## **Supplement 5 Table of study characteristics of included studies**

Reference	Study design	Participants	Exclusions from study	Trisomies investigat ed (T21, T18, T13)	Prior risk	Type of test	Reference method	Comparator if applicable	Primary / secondary outcome	Accuracy of NIPT or comparis on of NIPT with CT
Alberti 2015[56] France Study start date: March 2010	Prospective case-control  (cases with abnormal karyotype matched with a balanced number of randomly selected pregnancies with euploid karyotypes)  Number of centres: 3	N=976 enrolled in cohort.  Women with singleton pregnancies, high-risk of foetal T21.  N=225 in case-control for sequencing.  Mean age (SD):  35.2 (6.7) years.  Mean gestational age (SD): 14 (2) weeks.	N=0 from cohort.  N=751 (76.9%):  Not included in case-control study.	T21	All high risk for foetal T21 (>1:250) based on the combination of maternal age with ultrasound and maternal serum markers during the first or second trimester.	MPS (whole genome)  performed in a cytogenetics laboratory in a university teaching hospital	CVS or amniocent esis and foetal karyotype	None	NIPT performance for T21 detection.	Accuracy of NIPT
Ashoor 2012[46] UK	Nested case- control of stored maternal	N=400 (50 T21, 50 T18, 300 euploid)	Pregnant by IVF or multiple pregnancy	T21, T18	All high risk:  Combined 1st trimester screen	DANSR, FORTE	Karyotypi ng after CVS	None	FORTE risk score for aneuploidies, sensitivity and specificity for	Accuracy of NIPT

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Study start date: NR	samples:  Controls matched with T21/T18 cases for sample storage time in 3:1 ratio.	Singleton pregnancies, high-risk women.  1st trimester 100%; All 11-13 weeks' gestation.	N=NR		risk >1:300	Aria Diagnostics (USA)			detection of T21 and T18	
	Number of centres: 1	Ethnicity: White 89%, 'Afro Caribbean' 5%, South/ East Asian 6%, Mixed 0.5%.								
Beamon 2014[36] USA Study start	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 1	N=208  High-risk pregnancies who chose NIPT as triage test, singleton or dichorionic twin gestations, ≥10	Multiple pregnancy N=NR	T21, T18, T13	All high-risk:  AMA: 148 (71.2%),  AMA alone: 121 (58.2%),	MPS (whole genome)  Sequenom Center for	Karyotypi ng after amniocent esis, cordocent esis or	None	Test performance for T13, T18 and T21 detection.	Accuracy of NIPT

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date: January 2012		weeks' gestation.  Mean age (SD), range: 36 (5.5), 19-47 years.  Mean gestational age (SD), range: 15.6 (4.3), 10-34 weeks.  Trimester:  1st: 111 (53.4%), 2nd: 95 (45.7%), 3rd: 2 (1%).			AMA + other: 27 (13.0%), Ultrasound abnormality: 26 (12.5%), Abnormal serum screen: 29 (13.9%), Combined FTS: 16 (7.7%), Quadruple: 12 (5.8%), Integrated: 1 (0.5%), Affected family member: 3 (1.4%), Other: 2 (1.0%), Twins (growth discordance): 1 (0.5%),	Molecular Medicine (USA) (n=163, 78.4%) or  Verinata Health (USA) (n=45, 21.6%).	CVS, phenotype of newborn			
					Maternal anxiety:					

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					1 (0.5%).					
Bevilacqua 2015[37] Belgium, UK, Spain Study start date: May 2013	Prospective multicentre cohort  Number of centres: NR	N=515 included.  Twin pregnancies at mixed risk for aneuploidies.  Median gestational age (range): 13.0 (10.0-28.0) weeks.	Criteria for exclusion from study NR	T21, T18, T13	Mixed risk:  High risk for foetal trisomy by 1st-trimester combined test or 2nd-trimester triple/quadruple test or ultrasound or  NIPT as primary method of screening.	DANSR, FORTE  Harmony Prenatal test  Ariosa Diagnostics (USA)	Karyotypi ng after amniocent esis, cordocent esis or CVS, or newborn phenotypi c examinati on	None	1) Factors influencing failure rate in twin and singleton pregnancies.  2) NIPT performance for T13, T18 and T21 detection in twins.	Accuracy of NIPT
Bianchi 2012[47] USA Study start date: NR	Nested case- control  Controls un matched in 4:1 ratio  (Part of MELISSA	N=2,882 in cohort.  N=534 in nested case- control study.  Singleton pregnancies, high risk.	257/2,882 (8.9%) from MELISSA cohort:  85 multiple pregnancies,  45 no karyotype information,	T21, T18, T13	All high risk:  AMA (>38 years) only 152 (28.5%);  Positive screen risk 91 (17.0%);  Ultrasound abnormality	MPS (whole genome)  Verinata- Illumina (USA)	Karyotypi ng after CVS	None	1) MPS performance (sensitivity and specificity) for T21, T18 and T13 detection.	Accuracy of NIPT

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	prospective cohort).  Number of centres: 53 (of 60)	Mean age (SD), range: 35.2 (6.40), 18 – 46 years.  Mean gestational age (SD), range: 15.1 (3.16), 10 – 23 weeks.  Trimester: 1st: 165 (30.9%), 2nd: 369 (69.1%).  Ethnicity: White 72.7%, African American	blood sample.		122 (22.8%); Prior aneuploidy pregnancy 15 (2.8%); More than 1 risk 154 (28.9%).				2) Sex chromosome classification and Monosomy X detection.	
		10.9%, Asian 9.9%, Native American or								

Reference	Study design	Participants  Alaska Native 0.9%,	Exclusions from study	Trisomies investigat ed (T21, T18, T13)	Prior risk	Type of test	Reference method	Comparator if applicable	Primary / secondary outcome	Accuracy of NIPT or comparis on of NIPT with CT
		Multiracial 5.6%.								
Bianchi 2014[19] USA Study start date: July 2012	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 21	N=2,052 enrolled.  N=2,042 eligible.  Singleton pregnancies, general obstetric population.  Trimester:  1st: 759 (39.7%),  2nd: 610 (31.9%),  3rd: 545 (28.5%).  Mean gestational age (SD), range:  20.3 (8.6),  8.0 – 39.4 weeks.	N=10 (0.5%): 7 insufficient blood volume, 1 late receipt of blood sample, 1 maternal age <18 years, 1 withdrawn consent.	T21, T18, T13	General obstetric population undergoing standard prenatal aneuploidy screening	MPS (whole genome)  Verifi  Verinata- Illumina (USA)	Newborn phenotype (97.0%) or Karyotypi ng (3.0%).	Standard prenatal aneuploidy screening produced by accredited clinical laboratories.  Cutoff values as used by individual laboratories  1st-trimester: Combined test (PAPP-A, β-hCG, NT)  N=739 (38.6%).	Comparison of false positive rates of NIPT with conventional screening for T21 and T18.  2) Comparison of false positive rates for T13. Comparison of foetal fractions in low-risk with high-risk patients.	Comparis on of NIPT with CT

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		Mean age (SD), range: 29.6 (5.54), 18.0 – 48.6 years.  Assisted conception 66 (3.4%).						2 <sup>nd</sup> -trimester:  Quadruple  (MS-AFP, β-hCG, estriol and inhibin A) N=439 (22.9%);  Quadruple + combined test N= 53 (2.8%);  Quadruple + 1 <sup>st</sup> -trimester serum markers only N=164 (8.6%);  Sequential:  1 <sup>st</sup> -trimester screen results reported before final report in 2 <sup>nd</sup> trimester N=519 (27.1%).		
Chen 2011[48] Hong Kong,	Case- control of stored samples and	N=392 (N=140 archived plasma samples with	NR	T18, T13	All high risk based on clinical indicators as per the existing	MPS (whole genome)	Karyotypi ng after CVS or amniocent	None	Diagnostic performance of MPS for T13 and T18	Accuracy of NIPT

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UK, Netherlands, China Study start date: NR	prospectivel y recruited women Number of centres: 10	and without aneuploidy matched for gestational age; N=252 prospectively recruited.) 344/392 samples analysed in a previous study [49], 48 cases newly recruited.  Singleton pregnancy undergoing			obstetric practice of each recruitment unit.	Sequenom (USA)	esis		detection.	
Chiu 2011[49] Hong Kong, UK, Netherlands, China  Study start date: October	Case- control of stored samples and prospectivel y recruited women	N=824 screened  (N=248 archived T21 and non-T21 samples matched for gestational ages in 1:5 ratio and  N=576 prospectively collected high-risk	N=60 (7.3%):  14 failed recruitment criteria  (2 twin pregnancies,  12 without full	T21	High risk by conventional screening (>1:300): 582 (77%), Median risk for T21: 1 in 43.	MPS (whole genome)  Sequenom (USA)	Full karyotypin g after amniocent esis (18%) or CVS (82%).	None	Diagnostic sensitivity, specificity, PPV & NPV for T21 detection.	Accuracy of NIPT

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2008	centres: 10	samples),	karyotyping);							
		N=764 included.  Singleton pregnancies.  Median age: 35.4 years.  Median gestational age: 13+1 weeks.	46 compromised blood sample  (3 samples collected after invasive obstetric procedure,  2 delayed blood processing,  3 with ambiguous information,  12 haemolysed, 26 inadequate volume).		Intermediate risk by conventional screening (1:300-1:1000) 39 (5%),  Median risk for T21: 1 in 502.  Other indications (previous T21 pregnancy, ultrasound abnormalities, risk for monogenic diseases).					
Comas 2014[38] Spain	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 1	N=333 Singleton pregnancies who chose to have NIPT.	Multiple pregnancies, ultrasound anomalies or high risk of congenital malformation	T21, T18, T13	Routine general population in a real clinical setting.	DANSR FORTE (Harmony Prenatal Test),	Invasive testing and karyotypin g or newborn phenotype	None	1) NIPT test performance for T13, T18, and T21.	Accuracy of NIPT
Study start date: January		Mean maternal age	N=NR		83.5% Low-risk by conventional	Ariosa Diagnostics	•		2) Comparison	

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2013		(range): 37 (21-46) years.  Mean gestational age (range): 14.6 (9.5-23.5) weeks.			screenings but unable to alleviate their anxiety.  16.5% High-risk from CT or referred for AMA with no prior screening.	(USA) (n=120, 36.0%) or  SNP- and NATUS (Panorama)  Natera Inc. (USA)			of Harmony and Panorama tests, factors influencing foetal fraction.	
Dan 2012[63] China	Prospective multicentre cohort	N=11,263 recruited. N=11,184 included.	N=79 (0.7%): 55 unqualified	T21, T18	Mixed risk factors	(n=213, 64.0%) MPS (whole genome)	Full karyotypin g 3,000	None	1) Sensitivity	Accuracy of NIPT
Study start date: 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2010	Number of centres: 49	Singleton pregnancies, ≥ 18 years, gestational age of 9 - 28 weeks.	gestational age, 14 multiple pregnancies, 10 foetal death.		Conventional T21 screening test:  yes - positive: 4,522 (40.7%)	BGI- Shenzen (China)	(26.6%) or birth questionna ire 4,524 (40.2%).		and specificity of MPS for T21 and T18 screening.	
		Median age (range): 31 (18-49) years.			yes - negative: 2,426 (21.8%) No – with 1 or				2) Workflow of MPS-based test.	

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		Median gestational age (range): 20 (9-28) weeks.  2 <sup>nd</sup> trimester: >74%.  42/49 centres offered test to high-risk pregnant women identified by a conventional T21 screening test,  7/49 centres enrolled participants regardless of prior risk assessment.			more other risk factors (≥ 35 years, family history of aneuploidies, ultrasound abnormalities):  2,770 (24.9%)  No – without any risk factors:  1,387 (12.5%).					
Del Mar Gil 2014[21] UK Study start	Retrospective cohort of stored samples	N=207  Twin pregnancies undergoing first-trimester screening for trisomies by combined test.	Singleton pregnancies N=NR	T21, T18, T13	NR	DANSR FORTE Harmony	Known birth outcome	None	Performance of Harmony Test in twin pregnancies only	Accuracy of NIPT

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date: NR	centres: 1	Age range: 26 – 41 years.  Gestational age, range: 11 - 13 weeks.  1st trimester: 100%.  Ethnicity: Caucasian 70.0%, Afro-Caribbean 23.7%, South/East Asian 1.0%, Mixed 5.3%.				Ariosa Diagnostics (USA)				
Dhallan 2007[57] USA	Prospective observation al study	N=60 Women ≥ 18 years, singleton pregnancy.	N=NR	T21	Mostly high risk. Definition unspecified.	SNP allelic ratio	Amniocen tesis or newborn reports	None	Performance of SNP method in detecting T21	Accuracy of NIPT

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Study start date: January 2004	Number of centres: 10	Mean age (range): 32.8 (18-43* years,  Mean gestational age (range): 19+6  (8+1 - 38+6) weeks,  1st trimester: 8 (13%).				Ravgen Inc. (USA)				
Ehrich 2011[50] USA Study start date: May 2009	Prospective case-control  (T21 matched 1:11 with euploid samples)  Number of centres: NR	N=480 requested from independent 3 <sup>rd</sup> -party database.  Pregnancies at increased risk for foetal aneuploidies with scheduled invasive diagnostic procedure (unclear if singleton or also multiple pregnancies).  Median age (range): 37 (18 -47) years.	N=13 (2.7%):  9 sample volume <3.5 ml,  1 dropped,  2 mixed together,  1 tube broke during centrifugation.	T21	High risk:  Positive serum screening 30.2%,  AMA ≥ 35 years 68.3%,  Ultrasound abnormality 12.9%,  Positive family history 5.2%,  Not specified 10.2%.	MPS (whole genome)  Sequenom (USA)	Amniocen tesis (81%) or CVS (19%) and karyotype (60%), FISH (3%), both (36%) or QF-PCR (1.6%)	None	Test performance for T21	Accuracy of NIPT

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		Median gestational age (range): 16 (8-36) weeks.								
Hall 2014[51] USA Study start date: March 2012	Nested case- control  (selected from a cohort of >1000 women, all T13 cases matched 1:3 on gestational age)  Number of centres: NR	N=68  (17 T13, 51 euploid)  High-risk pregnancy couples, women ≥ 18 years, singleton pregnancy.  Median gestational age (range): 16.0 (12.1-22.7) weeks,  1st trimester: 23 (35.9%).	N=1/>1,000 (<0.1%) from cohort: 1 known foetal mosaicism.	T13	High-risk for foetal aneuploidy (positive serum screen, ultrasound abnormality or maternal age of greater than 35 years)	SNP- and NATUS Natera Inc. (USA)	CVS, amniocent esis or genetic testing of cord blood, buccal, saliva, or products of conceptio	None	1) Test performance for T13 detection.  2) Specificity of T18, T21 and Monosomy X detection.	Accuracy of NIPT
Huang 2014[22] China (Denmark,	Prospective, multicentre cohort	N=189  Twin pregnancies requiring invasive procedure (CVS/	N=NR Intrauterine death, without	T21, T18	All high risk  Threshold and	MPS (whole genome)	Full karyotypin g from CVS	None	Test performance for T18 and T21 detection in twin	Accuracy of NIPT

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Hong Kong) Study start	Number of centres: 7	amniocentesis)  Median age (range):	foetal karyotype		risk establishment NR	NIFTY test	(2.1%), amniocent esis (94.2%), or		pregnancies	
date: NR		31 (22-44) years.				Shenzen (China)	cordocent esis (3.7%)			
		Median gestational age (range): 19								
		(11-36) weeks. $1^{\text{st}}$ trimester: $\geq 2.1\%$ ,								
		$2^{\text{nd}}$ trimester: $\geq 74\%$								
Jeon 2014[39] South Korea, China	Prospective cohort	N=155 High-risk women scheduled for amniocentesis, ≥ 19	NR	T21, T18	High risk of foetal defects by standard aneuploidy screening with	MPS (whole genome)	Amniocen tesis and foetal karyotypin g	None	T18 and T21 detection by semiconductor sequencer Ion Proton (PPV,	Accuracy of NIPT
Study start date: March 2012	Number of centres: 1	years old, singleton pregnancy with a gestational age of ≥ 12 weeks.			individual risk scores and interpretations produced by accredited clinical laboratories.	Semiconduc tor sequencing			NPV).	
		Mean age (SD),								

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		range: 30.73 (4.99), 19-43 years.								
		Trimester:  1 <sup>st</sup> : <18.1%,								
		2 <sup>nd</sup> : >55.5%.								
Jiang 2012[23] China Study start date: June 2009	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 3	N=903 Inclusion criteria NR Age range: 20-45 years. Gestational age: 10-34 weeks (all trimesters).	Criteria NR  No exclusions recorded	T21, T18 T13	Prevalence of aneuploidy suggests a general obstetric population but all women had invasive testing.	MPS (whole genome)  BGI- Shenzhen (China)	Full karyotypin g from amniocent esis	None	1) Aneuploidy detection.  2) GC content and sequencing bias.  Relation between foetal fraction and gestational age.	Accuracy of NIPT

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Korostolev 2014[40] Russia Study start date: 2012	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: NR (Moscow private clinics)	N=1,968 included, N=1,728 for NIPT.  Women with singleton pregnancies, high risk for aneuploidies, >9 weeks' gestation.  Mean age (range): 34.4 (26-45) years.  Mean gestational age (range): 14 (9-33) weeks.  1st trimester: "about 50%".	N=240 (12.2%):  Ultrasound abnormality (increased NT, heart defects, malformations, foetal growth retardation) or presence of balanced chromosomal rearrangements in the parents.	T21, T18, T13	Mixed risk:  High risk result of combined FTS 87%,  AMA ≥ 35 years only or women's will without any risk of chromosomal pathology 13%.	SNP and NATUS  Panorama  Natera Inc. (USA)	Invasive prenatal diagnosis with karyotypin g or CMA (n=57), phenotypi c newborn assessmen t (n=624), TOP and molecular study (n=1).	None	NIPT and/or invasive test based on CMA for chromosomal abnormalities diagnostics	Accuracy of NIPT
Lau 2012[24] Hong Kong, China, Japan	Prospective cohort	N=108  Pregnant women undergoing CVS or amniocentesis	NR	T21, T18, T13	Mostly high risk: Positive 1 <sup>st</sup> trimester screening 47.2%,	MPS (whole genome)	Conventio nal karyotypin g from	None	Diagnostic accuracy of novel z-score method with internal	Accuracy of NIPT

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Study start date: NR	Number of centres: 1	(possibly singleton pregnancies but NR).  Mean age (SD):  37 (4.3) years,  Median gestational age (range): 12+5 (11+4 – 28+0) weeks.			positive 1st trimester sonographic markers 22.2%, other structural anomalies 1.5%, previous T21 0.9%, maternal anxiety 11.1%.	BGI- Shenzhen (China)	CVS (94.4%) or amniocent esis (5.6%)		reference chromosome.	
		1 <sup>st</sup> trimester: 97 (89.8%)								
Lau 2014[25] Hong Kong, USA, China	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 1	N=1,982 (1,929 singleton, 30 twin pregnancies, 23 internal control samples)	NR	T21, T18 T13	Prenatal diagnosis centre accepted referral of any pregnant woman for NIPT:	MPS (whole genome)	Conventio nal karyotypin g from  CVS or amniocent	None	Test accuracy for common autosomal trisomies, sex chromosomal abnormalities and other	Accuracy of NIPT
Study start date: August 2011		Any pregnant women ≥12 weeks of gestation accepted for NIPT, regardless of whether they had undergone any			/ Family history 53 (2.7%).	BGI-Health (China)	esis, postnatal karyotypin g or birth phenotype		chromosome abnormalities.	

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		previous T21 screening.			No prior screening test: 669 (34.2%).					
		Mean age (SD), range: 36 (4.35), 20-46 years.  Median gestational age: 14.5 weeks.  1st trimester: 56.25%.  Ethnicity: Chinese 90.91%, Caucasian 5.21%, Other 3.88%.			Prior screening test 1,290 (65.8%):  High risk 593/1,290 (46.0%),  Low risk 368/1,290 (28.5%),  Result not available yet 329/1,290 (25.5%).					

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Liang 2013[26] China Study start date: March 2009	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 3	N=435 High-risk pregnant women scheduled for invasive prenatal diagnostics.  Mean age (SD): 31 (5.9) years.  Median gestational age (range): 21+3 (11+3 – 39+3) weeks.  1st trimester: 1 (0.23%).	NR	T21, T18 T13	All high risk:  AMA (≥35 years)  84 (19.3%),  Positive serum screening  217 (49.9%),  Ultrasound abnormality  67 (15.4%),  Prior aneuploidy pregnancy  4 (0.9%),  Multiple indications	MPS (whole genome)  Berry Genomics (China)	CVS (0.92%), cordocent esis (22.30%) or amniocent esis (76.78%) and full foetal karyotypin g	None	Test accuracy for detection of foetal aneuploidies for all 24 chromosomes in one single sequencing event	Accuracy of NIPT
Nicolaides 2012[27] UK	Retrospectiv e cohort of stored samples	N=2,230 original cohort, N=2,049 eligible	N=181 (8.1%): 74 no foetal karyotype,	T21, T18	63 (14.5%).  General obstetric population undergoing first-trimester screening for	DANSR FORTE	86 (4.2%) CVS or amniocent esis and foetal	First-trimester CT (free β-hCG, PAPP-A, NT) with or without additional	1) Performance of screening by NIPT for	Comparis on of NIPT with CT

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Study start date: October 2010	Number of centres: 1	cases.  Women with singleton pregnancies attending for first-trimester combined screening for aneuploidies and ultrasound (general obstetric population).  Median age (IQR): 31.8 (27.7 – 35.4) years,  Gestational age, range: 11+0 – 13+6 weeks,  1st trimester: 100%.  Ethnicity:  Caucasian 69.8%,  African 20.6%,	7 abnormal karyotype other than T21 or T18, 29 inadequate sample volume, 1 wrongly labelled 70 lab mixed samples together.		aneuploidies as part of their routine antenatal care.  All had 1st-trimester combined test:  Median estimated T21 risk (range)  1:8,469  (1:2–1:23,527),  Median estimated T18 risk (range)  1:14,894  (1:2-1:47,472).	Harmony Prenatal Test  Ariosa Diagnostics (USA)	karyotypin g. 1963 (95.8%) phenotypi c newborn examinati on.	ultrasound markers (nasal bone, tricuspid regurgitation, reversed a-wave in ductus venosus).  Risk threshold ≥1:150 (0.67%) for T21 and T18.	trisomies 21 and 18.  2)  Comparison of NIPT with detection rate and false positive rate of 1st-trimester CT with or without additional ultrasound markers.	

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		South Asian 4.0%, East Asian 2.8%, Mixed 2.8%.								
Nicolaides 2013[28] UK Study start date: NR	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 1	N=242  Women with singleton pregnancies undergoing CVS at 11-13 weeks' gestation, ≥ 18 years, ≥ 10 weeks gestation.	NR	T21, T18, T13	High risk for aneuploidies or sickle cell disease: 1st-trimester CT >1:300 227 (93.8%),	SNP- and NATUS Natera Inc. (USA)	CVS and karyotypin g	None	Performance of NIPT to detect T21, T18, T13, SCA and triploidy.	Accuracy of NIPT
		Mean age (range): 35.7 (18.5- 46.5) years.			AMA 5 (2.1%), Previous aneuploidy pregnancy 6 (2.5%),					
		age (range):  13.1 (11.3 – 13.9)  weeks.  1st trimester: 100%.			Sickle cell testing 4 (1.7%).  Median estimated risk for T21, T18					

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					or T13 by CT (range): 1:75 (1:2–1:12,433).					
Norton 2012[29] USA, Netherlands, Sweden Study start date: August 2010	Prospective, multicentre cohort study (NICE study)  Number of centres: 48	N=4,002 enrolled, N=3,228 eligible: Women ≥ 18 years, gestational age ≥ 10 weeks, with singleton pregnancy, scheduled for invasive testing for any indication.  Mean age (SD), range: 34.3 (6.4), 18-50 years.  Mean gestational age (SD), range: 16.9 (4.1), 10-38.7 weeks.	Exclusion criteria:  Multiple pregnancies, known maternal aneuploidy, active malignancy or history of metastatic cancer, already undergone CVS or amniocentesis.  N=774 (19.3%): 433 samples used for assay development.	T21, T18	Undergoing invasive testing for any indication (primarily high risk women)	DANSR, FORTE  Harmony Prenatal Test  Ariosa Diagnostics (USA)	Karyotypi ng, FISH or QF- PCR from amniocent esis (74.7%) or CVS (25.3%)	None	1) Harmony Test performance for T21 and T18 at 1% risk cutoff.  2) Foetal fraction.  Test performance at different risk cutoff values.	Accuracy of NIPT

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		Ethnicity: Caucasian 49.6%, African American 6.4%, Asian 13.4%, Hispanic 22.7%, Other 7.9%.	criteria,  84 insufficient sample volume, 20 incorrect sample labelling.							
Norton 2015[6] USA, Sweden Study start date: March 2012	Prospective multicentre cohort (NEXT study)  Number of centres: 35	N=18,955 enrolled.  N=18,510 met I/E criteria.  Women with singleton pregnancies, ≥ 18 years of age, presenting for aneuploidy screening at 10-14 weeks of gestation (NIPT and 1st-trimester CT).  Mean age (range): 31	N=450 (2.4%):  229 did not meet inclusion criteria or met exclusion criteria,  31 had twins discovered on NT testing,  121 had unknown ovum-donor status,  64 withdrew or were withdrawn	T21, T18, T13	General obstetric population (unselected)	DANSR, FORTE  Harmony Prenatal Test  Ariosa Diagnostics (USA)	Invasive prenatal testing (135 CVS, 422 amniocent esis), 52 postnatal genetic testing, 16 testing on products of conceptio n, all other examinati	First-trimester CT (cut-off ≥1:270 for T21, ≥1:150 for T18 and T13)	1) Area under ROC curve for T21 screening with NIPT versus standard screening.  2) Evaluation of NIPT and standard screening to assess the risk for T18 and T13.	Comparis on of NIPT with CT

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		(18-48) years.  Mean gestational age (range): 12.5  (10.0-14.3) weeks.	by investigator.				on of the newborn.		Performance of NIPT in low-risk patients.	
Palomaki 2012[52] USA Study start date: Trial submission 6th April 2009	Nested case- control in a cohort  (Part of an international clinical validation study, NCT008772 92).	N=4,664 in cohort,  N=293 case-control study (62 T18, 12 T13, 219 euploid)  plus 212 T21 and 1,483 matched controls reported earlier [62].  N=1,988 for NIPT.	N=279/4,664 (6.0%) from cohort:  116 sample not adequate,  112 multiple gestation / foetal death,  51 no karyotype /outcome available.	T21, T18, T13	High risk for T21:  1st-trimester screening positive: 7.2%,  2nd-trimester screening positive: 4.4%,  Integrated test positive: 10.2%,  Ultrasound anomaly: 19.5%,	MPS (whole genome)  Sequenom Inc. (USA)	Amniocen tesis (48.5%) or CVS (51.5%) and karyotypin g	None	Correct identification of T21, T18 & T13	Accuracy of NIPT
	Each pregnancy with T18 and T13 matched	Singleton pregnancies at high risk for T21.	N=2,397/4,385 (54.7%):		AMA ≥ 38 years: 41.6%, 2 or more					

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	with 3 controls based on the gestational age, enrolment site, race, and time in freezer (within 1 month).  Number of centres: 27	Mean age (SD):  37.2 (5.0)* years.  Median gestational age (range): 14.6  (9-22) weeks*.  1st trimester: 52%,  2nd trimester: 48%.  Ethnicity:  Caucasian 84.7%,  Black 4%,  Asian 5.4%,  Unknown 5.4%.	Not selected for case-control study.		indications: 12.6%, Family history of aneuploidy: 3.4%, Other /unknown: 1.0%.					
Pergament 2014[30]	Prospective international multicentre cohort	N=1,064 enrolled, N=1,051 for testing (926 euploid, 67 T21,	N=13 (1.2%): 6 triploidy,	T21, T18, T13	543 (51.0%)  High risk: abnormal serum screen, ultrasound	SNP- and NATUS	Amniocen tesis/CVS (44.1%) and	None	Performance of single- nucleotide polymorphism	Accuracy of NIPT

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USA Study start date: NR	Number of centres: 36	32 T18, 14 T13, 12 Monosomy X).  Singleton pregnancies of at least 7 weeks of gestation.  Mean age (SD), range: 30.3 (7.4), 18-47 years.  Mean gestational age (SD), range: 17.0 (4.1), 7.6-40.6 weeks.	3 foetal mosaic, 2 47,XXY, 1 47,XXX, 1 47,XYY.		abnormality, maternal age ≥ 35 years.  521 (49.0%)  Low risk: maternal age < 35 years and lacking any reported high-risk indications.	Natera Inc. (USA)	karyotypin g/FISH; genetic testing of cord blood, buccal sample or saliva (13.2%) or products of conceptio n (42.8%).		-based test on both high- and low-risk pregnant women.	
Porreco 2014[31] USA Study start date:	Prospective multicentre cohort (NCT00847 990)	N=4,170 enrolled, N=3,430 for testing.  Singleton pregnancies, high risk for foetal aneuploidy	N=740 (17.7%): 320 insufficient sample volume, 120 outside 6h lab processing window,	T21, T18, T13	High risk for foetal aneuploidy: Abnormal NT 104 (3%), Abnormal Triple/ quad screen 289	MPS (whole genome)  MaterniT21  ® PLUS	Amniocen tesis (75.5%) or CVS (24.5%) and karyotype	None	Clinical performance of MPS to test for T21, T18, T13, foetal sex and SCA.	Accuracy of NIPT

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September 2009	centres: 31	undergoing invasive procedure.  Mean age (SD), range: 35.1 (5.6), 18-50 years.  Mean gestational age (SD), range: 16.3 (3.5), 9.0-37.0 weeks.  Ethnicity:  White 60.1%,  Asian 18.7%,  Hispanic or Latino 9.9%,  Black 4.5%,  Multiple 5.5%.	270 used as lab quality control set, 24 incomplete case report forms, 6 no amniocentesis / CVS.		(8.4%),  Abnormal ultrasound 492 (14.3%),  AMA ≥ 35 years 1,417 (41.3%),  Multiple indications 929 (27.1%),  Previous or family history of aneuploidies 98 (2.9%).	Sequenom, Inc. (USA)				
Quezada	Prospective	N=2,905	N=NR	T21, T18,	No prior screening, general	DANSR,	CVS or amniocent	First-trimester CT for T21	1) Numbers and	Comparis on of

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2015[41] UK Study start date: October 2012	Number of centres: 1	Women with singleton pregnancies undergoing routine first-trimester screening for the major trisomies by NIPT and by the combined test.  Mean age (range): 36.9 (20.4–51.9) years.  Median gestational age (range): 10+4 (10+0-11+6) weeks.		T13	obstetric population,  AMA ≥ 35 years 1,958 (67.4%).	FORTE  Harmony  Ariosa Diagnostics (USA)	esis and foetal karyotypin g, post-mortem examinati on and karyotypin g, newborn phenotype	(PAPP-A, free β-hCG, nuchal translucency)  Risk threshold ≥ 1/100 for T21.	concordance of results of NIPT and 1 <sup>st</sup> - trimester combined screen.  2) Discordant results between NIPT and foetal karyotype.	NIPT with CT
		1st trimester: 100%.  Ethnicity: Caucasian 2,570 (88.5%), South Asian 173								

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		(6.0%), East Asian 96 (3.3%), Afro-Caribbean 21 (0.7%), Mixed 45 (1.5%).								
Sago 2014[42] Japan Study start date: April 2013	Prospective multicentre cohort  Number of centres: 15 in April 2013,  37 by March 2014	N=7,740  Women with singleton pregnancies, 10 to 18 weeks' gestation, high-risk for aneuploidy, requesting NIPT.  Mean age (range): 38.3 (21-48) years.	Multiple Pregnancy N=NR	T21, T18, T13	All high-risk:  Maternal age ≥ 35 years 7387 (95.4%),  Prior history 226 (2.9%),  Ultrasound abnormality 108 (1.4%),  Serum marker 16 (0.2%),	MPS (whole genome)  MaterniT21 PLUS  Sequenom Inc. (USA)	CVS or amniocent esis and foetal karyotypin g, foetal death and karyotypin g or birth phenotype	None	PPV for T21, T18 and T13.	Accuracy of NIPT
		Mean gestational age (range): 13.3 (10.0-19.9) weeks.			Balanced Robertsonian translocation 3 (0.04%).					

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		1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> trimester.								
Sehnert	Training set:	N=1,014 in cohort,	N=68/1,014 (6.7%) from	T21, T18, T13	906/946 (96%) showed at least 1	MPS (whole genome)	CVS or amniocent	None	Test performance	Accuracy of NIPT
2011[53]	Prospective case-control	946 singleton pregnancies with	cohort:		clinically recognized risk		esis and foetal		for T21, T18, T13, gender	
USA	(all foetuses with abnormal	foetal karyotype.	Unspecified		factor for aneuploidy:	Verinata Health (USA)	karyotype		and Monosomy X classification	
Study start	karyotype as	Mean age (SD),	From training set			(USA)				
date: April 2009	well as a random	range: 35.6 (5.66), 17-47 years.	N=6 (8.5%):		AMA ≥35 years 52.1%,					
	selection of non-affected individuals)	Mean gestational age (range): 15+4	4 twin gestations,		Screen positive					
	individuals)	(6+1 - 38+1) weeks.	1 contaminated during		18.6%,					
	<u>Validation</u>	Trimester NR.	preparation, 1 69,XXX.		Increased NT 4.5%,					
	set: Prospective		1 09,AAA.		Other congenital abnormality					
	case-control or case	Ethnicity:	From validation		9.0%,					
	series	62.7% Caucasian	set N=1 (2.1%):							
		16.5% Hispanic	1 twin gestation.		Other maternal risk 7.4%.					
	Number of centres: 13	6.2% Asian,								

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		5.2% multi-ethnic								
		Selected for training set: 71/435, Selected for validation set: 48/575.								
Shaw 2014[32] Taiwan, China	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 11	N=201  Pregnant women > 12 weeks' gestation.  High risk (n=100):	N=1 (0.5%):  1 due to early gestational age (<12 weeks)	T21, T18, T13	Very high risk  (T21 risk >1:30 or NT >3.0mm): N=100  Average screening risk:	MPS (whole genome)  Berry Genomics (China)	Amniocen tesis and karyotypin g or birth outcome	None	Test performance for detection of all foetal autosomal and sex chromosome	Accuracy of NIPT
Study start date: June 2012		Mean age (SD):  35.1 (3.2) years.  Mean gestational age (SD) 17.3 (2.1) weeks.  98 singleton, 2 twin			1:22.8.  Low risk  (T21 risk <1:1,500): N=100	(Cilila)			aneuploidies	
		pregnancies.			Average screening risk:					

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Song 2013[33] China Study start date: April 2011	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 2	Low risk (n=100):  Mean age (SD):  34.6 (2.6) years.  Mean gestational age (SD) 16.1 (3.0) weeks.  98 singleton, 2 twin pregnancies.  N=1,916  Singleton pregnancies, women <35 years undergoing routine antenatal screening.  Mean age (SD), range: 29.03 (2.7),  20 - 34 years.	N=NR	T21, T18 T13	I:3,179.  General obstetric population < 35 years.  High risk  275/1,741 (15.8%):  Positive serum screening >1:270: 249 (14.3%),	MPS (whole genome)  Berry Genomics (China)	CVS, amniocent esis or cordocent esis and karyotypin g or birth phenotype	2 <sup>nd</sup> trimester triple serum screening (α-fetoprotein, free β-hcg, unconjugated estriol)  Cutoff ≥ 1:270 for T21 and T18.	NIPT test performance for detection of T21, T18, T13 and SCA.  Comparison of NIPT and serum screening performance.	Comparis on of NIPT with CT

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					Increased NT:					
		Mean gestational age (SD), range:			10 (0.6%),					
		16.57 (1.56),			Other indications					
		11 - 21+6 weeks.			16 (0.9%).					
		1 <sup>st</sup> trimester: 3.4%,			Low risk					
		2 <sup>nd</sup> trimester: 96.6%.			1,466/1,741					
		Assisted conception 14 (0.8%).			(84.2%).					
Song 2015[45]	Prospective cohort	N=213 Women with	N=1 (0.5%): 1 with quality	T21, T18, T13	All high-risk for foetal aneuploidies due	MPS (whole genome)	CVS or amniocent esis and	None	1) Clinical performance of NIPT in the	Accuracy of NIPT
China	Number of	singleton pregnancies, ≥ 35 years, 8+0 – 12+6 weeks'	control failure (haemolysis)		to advanced maternal age ≥ 35 years.	Berry	karyotypin g (n=178) or		first trimester.	
Study start date: May 2012	centres: 1	gestation, high-risk of foetal aneuploidies, presenting for NIPT.			, yours.	Genomics (China)	newborn phenotypi c examinati on (n=34).		2) Relationship between foetal DNA fraction	
		Mean age (range):							and early gestational	

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		37.25 (35-45) years.  Mean gestational age (range): 9+6  (8+0 – 12+6) weeks.  100% 1 <sup>st</sup> trimester.							age.	
Sparks 2012[54] USA Study start date: NR	Prospective case-control  Number of centres: NR	Number enrolled unclear.  Singleton pregnancies, women ≥ 18 years, ≥10 weeks' gestation, high risk for foetal trisomies undergoing invasive testing.  Subset of N=338  (250 euploid, 72 T21, 16 T18) randomised into	NR	T21, T18	High risk for foetal trisomy	DANSR and z statistic or FORTE  Aria Diagnostics (USA)	Invasive testing with FISH and/or karyotype analysis	None	Detecting foetal aneuploidy using DANSR and z statistic or FORTE	Accuracy of NIPT

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		(n=167) (36 T21, 8 T18, 123 euploid): Mean age (SD), range: 33.5 (7.1), 18-51 years. Mean gestational age (SD), range: 18.6 (4.0), 11.0-36.1 weeks.								
		Training set (n=171) (36 T21, 8 T18, 127 euploid):  Mean age (SD), range: 34.5 (6.3), 18-44 years.  Mean gestational age (SD), range: 17.6 (4.4), 10.3-33.0								

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		weeks.								
Stumm 2014[34] Germany , Switzerland	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 5	N=522 recruited, N=504 for testing.  Women with singleton pregnancy, ≥18 years, high risk	N=18 (3.4%): 9 no consent, 8 no karyotype, 1 sample previously tested.	T21, T18 T13	All high risk for chromosomal aberrations:  AMA >35 years 69.5%,  Positive serum markers 11.1%,	MPS (whole genome)  LifeCodexx (Germany)	Amniocen tesis, CVS, cordocent esis and foetal karyotypin g	None	1) Diagnostic accuracy for foetal T21 detection (using DAP.21).	Accuracy of NIPT
date: NR		for aneuploidies, with foetal karyotype.  Mean age (range):			Ultrasound abnormality 39.3%, Family history				2) Diagnostic accuracy for foetal T13 and T18 detection (using DAP.plus)	
		36.0 (19-47) years.  Mean gestational age (range): 15.6			2.1%, Parental chromosome abnormality 0.4%,				and comparison of algorithms for T21.	
		(11+0-32+1) weeks.			Other 14.9% (more than 1 risk factor in 179/522)					
Verweij	Multicentre	N=595 enrolled,	N=75 (12.6%):	T21	91.2% increased risk for T21 based	DANSR	CVS (54%) or	None	Test performance	Accuracy

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2013[35] Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, USA  Study start date: May 2011	international prospective cohort (EU- NITE study)  Number of centres: 6  (4 Dutch, 2 Swedish)	N=520 eligible.  Women undergoing invasive testing, singleton pregnancy, ≥10 weeks' gestation.  Mean age (SD), range: 36.4 (4.6), 20-47 years.  Mean gestational age (SD), range: 14.0 (2.1), 10-28 weeks.  Ethnicity:  Caucasian 84.8%,	21 failed I/E criteria (non- invasive procedure performed, twin pregnancy, no blood sample);  19 insufficient plasma volume;  11 logistical problems - shipping difficulties;  24 chromosome abnormalities other than T21.		on 1st trimester screening (serum screening, NT and/or maternal age), detection of foetal anomalies on ultrasound, previous affected pregnancy or family history.  8.8% other indications (psychosocial or anxiety reasons).	FORTE  Harmony  Ariosa Diagnostics (USA)	amniocent esis (46%) and karyotypin g or quantitativ e fluorescen t PCR		for T21 detection by shipping whole blood samples from Europe to a laboratory in the USA.	of NIPT
		Mediterranean 6.0%, Asian 3.3%,								

Reference	Study design	Participants  Black 1.3%, Other 4.6%.	Exclusions from study	Trisomies investigat ed (T21, T18, T13)	Prior risk	Type of test	Reference method	Comparator if applicable	Primary / secondary outcome	Accuracy of NIPT or comparis on of NIPT with CT
Wax 2015[43] USA  Study start date: June 2012	Retrospective e review of prospective cohort  Number of centres: 1	N=1,046 eligible for NIPT,  N=166 high-risk pregnant women with singleton pregnancies opted for NIPT.  Mean age (SD): 34.6 (5.5) years.  Gestational age: range 10+0 – 21+6 weeks.	Multiple pregnancy N=NR; N=880 (84.1%) chose not to have NIPT.	T21, T18, T13	All high-risk:  AMA ≥ 35 years 742 (70.9%),  Ultrasound abnormality 280 (26.8%),  Positive screen 115 (11.0%),  Prior trisomy 15 (1.4%),  Parental translocation 1 (0.1%).	MPS (whole genome)  Manufacture r: NR	Amniocen tesis (n=56) or CVS (n=50) and karyotypin g, postnatal karyotypin g of neonatal blood, birth phenotype from records	None	Difference in genetic counselling utilisation, invasive procedures and T21 detection before and after NIPT implementatio n.	Accuracy of NIPT

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Zhang 2015[5] China, Hong Kong (Denmark)  Study start date: January 2012	Prospective multicentre cohort  Number of centres: 508	N=147,314 samples received for NIPT.  N=147,103 appropriate samples.  Women with singleton or twin pregnancy, ≥ 9 weeks of gestation, ≥ 18 years old.  Mean age (range): 30.9 (18-56) years.  Mean gestational age (range): 18.7  (9-37) weeks.  Trimester:  1st (9-13 wks): 4.21%,  2nd (14-27 wks): 94.13%,	N=211 (0.14%):  211 samples rejected due to inadequate volume, contamination,  <9 gestational weeks, or improper labelling.	T21, T18, T13	Mixed (high-risk, low-risk or no prior screening):  Positive T21 screening 37.83%,  Negative T21 screening 21.43%,  No prior screening 40.73%.  AMA 23.04%,  Family history of aneuploidies 0.01%,  Sonographic markers of chromosomal abnormality 1.61%.	MPS (whole genome)  NIFTY test  BGI-Health (China)	Karyotypi ng or clinical follow-up results.	None	1) Clinical performance of NIPT in detecting T21, T18, and T13.  2) NIPT performance in twin pregnancies.  NIPT performance for T21 detection in high-risk and low-risk subjects.  Factors contributing to NIPT false-positive and false-negative results.	Accuracy of NIPT

Reference	Study design	Participants  3 <sup>rd</sup> (≥ 28 wks): 1.47%,	Exclusions from study	Trisomies investigat ed (T21, T18, T13)	Prior risk	Type of test	Reference method	Comparator if applicable	Primary / secondary outcome	Accuracy of NIPT or comparis on of NIPT with CT
		Unknown: 0.18%.  99.45% singletons,  0.55% twins.								
Zhou 2014[44] China Study start date: November 2011	Prospective cohort  Number of centres: 1	N=7,705  Women with singleton pregnancies, 12-24 weeks' gestation, high-risk or no prior T21 screening.  Gestational age: 12-24 weeks.	Multiple pregnancy N=NR	T21, T18, T13	Mixed risk:  AMA ≥ 35 years: 40.4%,  High risk T21 screening: 32.1%,  Low risk T21 screening: 11.3%,  No prior T21 screening: 56.6%.	MPS (whole genome)  NIFTY test  BGI- Shenzen, China	Amniocen tesis and karyotypin g (n=54), postnatal karyotype (n=2) or birth outcome (n=3,894).	None	1) NIPT performance for detection of trisomies 13, 18, and 21.  2) Confirming care flow path	Accuracy of NIPT
Zimmermann 2012[55]	Prospective case-control	N=166 (11 T21, 3 T18, 2	NR	T21, T18 T13	Mixed: Aneuploidy	SNP-based, Parental Support (PS)	Invasive testing and FISH	None	Detection of foetal aneuploidies	Accuracy of NIPT

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USA Study start date: NR	Unblinded proof-of-principle study  Number of centres: NR	T13, 2 45X, 2 47XXY, 146 putatively euploid)  Singleton pregnancies, women ≥ 18 years, ≥ 9 weeks' gestation.  Median gestational age: 17.0 and 17.5 weeks for euploid and aneuploid samples, respectively.			samples from pregnant women with invasive prenatal testing.  Putative euploid samples from average-risk women without known risk indicators.	algorithm  Natera Inc. (USA)	and/or karyotype in aneuploid samples, 62/146 putative euploid samples comfirme d by karyotypin g of post- birth child tissue.		at chromosomes 13, 18, 21, X, and Y.	

AMA, advanced maternal age; β-hCG, β-fragment of human chorionic gonadotropin; CMA, chromosomal microarray; CT, first-trimester combined test; CVS, chorionic villus sampling; DANSR, digital analysis of selected regions; DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridisation; FORTE, Foetal fraction Optimized Risk of Trisomy Evaluation; FTS, first-trimester combined test; ICD, international classification of diseases; I/E criteria, inclusion or exclusion criteria; IQR, interquartile range; IVF, in vitro fertilisation; MPS, massively parallel sequencing; MS-AFP, maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein; NATUS, Next Generation Aneuploidy Test Using SNPs; NIFTY, Non-invasive Fetal Trisomy Test; NIPT, non-invasive prenatal testing; NPV, negative predictive value; NR, not reported; NT, nuchal translucency; PAPP-A, pregnancy-associated plasma protein; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; PPV, positive predictive value; QF-PCR, quantitative fluorescent polymerase chain reaction; ROC, receiver-operating-characteristic curve; SCA, sex chromosome anomalies; SD, standard deviation; SNP, single-nucleotide polymorphism; TOP, termination of pregnancy. \* Reviewer calculation from published data.