55,717,047–59,681,771)×1	Del 3,965 kbp	<i>TCF12</i> / Pathogenic	31	#600,480	N	DD/ID, MVP, bicuspid aort
2B	12/M	arr[hg19] 12p13.33p13.3(173,786–5,749,168)×1, 17p13.3(525–3,057,413)×3	Del 5,575 kbp Dup 3,057 kbp	Pathogenic/ Pathogenic De novo	62 65	N	DD/ID	
3B	0/F	arr[hg19] 7p22.3p11.1(43,360–58,006,205)×3	Dup 57,963 kbp	Pathogenic	46,XX, der(15)(7;15) (p10;q10)	46,XX, der(15)(7;15) (p10;q10)	DD, fallot tetralogy, arachnodactyly, flexion contractures at the left wrist,	
4B	16/F	arr[hg19] Xq23q28(110,130,760–155,233,731)×1	Del 45,103 kbp	<i>MECP2</i> / Pathogenic	#300,005	46,X,del(X)(q23)	DD/ID, primary amenorrhea, hypoparathyroidism, amelioration	
5B	11/F	arr[hg19] 7q22 .3q31.2(105,182,994–115,880,277)×1	Del 10,697 kbp	<i>FOXP2</i> / Pathogenic	49	#605,317	N	DD/ID
6B	6/M	arr[hg19] 3q23q26.2(141,752,803–167,921,496)×3, 4q22.1(89,756,392–91,083,051)×1	Dup 26,169 kbp Del 1,327 kbp	Pathogenic/ Uncertain	46 XY,t(3;16)	46,XY,t(3;16)	DD/ID, microcephaly,	
7B	2/F	arr[hg19] 3p16.3p26.1(61,891–4,400,084)×1, 7q31 .2q36.3(115,563,546–159,119,707)×3	Del 4,338 kbp Dup 43,556 kbp	Uncertain/ Pathogenic	*	*	DD/ID, epilepsy	
8B	2/F	arr[hg19] 7q34q36.3(141,627,148–159,119,707)×3, 9p24.3p24.2(203,861–4,557,165)×1	Dup 17,493 kbp Del 4,353 kbp	Pathogenic/ Pathogenic	46,XX,der(9)(7;9) (q34;p24)	46,XX,der(9)(7;9) (q34;p24)	DD/ID	
9B	2/M	arr[hg19] 7q33q36.3(137,878,650–159,119,707)×1	Del 21,241 kbp	Pathogenic De novo	46,XY,del(7)(q33) dn[29]/46,XY,dup(7) (q34q36)dn[21]	46,XY,del(7)(q33) dn[29]/46,XY,dup(7) (q34q36)dn[21]	DD, hypotonia	
10B	10/E	arr[hg19] 7q21.11q21.13(81,477,235–89,747,380)×1, 1p31.3(67,889,570–68,618,237)×1	Del 8,270 kbp Del 729 kbp	Pathogenic/ Uncertain De novo	46,XY,t(1;4) (p?22,q?25),del(7) (q21.3)	46,XY,t(1;4) (p?22,q?25),del(7) (q21.3)	DD/ID	
11B	1/F	arr[hg19] Xp11 .4p11.3(41,359,369–45,761,138)×1	Del 4,402 kbp	Pathogenic	18	N	DD, hypotonia, microcephaly	
12B	3/E	arr[hg19] 15q11 .2q13.2(22,770,421–30,329,298)×4	Dup 7,559 kbp	Pathogenic	139	47,XY,+ idic(15)(15pter>	DD/ID, obesity	
13B	2/F	arr[hg19] Xp22.3(6,897,848–8,233,972)×3	Dup 1,336kbp	Pathogenic	7	N	DD/ID, microcephaly, hypotonia, epilepsy, optical atrophy	

**Table 2** (continued)

Case	Age/Sex	Region	Type/Size	Critical genes or region	OMIM numbers	Karyotype	Major clinical findings
14B	2/F	arr[hg19] 4q27q31.22(123,037,348–146,949,558)×1	Del 23,912 kbp	Pathogenic		N	DD/ID, hypotonia, transposition of the great arteries
15B	6/F	arr[hg19] 6q14.1(78,962,580–82,945,456)×1	Del 3,983 kbp	Pathogenic	33		Mental retardation
16B	15/F	arr[hg19] 6p22.3(1532,1858_18203126)×1	Del 2,881 kbp	Pathogenic <i>ATXN1</i> and <i>JARID2</i>	16 #601,556 #601,594	DD/ID, short stature	
17B	15/M	arr[hg19] Xp22.3(655,5280_8156,174)×0	Del 1601 kbp	Pathogenic	5		ID, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
18B	23/M	arr[hg19] 4q31.23q35.2(150125470_190957473)×3, 8p23.3p23.2(158,048_407,1351)×1	Dup 40,832 kbp	Pathogenic/ Pathogenic	207/ 21	46,XY,add(8)(p23)	DD/ID
19B	27/M	arr[hg19] 4q31.23q35.2(150125470_190957473)×3, 8p23.3p23.2(158,048_407,1351)×1	Dup 3,913 kbp	Pathogenic/ Pathogenic	207/ 21	46,XY,add(8)(p23)	DD/ID
20B	5/M	arr[hg19] 10p15.3p15.2(205,990_3154,109)×3, 16p11.2(295,806,10_302,269,30)×1	Dup 1,094 kbp Del 646 kbp	Uncertain/ Pathogenic	3/ 35	46,Y, fra(X)(q27) [23]/46,XY[27]	DD/ID
21B	7/E	arr[hg19] 17q12(34461488_36433105)×3	Dup 1,972 kbp	Pathogenic	35		DD/ID
22B	3/M	arr[hg19] 19p13.2(8,751,106–121,155,79)×1	Del 3,364 kbp	Pathogenic	118		DD/ID, epilepsy, learning disability, speech delay
23B	11/F	arr[hg19] 7q34q36.1(140,776,614–1494,725,08)×1	Del 8,696 kbp	Pathogenic	97	46,XX,del(7) (q34q36)	Mental retardation, cerebral atrophy, epilepsy
24B	18/M	arr[GRCCh37] 1q25.3q41(182712469_223 4346,33)×3	Dup 40,722 kbp	Pathogenic	342		DD/ID, obesity
25B	4/F	arr[hg19] 3q13.2(111,991,197–119,483,267)×1	Del 7,492 kbp	ZBTB20 Pathogenic	65	#606,025	N ID

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\* As a result of subtelomeric FISH (fluorescent insitu hybridization) analysis, number 3 Monosomy related to the p ter region of chromosome 7

**Table 3** Patients with CNV of uncertain clinical significance

Case	Age/Sex	Region	Type/Size	Critical genes or region	OMIM genes	Karyotype	Major clinical findings
1C	7/M	arr[hg19] 2p25.3(249,091_734,905)x3	Dup 486 kbp	<i>MYTIL</i> /Uncertain	5	N	Autism, aggressiveness, self destructive behavior
2C	8/F	arr[hg19] 1q41(222,697,087_224,051,439)x3	Dup 1,354 kbp	Uncertain	14	N	Autism
3C	8/E	arr[hg19] 4q35.2(189,627,147_190,957,473)x1	Del 1,330 kbp	Uncertain	5	N	Autism
4C	17/M	arr[hg19] 17q12(31,955,152_32,947,102)x3	Dup 992 kbp	Uncertain	10	47XY+MAR	DD>ID, velopharyngeal insufficiency
5C	0/M	arr[hg19] Yp11.2(4,526,543_6,505,825)x0	Del 1,979 kbp	Uncertain	15	N	Autism, DD>ID, epilepsy
6C	7/M	arr[hg19] 13q14.11(43,524,100_44,450,346)x3	Dup 926 kbp	Uncertain	5	N	Autism
7C	3/M	arr[hg19] 2q32.3(193,602,929_194,490,513)x1	Del 888 kbp	<i>PCGEM1</i> /Uncertain		N	Autism
8C	0/E	arr[hg19] 11q21q23.3(94,425,766_116,690,578)x1	Del 22,265 kbp	Uncertain		46,XY,del(11)(q14q23)	Neonatal hypotonia, right optic atrophy
9C	10/M	arr[hg19] 2p25.3(249,091_734,905)x3	Dup 486 kbp	Uncertain	5	N	Autism, aggressiveness
10C	7/M	arr[hg19] 14q32.33(105871768_107285437)x1	Del 1,414 kbp	Uncertain	21	N	Autism, aggressiveness
11C	10/E	arr(X)x1, (Y)x2				47,XYY	ID, epilepsy, short stature
12C	8/E	arr[hg19] Yq11.2 23q11.23(25,772,061_28,172,000)x2	Dup 2,400 kbp	Uncertain	19	47,XY,+8[15]/46,XY[35]	ID, short stature, GH deficiency
13C	16/F	arr[hg19] Xp11.23(48801983_49470545)x1	Del 669 kbp	Uncertain	39		Short stature
14C	1/M	arr[hg19] 11p11.2p11.12(48327185_49228613)x3	Dup 901 kbp	Uncertain	6		Hypotonia, macrocephaly, macrosomia
15C	13/F	arr[hg19] 10q25.2(112828393_114468137)x3	Dup 1,640 kbp	Uncertain	9		ID, obesity
16C	12/F	arr[hg19] 6q21q22.31(111623202_120485517)x3	Dup 8,862 kbp	Uncertain	56		DD>ID, neonatal hypotonia
17C	15/F	arr[hg19] 6q12(66289182_67430334)x3	Dup 1,141 kbp	Uncertain	2		Primary amenorrhea
18C	26/M	arr[hg19] 22q11.1q11.21(16888899_18153009)x4	Dup 1,264 kbp	Uncertain	18		Hypergonadotropic hypogonadism

**Table 3** (continued)

Case	Age/Sex	Region	Type/Size	Critical genes or region	OMIM genes	Karyotype	Major clinical findings
19C	1/F	arr[hg19] 15q11.2(22770421_23654294)x3	Dup 884 kbp	Uncertain	11		DD
20C	7/M	arr[hg19] 6q25.3(155751813_156162006)x1	Del 410 kbp	Uncertain			ID
21C	2/M	arr[hg19] 13q31.1(79259453_81127249)x1	Del 1,868 kbp	Uncertain	10		DD/ID, short stature
22C	6/M	arr[hg19] 15q11.2(22,770,421_23,214,984)x3	Dup 445 kbp	Uncertain	6	N	ID, learning disability obesity
23C	3/M	arr[hg19] 4q31.3q32.1(154958319_156353245) x3, Yq11.2 21q11.22(19571466_21000961)x0	Dup 1,395 kbp Del 1,429 kbp	Uncertain/ Uncertain	8/ 10	N	DD/ID, hypotonia, microcephaly, epilepsy, ASD,VSD
24C	7/M	arr[hg19] 9p13.3(33334956_33893073) x1	Del 558 kbp	Uncertain	13	N	DD/ID, Autism
25C	9/M	arr[hg19] 2q21.3q22.1(136511816_136925439) x3, 19q13.2(38748912_39416409)x3	Dup 414 kbp Dup 667 kbp	Uncertain/ Uncertain	7/ 26	N	ID
26C	5/F	arr[hg19] 17q22q23.1(57185806_57700581)x3	Dup 515 kbp	Uncertain	11		DD/ID, aggressiveness
27C	15/F	arr[hg19] 3p26.3p26.2(61891_2949863) x3	Dup 2,888 kbp	<i>CNTN6</i> <i>CLH1</i> Uncertain	7	N	Short stature
28C	17/F	arr[hg19] Xp22.33(562296_3008272)x3	Dup 2,446 kbp	Uncertain <i>SHOX</i>	25	N	DD/ID
29C	12/M	arr[hg19] Xp11.23(47693253_48283225)x2	Dup 590 kbp	Uncertain	13	N	ID, epilepsy
30C	6/M	arr[hg19] 15q11.2(22,770,421_23,214,984)x3	Dup 445 kbp	Uncertain	4		ID, obesity
31C	0/M	arr[hg19] 22q11. 22q11.23(22,962,961_25,059,631)x3	Dup 2,097 kbp	Uncertain	52	N	Polydactyly, macrocephaly, hydronephrosis, ASD
32C	2/M	arr[hg19] 10q11.22(46,293,590_48,164,458)x1	Del 1,871 kbp	Uncertain	23	N	Cerebral palsy, epilepsy
33C	5/M	arr[hg19] Xq13.1(70356641_70510791) x2	Dup 154 kbp	Uncertain	6		DD

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inheritance, “Neurodevelopmental disorder with hypotonia, language delay, and skeletal defects with or without seizures” (OMIM #620,029). 12p13.33 deletion has been associated to mild intellectual disability, speech delay, and motor skills impairment [24, 25]. Chromosome 17p13.3 duplication syndrome (OMIM #613,215) is characterized by

developmental delay, autism, abnormal growth, facial dysmorphism, and structural brain abnormalities [26, 27]. This duplication on the 17p13.3 region, involves *PAFAH1B1*, *YWHAE*, and *CRK* genes. According to Bruno et al., class II duplication encompasses *PAFAH1B1* and may also include *CRK* and *YWHAE*. Bruno DL et al. suggested class

**Table 4** The number and percentage of patients diagnosed with single well-known genetic syndrome

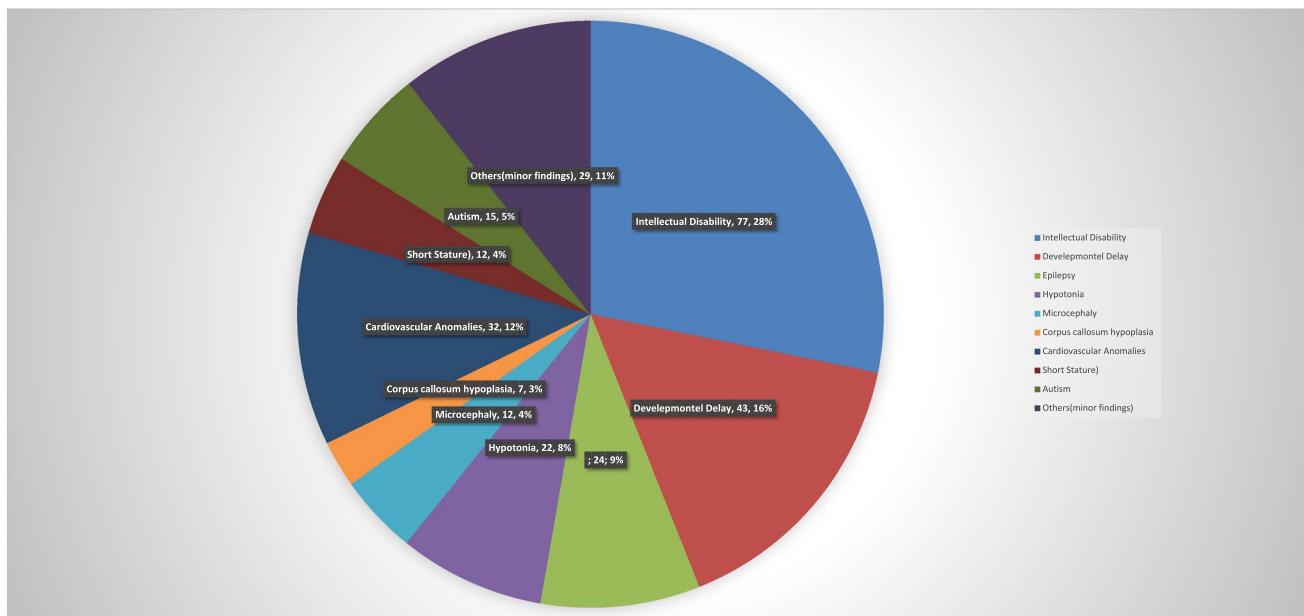
Syndrome name	OMIM #	Number of cases	Number of cases % of total cases(1227)	Number % of total solved cases(135)
1q21.1 Microduplication syndrome	612,475	2	0.16	1.48
1q21.1 Deletion syndrome	612,474	1	0.08	0.74
1p36 Deletion syndrome	607,872	1	0.08	0.74
2q33.1 Microdeletion syndrome		1	0.08	0.74
Glucogen storage disease type-4	232,500	1	0.08	0.74
Wolf-hirschhorn syndrome	194,190	3	0.24	2.22
Cri du chat syndrome	123,450	1	0.08	0.74
Bosch-boonstra-schaaf optic atrophy syndrome	615,722	1	0.08	0.74
6q27 Terminal deletion syndrome		2	0.16	1.48
Joubert syndrome	614,464	1	0.08	0.74
Williams-beuren syndrome	194,050	3	0.24	2.22
7q11.23 Duplication syndrome	609,757	1	0.08	0.74
Monosomy in distal 8p syndrome		1	0.08	0.74
Mosaic trisomy 8(warkany syndrome 2)		1	0.08	0.74
Nicolaides–baraitser syndrome	601,358	1	0.08	0.74
9p Duplication syndrome		1	0.08	0.74
Kleefstra syndrome	610,253	2	0.16	1.48
10q22.3-q23.2 Deletion syndrome	612,242	1	0.08	0.74
10p15.3 Microdeletion syndrome		1	0.08	0.74
Spinoserebeller ataxi 5	600,224	1	0.08	0.74
Coffin–siris syndrome 6	617,808	1	0.08	0.74
Impaired intellectual development and distinctive facial features with or without cardiac defects; MRFACD	616,789	1	0.08	0.74
15q11 Tetrasomy syndrome		1	0.08	0.74
Prader-willi/angelman syndrome	105,830	4	0.32	2.96
15q24 Microdeletion syndrome	613,406	1	0.08	0.74
15q13.3 Microdeletion syndrome	612,001	2	0.16	1.48
Ayme–gripp syndrome	601,088	1	0.08	0.74
16q12 Microdeletion syndrome	-	1	0.08	0.74
16p11.2 Microdeletion syndrome	611,913	1	0.08	0.74
16p13.11 Microdeletion syndrome		3	0.24	2.22
16p13.2 Microdeletion syndrome	616,863	1	0.08	0.74
16p13.11 Microduplication	-	3	0.24	2.22
Potocki-lupski syndrome	610,883	1	0.08	0.74
Miller dieker syndrome	247,200	1	0.08	0.74
Koolen-de vries sendromu	610,443	1	0.08	0.74
17q12 deletion syndrome	614,527	1	0.08	0.74
Smith magenis syndrome	182,290	2	0.16	1.48
18p Monosomy syndrome	-	1	0.08	0.74
Tetrazomi 18p syndrome	614,290	1	0.08	0.74
18q Deletion syndrome	601,808	1	0.08	0.74
18q23 Deletion syndrome	-	1	0.08	0.74
Phelan-McDermid syndrome	606,232	2	0.16	1.48
22q11.2 Microduplication syndrome	608,363	1	0.08	0.74
22q11.2 Microdeletion syndrome	611,867	4	0.32	2.96
Xq28 Mikroduplication syndrome	300,815	2	0.16	1.48
Pelizaeus–merzbacher syndrome	312,080	2	0.16	1.48
Klinefelter syndrome	-	1	0.08	0.74
Duchenne muscular dystrophy	310,200	2	0.16	1.48

**Table 4** (continued)

Syndrome name	OMIM #	Number of cases	Number of cases % of total cases(1227)	Number % of total solved cases(135)
Leri weill diskondrosteozis(LWD)	127,300	1	0.08	0.74

**Table 5** The number and percentage of patients diagnosed with multiple well-known genetic syndrome

Syndrome name	OMIM #	Number of cases	Number of cases % of total cases(1227)	Number % of total solved cases(135)
Primrose syndrome/turner syndrome	259,050	1	0.08	0,74
12p13.33 Deletion syndrome/ 17p13.3 duplication syndrome	-/613215	1	0,08	0,74
Down syndrome/CMT syndrome	190,685/118220	1	0,08	0,74

**Fig. 1** Diagnosis rates according to major clinical findings

I duplication includes the *YWHAE* gene, but not specifically *PAFAH1B1*. However, class II duplication always contained *PAFAH1B1*, *CRK*, and *YWHAE* genes. Class II microduplications are characterized by moderate to mild developmental and psychomotor delay and hypotonia. The patient had similar features with class II microduplication. Patient 5 who had a combined 17p duplication and 12p deletion had a normal constitutional karyotype, and his parents' karyotypes were also normal. Besides, his parents' CMAs were normal. However, in the FISH analysis of the parents, it was determined that this complex change occurred as a result of abnormal segregation of the balanced translocation in the father.

As seen in this case, we were able to detect parents with balanced chromosome carriers by applying both chromosome analysis and the FISH method. Accordingly,

chromosome analysis and FISH should be performed to determine the balanced chromosome carriers.

Patient 3B with phenotype-associated pathogenic CNV, presented with developmental delay, fallot tetralogy, arachnodactyly, and flexion contractures at the left wrist (Table 2). G-banded karyotype analysis revealed 46,XX,der(15)t(7;15) (p10;q10)pat. Microarray analysis revealed a 57,963 kbp duplication at 7p22.3p11.1. Recently, several cases of 7p duplications have been reported. However, various cardiac anomalies have been reported in 6 of 18 patients with chromosome 7p duplication, this is the first patient that the tetralogy of Fallot reported [28]. Deletions of chromosome 7p may be accompanied by tetralogy of Fallot in 4 patients [29].

Patient 29A with a well-known genetic syndrome, shown in Table 1, a 2-year-old girl who presented with hypotonia. She was unable to sit, walk or talk. Physical examination

revealed intellectual disability, developmental delay, microcephaly, scaphocephaly, sparse hair, clinodactyly, and reduced hand subcutaneous fat. Both brain magnetic resonance imaging and echocardiography were within normal limits. A conventional cytogenetic study revealed 46,XX,add(15)(p11.2). Parental chromosomes were normal. Microarray analysis revealed a 38,584 kbp de novo duplication at 9p24.3p13.1. *SMARCA2* gene is associated with Nicolaides-Baraitser syndrome (NCBRS; OMIM#601,358) and Coffin-Siris syndrome (CSS; OMIM#135,900) but *SMARCA2* mutations causing NCBRS are likely to act through a dominant-negative effect [30].

Patient 43A with a well-known genetic syndrome shown in Table 1, a 19-year-old male patient who presented with intellectual disability and developmental delay. He had learning disability, epilepsy, congenital cataract, scoliosis, and growth hormone deficiency. Additionally, he had a broad nasal root and arachnodactyly. Microarray analysis revealed a 4,350 kbp deletion at 16q23.1q23.3. According to Javadiyan et al. (2017) and Alkhunaizi et al. (2019), *MAF* gene heterozygote variations are associated with Aymé-Gripp syndrome [31, 32]. It is the first time to report a case with heterozygous deletions of chromosome 16q23 encompassing the *MAF* gene. The patient's 48-year-old father and aunt had undergone cataract surgery. The couple is nonconsanguineous, also the mother is healthy.

Also, the karyotype and microarray results of the parents of cases 9B, 10B, 11B, and 14B from Table 2 as well as cases 4C and 29C from Table 3 were found to be normal. These results support the pathogenicity of the variations detected in patients. However, as one of the limitations of our study, we could not perform karyotype and microarray analysis on the mothers and fathers of patients in Tables 2 and 3.

## Conclusion

As a result, CMA may be beneficial in identifying microdeletions and microduplications, and has played an important role in the diagnosis and genetic counseling of patients. Here in, we present an analysis of patients with deletions and duplications, as well as novel and previously unreported findings. The study's findings highlight the importance of CMA analysis in cytogenetic examinations since patients exhibited positive results on the CMA test but negative results with karyotype analyses. This article presents multiple cases with new findings. In order to contribute to the literature, some patients are explained in detail above.

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