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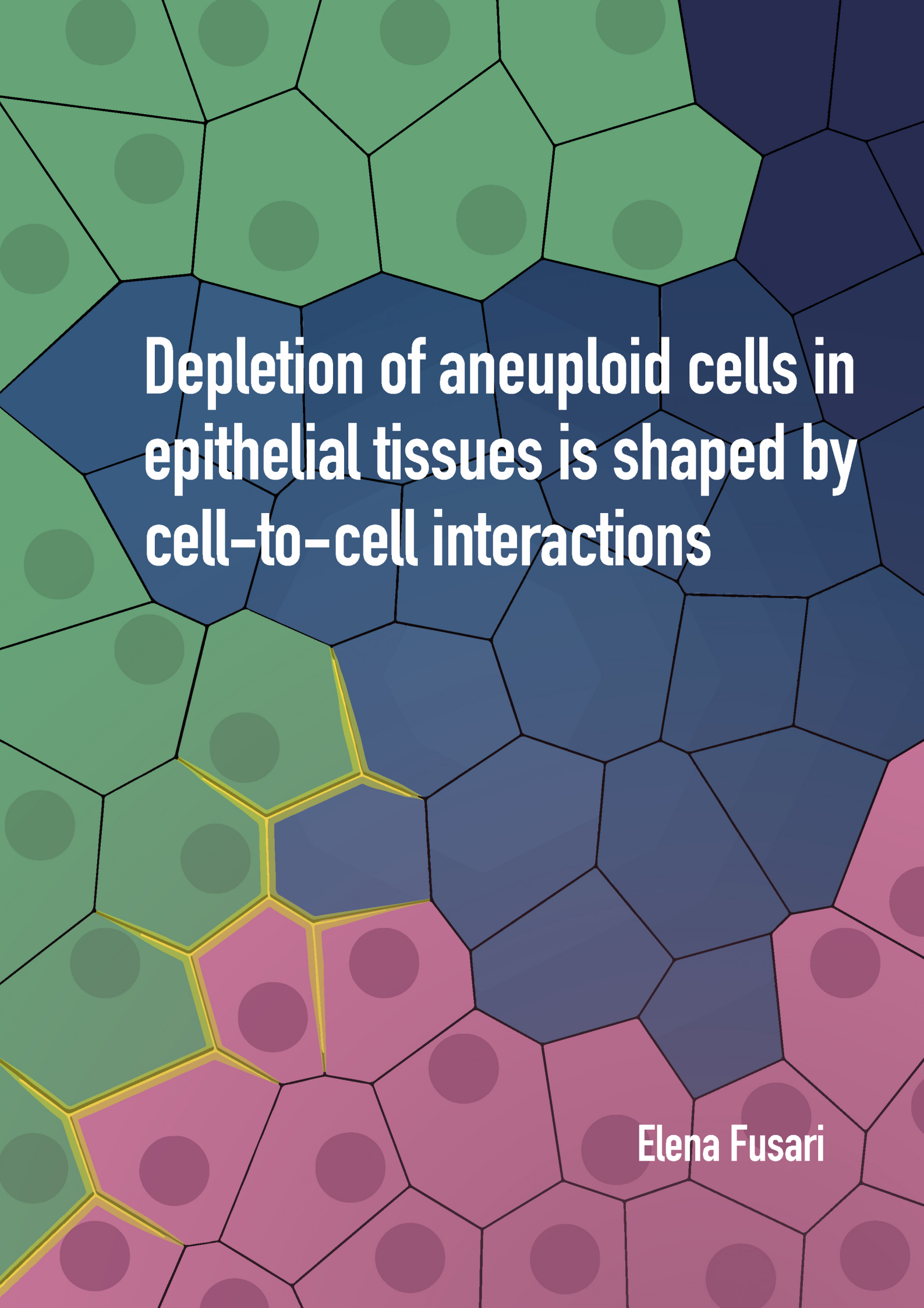
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Abbreviations

(Su(Tpl)) = Suppressor of Triplolethal
AD = Alzheimer's Disease
AEL = After Egg Laying
AT = Ataxia-Telangiectasia
BFB = Breakage-Fusion-Breakage
CNV = Copy Number Variation
CPM = Confined Placental Mosaicism
Crb = Crumbs
DBA = Diamond-Blackfan anemia
DS = Down Syndrome
ecDNA = extrachromosomal circular DNA
en = *engrailed*
ER = Endoplasmatic Reticulum
ESCs = Embrionic Stem Cells
ey/eye = *eyeless*
Flp = Flippase
FRTs = Flippase Recombination Targets
fwe = *flower*
hESCs = human Embrionic Stem Cells
hPSCs = human Pluripotent Stem Cells
hs = heat-shock
ICM = Inner Cell Mass
IVF = In Vitro Fecundation
MDCK = mammalian Madin-Darby Canine kidney
MMCT = Microcell-Mediated Chromosome Transfer
Mn = *Minute*
MVA = Mosaic Variagated Aneuploidy
NHEJ = Non-homologous End Joining
POF = Painting Of Fourth
RHG = *reaper, hid, grim*
ROS = Reactive Oxygen Species
Rp = Ribosomal protein
RpG = Ribosomal protein Gene
RS = Recombination Screening
SAC = Spindle Assembly Checkpoint
SCNAs = Somatic Copy Number Alterations
scrib = *scribble*
SDS = Schwachman–Diamond Syndrome
TAMERE = TArgeted MEiotic REcombination
TE = Trophectoderm
Tpl = Triplolethal
TSG = Twin Spot Generator
UPD = UniParental Disomy
UPR = Unfolded Protein Response

Abstract

Aneuploidy, the major cause of miscarriages, is pervasive in early human embryos, and later in life, it correlates with pathological conditions including cancer and other ageing-related conditions. At the cellular level, both gains and losses of chromosome are deleterious and result in growth defects. At the organismal level, almost all trisomies and monosomies are lethal and those that are compatible with life are associated with severe developmental defects. Surprisingly, 80% of blastocysts are reported to be aneuploid mosaics. In disease, aneuploidy is present in 90% of human solid tumors, it confers selective advantage to cancer cells and significantly contributes to tumorigenesis. Identification of the mechanisms underlying the elimination of aneuploid cells is therefore relevant in development and disease. Since aneuploid cells *in vivo* generally emerge as a consequence of missegregation events during cell division, it is often found in mosaics. One mechanism that has been proposed to participate in the recognition and elimination of aneuploid cells to ensure correct development and tissue homeostasis in cell competition, a process where difference in fitness are sensed and less fit cells are actively eliminated by fitter cells. In order to study aneuploidy it is crucial to dispose of good experimental models. In particular, sequence-specific methods allow to differentiate between general and karyotype-specific effects of gene dosage imbalance. Unfortunately, such strategies have been developed mainly *in vitro* therefore lacking the ability to characterize the impact of the interaction between aneuploid and wild type cells.

Here, we developed a strategy based on the Flp/FRT sequence-specific recombination system to generate labelled segmental aneuploid cells within epithelial tissues of *Drosophila*. We generated cells carrying molecularly defined segmental monosomies and trisomies and characterized their immediate impact on cellular behavior, growth and survival. Our data reveal signs of out-competition of cells carrying monosomies in genomic regions devoid of previously known haploinsufficient genes due to newly identified haploinsufficient genes or to cumulative haploinsufficiency. Notably, these mechanisms of cell competition rely on distinct molecular pathways, namely *Xrpl-mTor*-dependent or -independent cell competition. By simultaneously inducing cells carrying monosomies and trisomies of the same genomic location, we present evidence that segmental trisomies potentiate or alleviate the negative effects of the monosomy on growth. We describe a case of supercompetition of the trisomies, that overgrows respect to control cells at the expenses of the monosomic cells, and a case of growth compensation, where trisomic cells induce compensatory proliferation of otherwise outcompeted monosomies. Furthermore, we describe two triplosensitive regions. Overall, our results reveal that the genome is full of dosage-sensitive loci and uncover a key role of cell interactions and specifically of cell competition in defining the *in vivo* elimination of aneuploid cells.

Key words: aneuploidy, haploinsufficiency, triplosensitivity, cell competition, cell death

Resum

La aneuploïdia es la principal causa d'avortaments espontanis i és molt present en els embrions humans durant les primeres etapes del desenvolupament. També més endavant s'associa amb condicions patològiques com el càncer i altres malalties relacionades amb l'envelliment com malalties neurodegeneratives. Tant els guanys (trisomia) com les pèrdues (monosomia) de cromosomes són perjudicials i provoquen defectes significatius de creixement o letalitat en la majoria dels casos. Sorprenentment, un 80% dels blastocists són mosaics aneuploides. En el context de les malalties, l'aneuploïdia és present en el 90% dels tumors sòlids humans, contribueix significativament a la tumorigènesi. Identificar els mecanismes que permeten l'eliminació de cèl·lules aneuploides és fonamental tant en el desenvolupament com en el context de la malaltia. *In vivo*, les aneuploïdies sovint apareixen com a conseqüència d'errors en la segregació cromosòmica durant la divisió cel·lular, fet que resulta en mosaicisme. Un dels mecanismes proposats per mantenir l'homeòstasi tissular és la competició cel·lular. Aquest procés implica detectar diferències en la capacitat de supervivència entre cèl·lules, permetent que les menys competitives siguin eliminades activament per les més competitives. Per estudiar l'aneuploïdia, és essencial disposar de models experimentals robustos i adequats. Els mètodes seqüència-específics permeten diferenciar entre efectes generals i efectes específics d'un cariotip concret causats per desequilibris en la dosi gènica. Malauradament, aquestes estratègies s'han desenvolupat principalment *in vitro*, limitant la capacitat d'investigar l'impacte de les interaccions entre cèl·lules aneuploides i salvatges dins d'un teixit viu. En aquest treball, hem desenvolupat una estratègia basada en el sistema FLP/FRT per generar cèl·lules segmentalment aneuploides marcades dins de teixits epitelials de *Drosophila*. També hem explorat com els desequilibris genòmics impacten en processos específics relacionats amb el desenvolupament tissular. Hem creat cèl·lules amb monosomies i trisomies segmentals molecularment definides, caracteritzant l'impacte d'aquestes anomalies en el comportament cel·lular, el creixement i la supervivència. Els nostres resultats mostren signes clars de competició cel·lular desfavorable per a cèl·lules amb monosomies en regions genòmiques sense gens haploinsuficients prèviament coneguts. Això suggereix l'existència de nous gens haploinsuficients o haploinsuficiència acumulativa. Aquests mecanismes es basen en vies moleculars diferents, incloent mecanismes dependents o independents de Xrp1-mTor. També hem descobert que les trisomies poden potenciar o mitigar els efectes negatius de les monosomies en el creixement. Hem descrit un cas de supercompetència, en què les cèl·lules trisòmiques creixen a costa de les monosòmiques, i un cas de compensació de creixement, on les cèl·lules trisòmiques indueixen proliferació compensatòria de les monosomies que, d'una altra manera, serien eliminades. Finalment, hem identificat dues regions triplosensibles que contribueixen significativament a aquests fenòmens.

En conjunt, els nostres resultats posen de manifest que el genoma conté nombrosos loci sensibles a la dosi gènica i que les interaccions cel·lulars tenen un paper central en la sort de les cèl·lules aneuploides *in vivo*. Això reforça la rellevància de la competició cel·lular com a mecanisme clau per mantenir l'homeòstasi tissular i eliminar cèl·lules anòmales.

Paraules clau: aneuploïdia, haploinsuficiència, triplosensibilitat, competició cel·lular, mort cel·lular

Introduction

1. Aneuploidy: definition and origins

Aneuploidy is a chromosomal abnormality characterized by an imbalanced number of chromosomes, which deviates from the typical diploid set. Unlike euploidy, where cells have complete sets of chromosomes, aneuploidy involves either extra or missing chromosomes, leading to imbalances in gene dosage. Aneuploidy can be classified into several types based on chromosomal composition and mainly we will talk about monosomies, where one chromosome from a pair is missing, and trisomies, where there is an extra chromosome. Additionally, aneuploidy is classified as either whole-chromosome or segmental, depending on whether it involves entire chromosomes or specific segments of them. Segmental aneuploidies can be further defined as segmental monosomies or trisomies. These abnormalities arise from errors in chromosome segregation during cell division, particularly during meiosis in germ cells or mitosis in somatic cells. We will first briefly review the mis-segregation events that can lead to aneuploid cells during cell division and then we will focus on the consequences of aneuploidy in embryonic development and somatic tissues, highlighting its implications for both development and disease in separate sections.

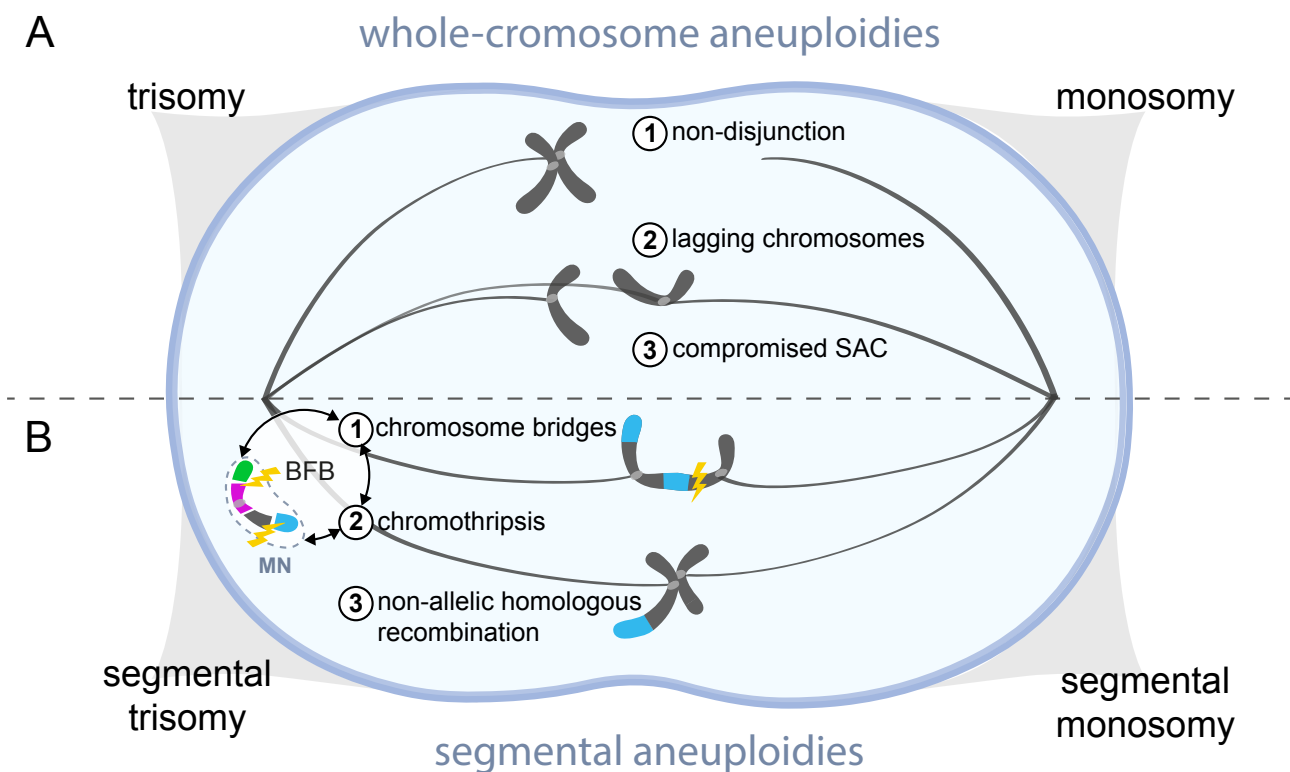


Figure 11. Origins of whole-chromosome and segmental aneuploidies. Schematic representation of errors during chromosome segregation that lead to the formation of aneuploid cells, either of whole-chromosomes, top panel (A), or segments of them, bottom panel (B). Merotelic kinetochore attachment is shown in correspondence of lagging chromosomes (A). Lightning bolt=chromosome breakage and DNA damage. MN=micronuclei. BFB=breakage-fusion-breakage.

Whole-chromosome aneuploidies (Figure I1A) are often the result of meiotic or mitotic nondisjunction, where homologous chromosomes or sister chromatids fail to separate properly during anaphase (Bugge et al., 2007; Hall et al., 2007; Hassold & Hunt, 2001). Another mechanism which leads to whole-chromosome aneuploidies is chromosome lagging, where a chromosome fails to attach to the spindle or moves more slowly than others during anaphase. This can result in the lagging chromosome being excluded from one daughter nucleus, leading to monosomy in one cell and trisomy in the other if the lagging chromosome is eventually incorporated into one of the daughter cells (Thompson & Compton, 2008). Abnormalities in spindle formation such as multipolar spindles can also lead to improper chromosome segregation (Ganem et al., 2009), as well as weakened spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC) (Cahill et al., 1998). The SAC is responsible for delaying progression of the cell cycle into anaphase in case chromosomes are not properly attached. A compromised SAC can allow cells with improperly attached chromosomes to proceed through mitosis, increasing the likelihood of missegregation (Musio et al., 2003). Premature loss of cohesion between sister chromatids can also lead to the formation of lagging chromosome and therefore their improper segregation during anaphase (Chiang et al., 2010). Merotelic attachment of kinetochores of lagging chromosomes to microtubules originating from both spindle poles has been reported to be undetected by the SAC and therefore possibly represents a major mechanism of aneuploidy in mammalian cells (Cimini et al., 2001). Furthermore, Robertsonian translocation, where long arms of two acrocentric chromosomes are fused, can produce aneuploid gametes during meiosis (Manieu et al., 2014; Scriven et al., 2001).

Segmental aneuploidies arise from structural rearrangements, that occur due to DNA breakage and improper repair (Figure I1B). When a chromosome breaks during meiosis or mitosis, for example due to unresolved DNA replication intermediates or telomere loss, the newly broken ends of chromosomes cause the fusion between sister chromatids resulting in a dicentric chromatid. During anaphase, dicentric chromatids can form chromosome bridges where the chromatid is pulled in different directions. Breakage of chromosome bridges often leads to uneven distribution of genetic material, resulting in segmental aneuploidies. Moreover, chromosome bridges can initiate breakage-fusion-bridge (BFB) cycles, a major mechanism for generating focal amplifications and large deletions. Another event that can trigger the formation of chromosome bridges and BFB cycles is chromothripsis, a localized shattering of a chromosome into fragments followed by random reassembly, often through non-homologous end joining (NHEJ). Furthermore, lagging chromosomes, if they are excluded from both daughter nuclei, can produce micronuclei and subsequent DNA damage and chromosome breakage, possibly triggering in turn chromothripsis events and BFB cycles (Crasta et al., 2012; C.-Z. Zhang et al., 2015). Segmental aneuploidies can therefore arise when these chromosome segments are incorporated into the genome. In addition, unequal crossing over during meiosis, or occasionally during mitosis due to misalignment of repetitive DNA sequences, can cause non-allelic homologous recombination. This results in one chromosome gaining extra genetic material while the other loses it (Lupski, 1998). Unlike whole-chromosome aneuploidies, segmental aneuploidies result in a more targeted dosage imbalance, affecting only a subset of genes localized within the altered chromosomal region. Segmental duplications and deletions are

particularly impactful because they can involve critical regulatory or dosage-sensitive genes, which may lead to significant phenotypic consequences even when relatively small regions are affected.

The consequences of aneuploidy can be severe, resulting in a plethora of stresses at the cellular level and in developmental abnormalities, miscarriages, and genetic disorders at the organismal level. Moreover, in the context of human health, aneuploidy is intricately associated with ageing and diseases such as cancer. Significantly, given that chromosome mis-segregation is essentially irreversible, it is critical to understand how cells respond to aneuploidy and how tissue context contributes to the fate of aneuploid cells.

2. Consequences of aneuploidy at the cellular level

Aneuploidy has been demonstrated to be highly detrimental at the cellular level across various models. A common and conserved characteristic of aneuploid cells is reduced fitness, with studies in yeast, mouse, and human cells consistently showing that aneuploidy generally impairs growth rates. We will discuss consequences observed for chromosome gains and losses.

2.1. Chromosome gain

The poor proliferative capacity of trisomic cells was first observed by comparing the growth potential of euploid cells with skin fibroblasts from patients with Down syndrome (Segal & McCoy, 1974). Later, systematic studies with haploid yeast strains bearing an extra copy of all individual yeast chromosomes showed consistent decrease in growth rate (Torres et al., 2007), as well as studies in trisomic mouse embryonic fibroblasts (Williams et al., 2008) and human trisomic and tetrasomic cell lines (Stingele et al., 2012). Transcriptionally, the growth defects observed in yeast disomic strains have been linked to the environmental stress response (ESR), a gene expression signature typically activated under various stress conditions. Consistently, studies in yeast and human cell lines suggest that aneuploidy, while detrimental under normal conditions, can provide a selective advantage under stress, serving as a driver of phenotypic evolution and adaptation (Pavelka et al., 2010; Rutledge et al., 2016). Despite cases of specific aneuploidies giving resistance against specific environmental stresses (Rancati et al., 2008), a common transcriptional response to aneuploidy was also identified in trisomic and tetrasomic human cell lines. This included upregulation of the ER, Golgi and lysosomes related pathways and antigen processing and, consistently with a decreased growth capacity, downregulation of DNA and RNA metabolism and ribosome-related pathways (Dürrbaum et al., 2014). Overall, these findings highlight that a decrease in fitness is a general consequence of gaining an extra chromosome, independently of the karyotype.

Work by many laboratories suggests that the molecular mechanisms underlying the negative impact of aneuploidy on growth stems from altered stoichiometry of protein complexes. In fact, cell physiology relies on correct balance of gene products, which is indeed altered in aneuploid cells. Studies with aneuploid human and yeast cells have shown that extra chromosomes are correlated with a proportional increase in most mRNAs

encoded by the gained chromosome and generally a proportional increase in the corresponding protein translation (Dephoure et al., 2014; Hwang et al., 2021; Pavelka et al., 2010; Stingle et al., 2012). The idea that *Drosophila* cells don't suffer from the same disruption of normal gene stoichiometry upon aneuploidy was presented by some works proposing a compensation mechanism that would buffer the difference in gene copy number at the mRNA and protein level for all autosomes (Stenberg et al., 2009; Y. Zhang et al., 2010), but later works discarded this hypothesis (H. Lee et al., 2016). This will be discussed in more detail in the following chapters.

The non-stoichiometric production of proteins in trisomic cells may affect the functioning of different cellular processes that normally work through balanced protein complexes, therefore causing a variety of cellular stresses, including mitotic, replicative, osmotic, proteotoxic, and metabolic stress [Figure I2A, reviewed in (J. Zhu et al., 2018)]. Aneuploidy disrupts DNA replication complexes by altering stoichiometry of replication proteins, such as helicase subunits. These disruptions stall replication fork progression and cause replication stress, as observed in studies of aneuploid human cells and yeast (Burrell et al., 2013; Passerini et al., 2016). Consistently, aneuploid cells have been shown to lose mitotic fidelity and be chromosomally unstable, meaning that they present a high rate of missegregation during mitosis (Passerini et al., 2016; Sheltzer et al., 2011). Interestingly, tracking of karyotype trajectories of aneuploid yeast populations revealed that the degree of chromosomal instability varies with the identity of the aneuploid chromosomes (J. Zhu et al., 2012). The stalling in replication forks could also expose aneuploid cells to increased DNA damage and the emergence of segmental abnormalities as reported for trisomic plants (Papp et al., 1996).

Proteotoxic stress is another hallmark of aneuploidy, caused by the overproduction of unbalanced protein subunits that fail to assemble into proper protein complexes. This overload on the cellular protein homeostasis machinery, or proteostasis, leads to protein aggregation and misfolding, which are prominent in both yeast and human aneuploid cell models (Brennan et al., 2019; Oromendia et al., 2012; Stingle et al., 2012; Torres et al., 2010). Aneuploid yeast strains and mouse embryonic fibroblasts demonstrate protein aggregation and heightened sensitivity to proteasome inhibitors, indicating reliance on the ubiquitin-proteasome system for protein degradation (Oromendia et al., 2012; Tang et al., 2011). Autophagy-related pathways are activated as a compensatory mechanism but are saturated in highly aneuploid cells also in *Drosophila* (Joy et al., 2021). In human cell lines, features such as reduced chaperone activity, altered autophagy, and saturation of lysosomal-mediated degradation have been reported (Ohashi et al., 2015; Santaguida et al., 2015; P. J. Zhu et al., 2019). Consistently, trisomic human cells exhibit reduced expression of heat shock factor 1 (HSF1), a master regulator of the chaperone system, while its overexpression has been shown to mitigate proteotoxic stress in aneuploid human cell lines (Donnelly et al., 2014). Metabolic stress is intricately tied to aneuploidy and it is thought to derive from altered stoichiometry of enzymes and regulators. In yeast and mammalian aneuploid cells, increased glucose uptake, abnormal accumulation of amino acids, and heightened tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle activity have been observed (Stingle et al., 2012; Torres et al., 2007; Williams et al., 2008). Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome) cells exhibit reduced mitochondrial biogenesis, increased production of reactive oxygen species (ROS), and oxidative stress (Pogribna et al., 2001; Valenti et al., 2011). Aneuploid mouse embryonic

fibroblasts (M. Li et al., 2010), aneuploid *Drosophila* wing disc cells (Joy et al., 2021), and yeast strains (Dephoure et al., 2014) also show increased ROS levels, highlighting oxidative stress as a common feature of aneuploidy. This oxidative stress results in DNA damage, potentially acting as a feedback loop to exacerbate checkpoint activation and genome instability (Degtyareva et al., 2008).

In summary, the cellular stresses associated with the gain of an extra chromosome arise from the disruption of protein complexes stoichiometry independently from the karyotype and are well-documented in various models, including yeast, *Drosophila*, mammalian cell lines, and trisomic human cells. In addition to this well characterized common behaviors induced by trisomies, specific genes can give rise to a phenotype when present in three copies, in which case they are called triplosensitive. The phenomenon of triplosensitivity and its implication for aneuploidy-induced behaviors will be discussed further in this work.

2.2. Chromosome loss

Chromosome loss, or monosomy, significantly impacts cellular physiology, reducing proliferation and viability, similarly to chromosome gain, across various models, including yeast (Beach et al., 2017) and human cell lines (Chunduri et al., 2021). Investigating the consequences of chromosome loss has been challenging due to its high lethality, probably due to extensive haploinsufficiency in the genome. For instance, the referenced study utilized p53-deficient cell lines to enable the examination of monosomy. Unlike the gain of chromosomes, monosomy does not induce proteotoxic stress or activate major protein-quality control mechanisms, such as autophagy, nor does it result in susceptibility to proteostasis inhibitors or increased genomic instability (Chunduri et al., 2021; Hintzen et al., 2022). Instead, reduced protein translation, linked to haploinsufficiency of ribosomal protein (Rp) genes (Figure I2B), emerges as a central consequence (Chunduri et al., 2021). This is consistent with the fact that almost all human chromosomes with exception of chromosome 7 and 21 bear Rp genes (Uechi et al., 2001). However, work in *Drosophila* highlights how a transcriptional monosomy for the X chromosome induces similar effects in epithelial cells than the gain of chromosomes (Clemente-Ruiz et al., 2016). Therefore, whether gene dosage imbalance contributes to the reduced fitness of monosomic cells and through which molecular pathways, if not by activating responses to proteotoxic stress, remains to be elucidated.

In summary, both chromosome gain- and loss-induced alterations culminate in growth defects. These growth defects likely result from the combined impact of the reviewed cellular stresses and triplosensitivity of particular gene(s) in trisomies, and reduced translation and haploinsufficiency of particular gene(s) in monosomies, which collectively impair the fitness of aneuploid cells in a cell-autonomous manner. In the following chapters, we will explore how the presence of aneuploid cells within predominantly euploid tissues influences their growth through cell-non-autonomous mechanisms *in vivo*.

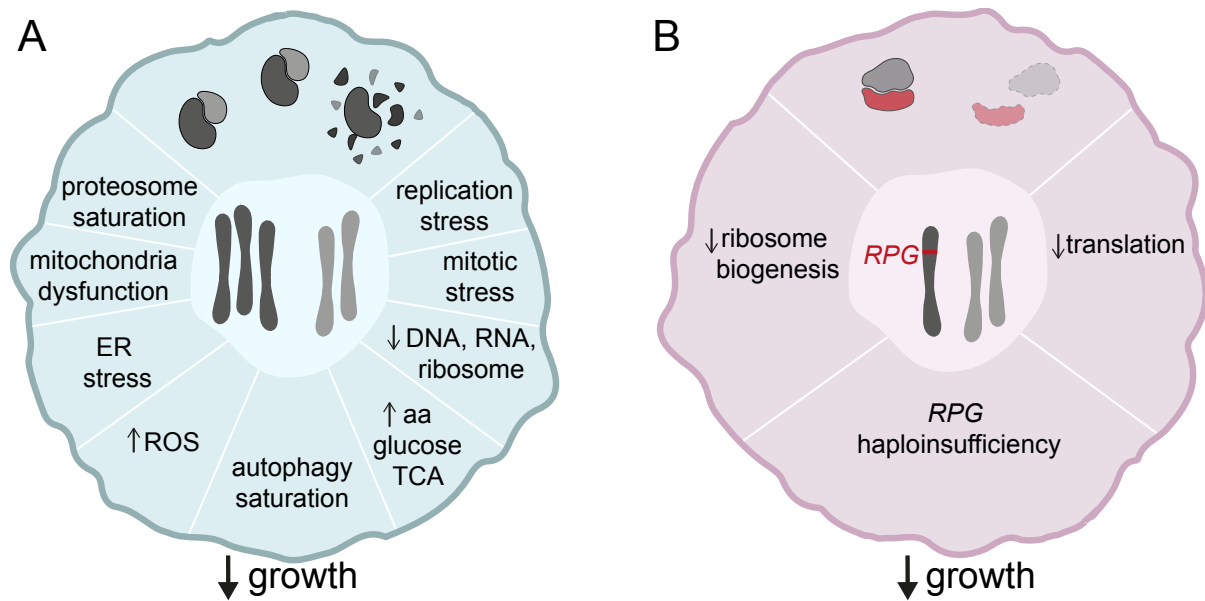


Figure 12. Cellular consequences of chromosome gain and loss. Cellular stresses associated with chromosome gain (A), that derive from altered stoichiometry of protein complexes, and loss (B). aa=aminoacids, TCA=tricarboxylic acid, ROS=reactive oxygen species, ER=endoplasmatic reticulum, RPG=ribosomal protein gene.

3. Aneuploidy in normal development

In humans, aneuploidy emerges as a highly prevalent feature throughout the lifespan, manifesting during embryonic development, in adult somatic tissues, and with advancing age.

3.1. Aneuploidy in embryonic development

Aneuploidy in embryos can emerge either from meiotic mistakes from maternal or paternal origin, or from mitotic mistakes during post-zygotic divisions. Aneuploidy, both from meiotic and mitotic origin, is highly prevalent in human embryos. Meiotic mistakes will result in organismal aneuploidies, and approximately 20% of human oocytes and 9% of human sperm are thought to be aneuploid (Martin, 2008). This is consistent with a report finding 28,4% of blastocysts being aneuploid of meiotic origin (Scott et al., 2013). On the other side, mitotic mistakes will lead to mosaicism, which has been reported in 73% of embryos resulting from *in vitro* fecundation (IVF) (van Echten-Arends et al., 2011). Not only aneuploidy is extremely prevalent in embryos, but it is the main cause of miscarriages in humans with 50–70% of early miscarriages (Soler et al., 2017) and 25% of perinatal deaths (Zeitlin et al., 2009) being associated with chromosome abnormalities, mostly aneuploidy. A more recent report estimates even higher rates, with 67.8% products of conceptions from early miscarriages reported to bear a chromosomal abnormality (Essers et al., 2023). We will review the main contribution of aneuploidy, both of maternal and paternal origin, and both whole-chromosome and segmental, to miscarriages and lethality of the embryo as well as to developmental defects. In the next two chapters, we will focus on the result of meiotic and mitotic mistakes, respectively, reviewing first organismal aneuploidies and their associated developmental disorders, and then embryo mosaics.

3.1.1. Organismal aneuploidy

Most organismal aneuploidies are whole-chromosome aneuploidies. Whole-chromosome aneuploidies more frequently affect maternally-derived chromosomes with an equal incidence of gains and losses, while whole-chromosome aneuploidies of paternal origins are more rare and principally losses (Konstantinidis et al., 2016; Kubicek et al., 2019; Martin, 2008).

Errors in maternal meiosis, particularly non-disjunction during meiosis I or II, are a primary source of organismal aneuploidies (Rabinowitz et al., 2012). In general, 75% of chromosomal abnormalities found in spontaneously aborted embryos are attributed to errors in the oocyte rather than the sperm (Hassold & Hunt, 2001). In meiosis I, homologous chromosomes fail to separate, while in meiosis II, sister chromatids do not segregate correctly, producing gametes with abnormal chromosome counts (Bugge et al., 2007; Hassold & Hunt, 2001; T. R. Oliver et al., 2008). Upon fertilization, these errors result in zygotes with aneuploid karyotypes, often leading to embryonic lethality or developmental disorders (Figure I3).

Spindle assembly instability and inefficient correction of kinetochore-microtubule attachments are key drivers of aneuploidy in human oocytes. Unlike other organisms, human oocytes assemble spindles slowly without centrosomes, relying on Ran-GTP, which leads to frequent spindle instability, multipolarity, and lagging chromosomes during anaphase (Holubcová et al., 2015). These challenges are unique to human oocyte meiosis, contributing to aneuploidy even in younger women. However, maternal age is indeed a crucial factor that influences the occurrence of non-disjunction events in meiosis, therefore is highly correlated with whole-chromosome organismal aneuploidies. One major cause for mistakes in aged oocytes is the progressive loss of cohesin complexes, which are crucial for maintaining chromatid cohesion during meiosis. Since cohesin is loaded onto oocytes during fetal development and not replenished, its degradation over decades compromises chromosome alignment and segregation (Mihalas, Pieper, et al., 2024). Additionally, microtubule instability and spindle assembly defects in aged oocytes, linked to age-related cytoplasmic changes, further exacerbate missegregation (Patel et al., 2015; Zielinska et al., 2015). These changes are worsened by mitochondrial dysfunction and reduced ATP production, which interfere with the energy-intensive processes of spindle formation and chromosome segregation (Mihalas, Marston, et al., 2024; F.-L. Zhang et al., 2023).

On the contrary, segmental aneuploidies of meiotic origin, are twice as likely to affect paternal chromosomes compared with those derived from the mother, a finding that implicates meiotic processes specific to males and/or sperm DNA damage in the origin of segmental aneuploidy (Konstantinidis et al., 2016). In general, 10.4% of oocytes present segmental aneuploidies that occurred meiotically, of which 6.9% are segmental trisomies and 3.5% segmental monosomies (Babariya et al., 2017). Segmental aneuploidies of paternal origin instead have been reported to be mainly monosomies, and segmental monosomies in 40% of the cases (Konstantinidis et al., 2016). In the same study, of the overall number of aneuploidies detected, 15.7% were segmental with the size of segments gained or lost ranging from 7.8 to 145.6 Mb. Another study reports an occurrence of 5.58% of segmental aneuploidies between chromosomal abnormalities of meiotic origin (53/967), of which 1 gain of maternal origin, 15 losses of maternal origin and 38 of paternal origin (Kubicek et al., 2019). Reinforcing the idea that segmental aneuploidies of meiotic origin are mainly of paternal origin

and mainly monosomies, another report shows that segmental monosomies occur at nonallelic homologous recombination hotspots in the sperm (Turner et al., 2008) (Figure I3). However, segmental aneuploidies arising during the mitotic divisions of the embryo are approximately 2.5 times more common than those of a meiotic origin (Babariya et al., 2017; Konstantinidis et al., 2016), which will be discussed in the next chapter.

When organismal aneuploidies are not lethal, they result in severe developmental defects. We will now discuss viable trisomies and monosomies and their phenotypes in humans, with insights from some model organisms.

Chromosome gain

Viable trisomies differ across species. In humans, the most common autosomal viable trisomies include: trisomy 21 (Down syndrome), with a live birth prevalence estimated between 1/700 and 1/1400 births and a life expectancy of approximately 50 years (Graaf et al., 2017); trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome), with a live birth prevalence ranging from 1/3600 to 1/10,000 births, a median life expectancy of 14 days and only 5-10% of children surviving beyond the first year (Cereda & Carey, 2012); trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome), estimated in 1/5000 to 1/16000 live births with a median life expectancy of 7 days and only 5-10% of children surviving beyond the first year (Wyllie et al., 1994). Trisomy 21 and 13 can derive from Robertsonian translocation in the gametes, being the translocations 13;14 and 14:21 the most common among the population (Scriven et al., 2001). All these conditions are associated with severe developmental impairments. Individuals affected by Down syndrome present musculoskeletal, neurological and cardiovascular defects, such as intellectual disability and congenital heart defects, and are also more likely to develop certain diseases like hypothyroidism, autoimmune diseases, leukaemia, recurrent infections, anxiety disorders and early-onset Alzheimer disease (Antonarakis et al., 2020). Individuals affected by Edwards and Patau syndromes present more severe intellectual disability and organ malformations, in accordance with their lower life expectancy (Cereda & Carey, 2012; Wyllie et al., 1994). The relative viability of these trisomies is thought to be related to the low gene content of the affected chromosomes. Chromosome 21 is the smallest autosome and contains approximately 235 protein coding genes, which may explain why trisomy 21 is more compatible with life compared to trisomies 18 and 13, which contain 269 and 321 protein coding genes, respectively. The severity of the phenotype of trisomies at the organismal level is clearly associated with the number of genes involved. However, if instead of looking at live births we focus on early pregnancy losses, more trisomies can be observed. In a recent study, 50% of the autosomal trisomies detected in early pregnancy loss involved chromosomes 15, 16, or 22 (Kamar et al., 2021; Soler et al., 2017). This goes accordingly with the chromosomes 15 and 22 being acrocentric, and therefore possibly involved in Robertsonian translocations. Sexual chromosome aneuploidies are generally better tolerated than autosomal aneuploidies, often resulting in less severe phenotypes and higher survival rates. The most common sex chromosome trisomy is the Klinefelter syndrome (47,XXY), that has an estimated prevalence of between 1:500 to 1:1000 males (Bojesen et al., 2003). Klinefelter syndrome affects males, causing reduced fertility, decreased testosterone production, and mild developmental delays (Bonomi et al., 2017). Triple XXX syndrome (47,XXX), affects 1/1000 females but individuals affected often have mild symptoms or may even be unaware of their condition (Otter et al., 2010).

XXY individuals also present mild symptoms (Berglund et al., 2020). The relative viability of sex chromosome aneuploidies is attributed to two main factors. The first is X-chromosome inactivation, which normally silences one X chromosome through the long non-coding RNA XIST, thus equalizing the gene dosage of XX and XY karyotypes (Fang et al., 2019; Payer & Lee, 2008). The second is the low gene content of the Y chromosome, which includes about 70 genes, of which only 14 are X-Y paired (Bellott et al., 2014).

Regarding segmental trisomies, a study has reported a prevalence of 1/14000 births carrying a duplication, of which 61% liveborn (Wellesley et al., 2012).

In mice, spontaneous occurrence of aneuploidy is quite low. However, breeding schemes with mice bearing Robertsonian translocations were used to generate trisomic strains as animal models for organismal aneuploidy (Gearhart et al., 1986). Mice have 19 pairs of autosomes, from which trisomy 16 and 19 are the only ones reaching birth, and trisomy 18 is the one which reaches the furthest day of gestation (Gearhart et al., 1986). A comparison between chromosome size and the time when embryos die reveals a striking correlation, indicating that in this organism, an inverse correlation also exists between the size of genome present in three copies and organismal fitness. In *Drosophila*, which has 4 pairs of autosomes, autosomal trisomies for the autosomes are detrimental and trisomies of the major chromosome arms (2L, 2R, 3L, 3R) can survive until pupal stages, but never reach adulthood (Bridges, 1921). Again, a correlation between the number of genes included in a trisomy and the severity of its phenotype was found in a study that reported that the fertility of segmentally trisomic flies was inversely proportional to the length of the amplified segment (Patterson et al., 1935). A similar study reported that segmental trisomies result in a set of traits such as lower viability, reduced size, and developmental defects, that are independent of the identity of the triploid segment. Furthermore, the same study reports that viability decreased as the size of the trisomic region increased, with the largest tolerated segment including 66% of chromosome 2 (Lindsley et al., 1972). This reinforces the idea of a correlation between the detrimental effects of the trisomy and its size. Trisomy of chromosome 4 is instead viable, consistently with the small number of genes included in the 4th chromosome (111 genes, compared with the 3500-4000 of the other autosomes arms). Regarding sex chromosomes triploids, XXX flies do not reach adult stages and present developmental delay and other abnormalities (Bridges, 1921). The severity of this phenotype compared to the X trisomy in mammals can be explained with the fact that *Drosophila* has a different mechanism of X-compensation which, instead of silencing the extra X in females, hyper transcribes the one X chromosome in males (Lavery et al., 2010). Therefore, XXX flies cannot inactivate expression on extra X chromosomes to dampen the deleterious effect of gene dosage imbalances.

Chromosome loss

Autosome loss is incompatible with survival in mammals. For instance, monosomy 21 embryos display high rates of developmental arrest in comparison with trisomy 21 embryos (Lavery et al., 2010). This extreme sensitivity to chromosome loss is likely due to haploinsufficiency of essential genes. The only viable monosomy in humans involves the X chromosome, resulting in Turner syndrome (45,X karyotype). Even then, most 45,X conceptuses do not survive to term, with an estimated 99% of 45,X embryos being spontaneously

aborted and the rare survivors with Turner syndrome often displaying mosaicism (Hook & Warburton, 1983). The relative viability of X chromosome monosomy compared to autosomal monosomies is attributed to X-inactivation in females, which shows how expression of only one X chromosome is enough. However, there are about 100 genes reported to escape the XIST-mediated silencing. These genes are therefore differentially expressed in males and females and will be in a condition of hemizygosity in Turner females (Carrel & Willard, 2005). Interestingly, among them, there are 12 paired X-Y genes (Bellott et al., 2014), which highlights their essential role, as maintaining two doses of these genes is crucial for both males and females. This small number of potentially dosage sensitive genes could explain the fact that, even if X chromosome loss does not lead to severe defects compared to an autosome loss, Turner syndrome still results in various developmental abnormalities and reduced fertility.

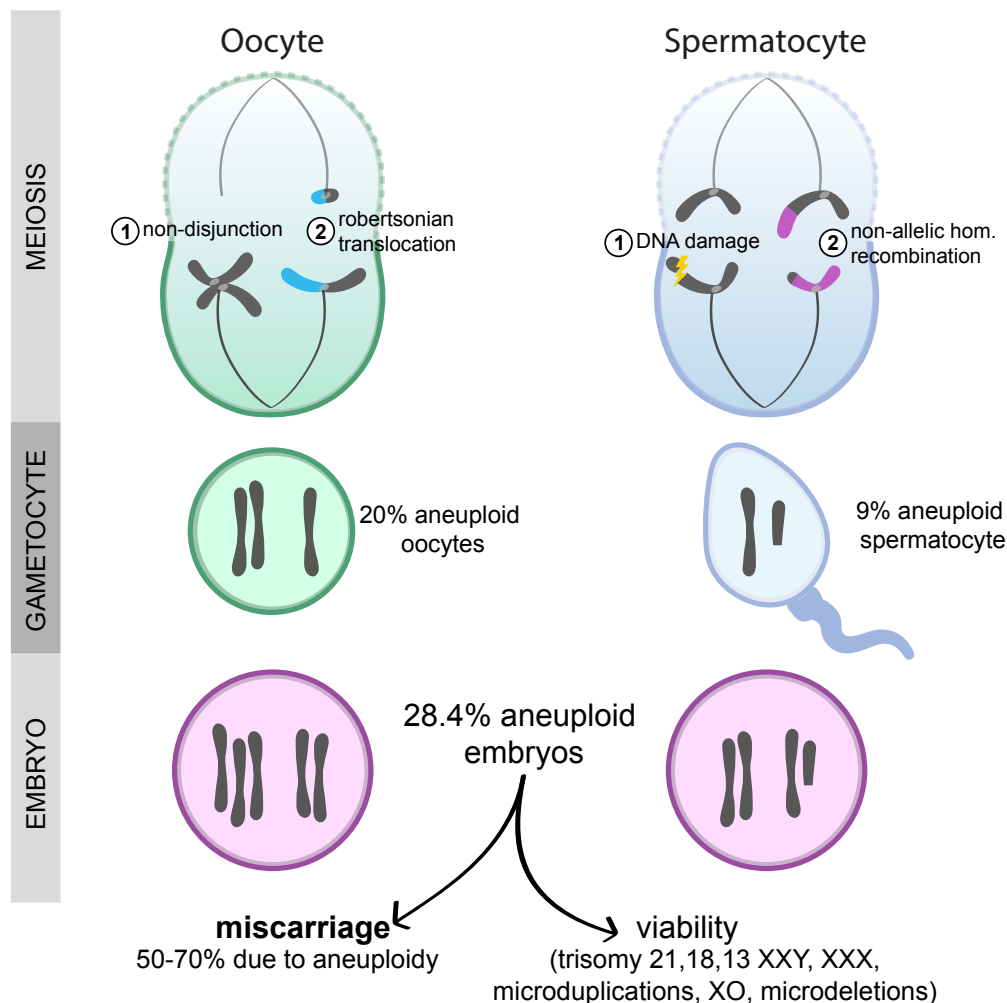


Figure 13. Origin and fate of organismal aneuploidies. Main mechanisms and incidence of formation of aneuploid oocyte and spermatozoa are shown. Fecundation with normal gametocytes generate aneuploid embryos. As a simplification, trisomies of maternal and segmental monosomies of paternal origins are shown.

Regarding segmental monosomies, 1/3200 births were reported to bear a chromosome deletion, of which 72% were liveborn (Wellesley et al., 2012). In particular, 22q11p is the most common microdeletion syndrome in humans, occurring in approximately 1:4000 live births and is associated with cardiac anomalies, hypoparathyroidism, and thymic hypoplasia or aplasia. 211 microdeletion syndromes were known in 2012, while only 79 microduplication syndromes were reported (Weise et al., 2012). The occurrence of a

microdeletion and its reciprocal duplication in meiosis should be similar, therefore the lower amount of reported microduplication syndromes is probably a reflection of their milder or no clinical phenotype compared with their reciprocal microdeletion. For example, 22q11p duplication is much less diagnosed and with a much milder phenotype (Rosa et al., 2009).

In *Drosophila* a study of clones of segmental aneuploidies reports that the survival of segmental monosomic clones decreases linearly as a function of the size of the deleted fragment (Ripoll, 1980). Due to monosomies being highly deleterious both at the organismal and the cellular level, to date this is the only systematic analysis on the relationship between the size of monosomies and their deleterious effect.

In mice, the only monosomy compatible with survival is also monosomy of the X chromosome. The phenotype of monosomy X in mice is less severe: animals are small but viable and have reduced fertility (Burgoyne et al., 1983; Burgoyne & Baker, 1981). This milder phenotype may be due to the fact that the genes on the mouse X chromosome that require two doses are only nine (Bellott et al., 2014), compared to the 100 reported for humans (Carrel & Willard, 2005). In *Drosophila*, flies with a single 4th chromosome are viable and fertile. This viability may be attributed to the dosage compensation mechanism of the 4th chromosome, known as Painting of Fourth (POF) (Johansson et al., 2007, 2012; Larsson et al., 2001). POF is thought to reflect the 4th chromosome's evolutionary origin as a former sex chromosome and operates in a manner similar to X-dosage compensation (Johansson et al., 2012; Vicoso & Bachtrog, 2013). By hyper-transcribing the single copy of the 4th chromosome, POF likely mitigates the harmful effects of monosomy. Additionally, due to the relatively small number of genes on the 4th chromosome, even flies entirely lacking both copies remain viable, though they are sterile and exhibit developmental abnormalities (Bridges, 1921). Curiously, binding of the POF protein is also observed in triploid 4/4/4 flies, where the expression increase observed (139% rather than the expected 150%) suggests a buffering effect (Stenberg et al., 2009). However POF was only essential for survival in monosomic flies 4/0 (Stenberg et al., 2009) suggesting that the buffering effect observed in triploid 4/4/4 flies could be POF-independent and gene-specific. Similarly to humans, XO flies are also viable and healthy, but sterile. The only difference is that in *Drosophila* XO individuals are males, as the determinant for sex is the ratio between X chromosome and autosomes (Bridges, 1925), and not the Y chromosome. This indicates that chromosome Y is critical for male reproduction in *Drosophila*, but not for male sexual characters development nor survival.

The discovery of a dosage compensation mechanism for an autosome, the 4th chromosome, has raised speculation about the existence of general autosomal compensation in *Drosophila*, potentially limiting its suitability as a model for studying aneuploidy. Through genomic approaches, weak buffering was observed in duplications and deletions in heterozygosis opening up the possibility of a general mechanism driving dosage compensation in autosomes (Stenberg et al., 2009; Y. Zhang et al., 2010). However, a more recent systematic examination of deficiencies in heterozygosis covering the left arm of chromosome 2 ruled out a general dosage compensation mechanism for autosomes, proposed the existence of gene-specific regulatory mechanisms driving gene-specific dosage compensation, and concluded that dosage compensation in autosomes had been over-estimated in *Drosophila* because of technical reasons (H. Lee et al., 2016).

3.1.2. Embryo mosaics

After fertilization, the human zygote undergoes eight to nine cleavage divisions before implantation, followed by compaction and the first lineage specification, forming the blastocyst. The blastocyst comprises the trophoblast (TE), which develops into the placenta, and the inner cell mass (ICM), which later further specifies into epiblast and the hypoblast that give rise to the fetus and yolk sac, respectively.

Mitotic mis-segregation during post-zygotic divisions contributes to the formation of aneuploid mosaics. The timing of the segregation error determines the extent of mosaicism and the specific cell lineages affected. Mitotic errors occur frequently in preimplantation human embryos, particularly during the first three cleavage divisions, with a study reporting that approximately 73% of embryos exhibit mosaic aneuploidy at day three, of which 59% are diploid–aneuploid mosaic and 14% aneuploid mosaic (van Echten-Arends et al., 2011). This makes diploid–aneuploid mosaicism by far the most common chromosomal constitution in spare human preimplantation embryos after IVF. A study using single-cell sequencing of isolated TE and ICM samples, which can detect aneuploidies below the threshold of 20-30% of bulk DNA sequencing, identified mosaic aneuploidy in at least 80% of human blastocyst-stage embryos. Interestingly, in many cases, fewer than 20% of the cells in the blastocyst exhibited defects (Chavli et al., 2024).

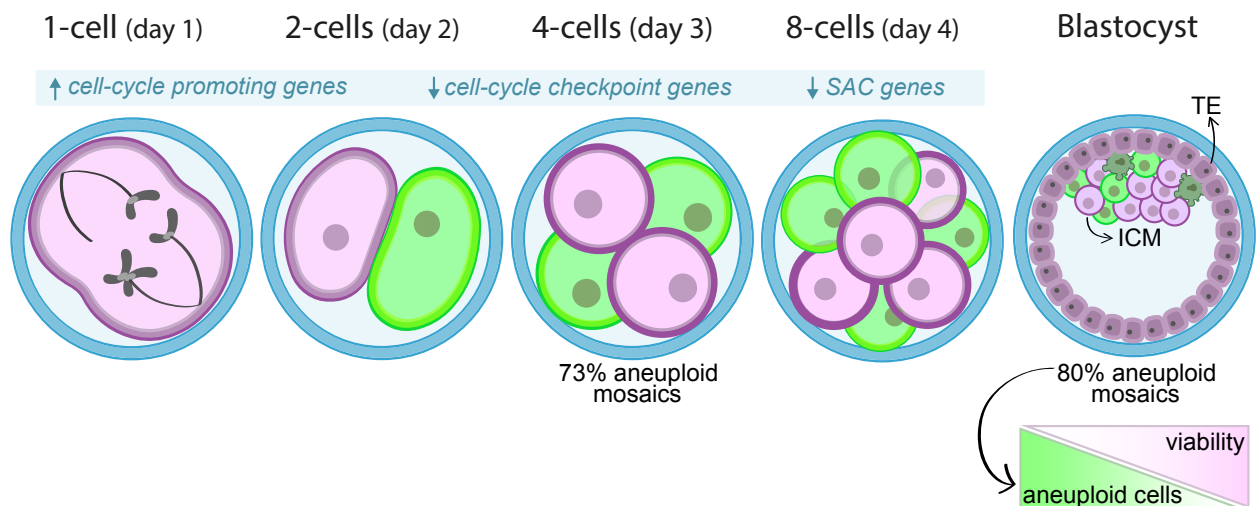


Figure 14. Generation of embryo aneuploid mosaics. Low segregation fidelity in the first embryo mitotic division gives rise to embryos that are aneuploid mosaics. After the 8- 16-cells stage until the blastocyst stage, aneuploid cells decrease indicating mechanisms of specific elimination. Cells with apoptotic blebs are depicted in the blastocyst to represent this phenomenon. The less aneuploid cells are retained in the embryo, the more the viability.

Mitotic aneuploidies involve all chromosomes, with some chromosomes being implicated more frequently. As per whole-chromosome aneuploidies, a study reports as the chromosomes more implicated in mosaic embryos sex chromosomes (24.1%), and particularly 45,X resulting in mosaic Turner syndrome (71.4% of sex chromosome mosaics), chromosomes 8 (12.1%), 2 (8.6%), 16 (8.6%), 7 (5.2%), 13 (5.2%), 18 (5.2%), 20 (5.2%) and 21 (5.2%) (A. Huang et al., 2009). The same study reports a frequency of segmental abnormalities of 8.6%. Regarding segmental aneuploidies, they seem to be much more prevalent in aneuploid mosaics than in organismal aneuploidy. Testing of multiple cells from the same embryos has demonstrated that most segmental abnormalities are mosaic and must therefore arise during the post-zygotic cell divisions (Vanneste et al., 2009; Wells & Delhanty, 2000). Most segmental errors appear to arise during the first few mitoses

following fertilization and seems to be eliminated during embryo development. A study reported that the incidence of segmental abnormalities was 10.4% in oocytes, but this increased dramatically during the first 3 days of embryonic development (24.3%), before starting to decline as embryos reached the final (blastocyst) stage of preimplantation development (15.6%) (Babariya et al., 2017). This is summarized in Figure I4. Interestingly, sites of chromosome breakage associated with segmental aneuploidy were not entirely random but tended to occur within distinct chromosomal regions, some of which correspond to known fragile sites (Babariya et al., 2017). Another study reported that preimplantation embryos rate of segmental aneuploidies is slightly higher than 30% and that the vast majority were segmental aneuploidies in a mosaic state (Picchetta et al., 2023). When looking at what type of aneuploidies are present in mosaic embryo, we must take into account the timings of the analysis, since certain abnormalities could arise early in development but be selectively eliminated. For instance, preliminary data indicate that aneuploidy of chromosomes 1–12 is common in cleavage-stage embryos but rarely persists to the blastocyst stage, whereas aneuploidy of chromosomes 13, 18, or 21 can persist and is even compatible with life (Brezina et al., 2011).

Mosaicism rate in human embryos does not increase with maternal age (Antonarakis et al., 1993; Katz-Jaffe et al., 2005). In particular, this is evident in a study that reports mitotic abnormalities for <34, 35-39 and >40 age groups in 24.5, 26 and 31% of the embryos respectively, versus the 17.5, 42.7 and 75.9% for meiotic abnormalities (Konstantinidis et al., 2016). The high prevalence of aneuploid mosaic embryos is primarily due to the error-prone nature of early mitotic divisions during embryonic development. Evidence for this comes from observation of spindle and nuclear abnormalities in day 3 and 5 of fixed human embryos (Kort et al., 2016) as well as from sequencing data (Vanneste et al., 2009). The first mitotic divisions in human embryos are particularly error-prone (Currie et al., 2022) due to a combination of factors related to the lack of robust cell cycle checkpoints, overexpression of cell-cycle promoting genes, and reliance on maternal and paternal factors (A. Lee & Kiessling, 2017; Mantikou et al., 2012). The first embryonic division in humans occurs approximately 30 hours post-insemination, followed by a second division 16 hours later that produces four cells. By day 3, the embryo divides again to form eight cells, initiating compaction into a morula. At the blastocyst stage (day 5–6), *in vitro* embryos typically consist of 60 cells, while *in vivo* embryos, with faster divisions every 18 hours, reach 120 cells. To facilitate these rapid divisions, there is over-expression of multiple cell cycle-promoting genes, such as cyclin E, Myc, and the Aurora kinases (Kiessling et al., 2010). At the same time, it has been reported that RB, the key protein of the G1 cell cycle checkpoint, and WEE1, the key protein of G2 cell cycle checkpoint, are lacking from normal appearing 8-cell stage human embryos (Harrison et al., 2000). Furthermore, the SAC protein BUB1, which not only ensures correction of misalignments but is also reported to maintain sister chromatid cohesion (Kitajima et al., 2005; Perera et al., 2007), has been found to be lowly expressed after fertilization in human embryos up to the 4-cell stage (Wells et al., 2005). In combination, these results suggest that the absence of proteins critical for proper segregation and chromosome cohesion such as the SAC genes and cell cycle checkpoints during early human preimplantation development likely contributes to mitotic aneuploidy by permitting blastomeres with chromosome segregation errors to progress through mitosis. Notably, human pluripotent stem cells, which share characteristics with early

embryonic cells, exhibit similar vulnerabilities. Reduced kinetochore-microtubule attachment fidelity and weakened spindle assembly checkpoint mechanisms in these cells exacerbate the risk of chromosome mis-segregation (Deng et al., 2023), paralleling the challenges faced by early embryos.

The activation of the zygotic genome in humans occurs at the 4- to 8- cell stage and, before that, maternal and paternal factors could influence proper chromosome segregation. Many of the proteins regulating correct chromosome segregation during the first divisions are provided by the oocyte. However, as previously mentioned, no major correlation has been found between maternal age and mitotic aneuploidies (Antonarakis et al., 1993; Katz-Jaffe et al., 2005). This suggests that the inherently error-prone nature of the first embryonic divisions is such that aged cytoplasm and cohesins in the oocyte do not further exacerbate this condition. About paternal factors, the human egg depends on the fertilizing sperm to be the source of the centrosome. Consistently, there are severe sperm defects, such as those observed in nonobstructive azoospermia (NOA), that can lead to centrosome dysfunction, resulting in increased rates of mitotic abnormalities and mosaicism (Magli et al., 2009). Furthermore, the error-prone nature of the first mitotic divisions seems to be species-specific. Mouse embryos display an extremely low mis-segregation rate in the first mitotic division (2%), compatible with the low level of embryonic aneuploidy observed (Maciejewska et al., 2009), while bovine cleavage stage embryos display levels of aneuploidy comparable with human (74%, of which 88% mosaics). It has been speculated that mosaic aneuploidy in preimplantation embryos in mammals, which produce fewer offspring and invest heavily in gestation and offspring care, could hold biological benefits. The error-prone nature of early mitotic divisions might serve as a selective mechanism that reduce the likelihood of full-term development under unfavorable conditions, such as poor maternal health or low gamete quality, acting as a natural filter for reproductive success (Vázquez-Diez & FitzHarris, 2018). This aligns with the observation that species with a greater reliance on the success of single pregnancies, such as bovines, exhibit higher rates of mosaicism compared to mice, which often have multiple offspring per pregnancy. This mechanism in fact would be particularly advantageous in species where reproductive success hinges on the health of a single offspring, reinforcing the idea that early embryonic error-proneness is an adaptive strategy for selective reproductive success.

Overall, these findings highlight that mosaic aneuploidy is a widespread event in human embryos, which raises questions on its clinical significance and on the developmental potential of mosaic embryos (Robertson & Richards, 2024). Indeed, mosaic aneuploidies have been related with miscarriages and might cause serious fetal complications like intrauterine growth delay, congenital malformations, mental retardation, and uniparental disomy (I. Lebedev, 2011). Mosaic trisomies for example have been reported in 1/16667 births of which only 41% were liveborn (Wellesley et al., 2012). The reported occurrence of mosaic aneuploidies in early miscarriages varies significantly depending on the detection technique employed. Rates range from 94% when using FISH for all chromosomes and 29% with classic cytogenetic analysis (Lebedev et al., 2004), to 48.3% when using FISH for only 11 chromosomes (Vorsanova et al., 2005) and 50.7% with whole-genome SNP genotyping (Essers et al., 2023). However, despite the fact that many miscarriages present mosaic aneuploidies, there is evidence that embryos with mosaicism can also develop into healthy births, indicating

that mosaic aneuploidy is not always incompatible with normal development. For instance, the fact that approximately 8–15% of clinically recognized pregnancies (Regan et al., 1989; X. Wang et al., 2003) and 30% of all pregnancies result in a miscarriage (Wilcox et al., 1988), together with the observation that 70-80% of embryos are aneuploid mosaics (Chavli et al., 2024; van Echten-Arends et al., 2011), suggests that aneuploid mosaics can somehow deal with the presence of aneuploid cells to achieve normal developmental potential. Indeed, several studies support the idea that the degree of aneuploidy compatible with normal development depends on the proportion and allocation of aneuploid cells.

Given that commitment to inner cell mass versus trophoblast begins at approximately the 16-cell stage, when one or two cells become positioned within the ball of blastomeres, during most preimplantation stages around 9-10% of total cells will give rise to the fetus. Even if the ratio between diploid and aneuploid blastomeres needs to be above a certain level to ensure proper development (Evsikov & Verlinsky, 1998), several reports support the idea that even a significant proportion of aneuploid cells may not affect fetal viability. For instance, frozen human embryos that lost nearly half of their blastomeres are still able to result in live births, implying that not all blastomeres of human preimplantation embryos are necessary for proper development into a child (Munné et al., 1995). Furthermore, injection of donor embryonic stem (ES) cells, with only 20% being diploid and the remaining 80% carrying chromosomal abnormalities, into tetraploid blastocysts resulted in fully diploid, normal adult mice. As tetraploid cells are excluded from forming the embryo proper, the resulting offspring must have originated entirely from the injected ES cells (Eggan et al., 2002). Since the deleterious effect of aneuploidy in the entire embryo discussed in the previous chapters, it is a likely possibility that in aneuploid-diploid mosaics aneuploid cells are selected against. Coherently, mosaicism rates in human embryos start declining on day 3 (M. Yang et al., 2021) and continue to decrease as embryos progress from the morula to the blastocyst stage and later post-implantation (van Echten-Arends et al., 2011). Importantly, mosaic aneuploidy can still be compatible with healthy full-term development and live birth (Bolton et al., 2016; Greco et al., 2015), as long as they retain a sufficient amount of euploid cells in the ICM (Capalbo et al., 2021; Munné et al., 2017). In this regard, a study reported that out of 9 mosaic aneuploid blastocysts used for frozen-thawed embryo transfers, the 5 that were successfully delivered presented normal karyotypes in prenatal chromosomal analysis, while 2 out of the 4 miscarried presented the same chromosomal abnormalities as previously detected (M. Yang et al., 2021). Accordingly, persistent aneuploidy in the ICM leads to developmental failure or abnormalities (Essers et al., 2023).

Different mechanisms have been proposed to contribute to the elimination of aneuploid cells from mosaic embryos. For instance, during early embryonic development, mechanisms such as apoptosis play a critical role in maintaining the balance of euploid cells in mosaic embryos. Evidence from mice suggests that apoptosis selectively removes aneuploid cells, especially within the ICM, to support proper development (Bolton et al., 2016). The onset of apoptosis appears to occur after activation of the embryonic genome, as apoptotic markers, such as TUNEL-labeled nuclei, are rarely seen during the cleavage stages but increase significantly by the morula stage (Hardy et al., 2001; Wells et al., 2005). Later, as embryos reach the blastocyst stage, apoptotic markers are upregulated, allowing selective elimination of defective cells (Spanos et al., 2002). Live imaging

in mouse embryos shows that some aneuploid cells in the ICM undergo apoptosis, increasing the proportion of euploid cells (Bolton et al., 2016). Consistently, a study in micropatterned human gastruloids reveals that aneuploid cells are eliminated from embryonic germ layer through bone morphogenetic protein 4 (BMP4)-dependent apoptosis (M. Yang et al., 2021). Overall, these data indicate that viability of aneuploid mosaic embryos depends on the amount of aneuploid cells present. This is coherent with phenotypic variability of individuals affected by Mosaic Variegated Aneuploidy (MVA), caused by mutations in genes of the SAC like *BUB1B* and *CEP57*. Individuals affected by MVA present widespread mosaic aneuploidy, and exhibit microcephaly, growth retardation, developmental delays, and a heightened risk of cancers. Importantly, the severity of the disorder correlates with the degree of aneuploidy, with individuals experiencing less severe phenotypes when aneuploidy levels are lower (Malumbres & Villarroya-Beltri, 2024).

Another proposed mechanism for dealing with aneuploid cells is self-correction. This may operate via cellular fragmentation and blastomere exclusion of abnormal cells (Daughtry et al., 2019; Orvieto et al., 2020) or through additional mis-segregation events that counteract the initial errors, such as trisomy rescue. Trisomy rescue is essentially a reversion event in aneuploid cells, in which one of the three chromosome copies is lost during cell division to restore the diploid genome in at least a portion of the cells of the organism. Uniparental disomy (UPD), where both copies of a certain chromosome in an individual originated from the same parent, has been suggested as proof for the occurrence of trisomy rescue (Balbeur et al., 2016; Katz-Jaffe et al., 2005). Cases of monosomic rescues have been hypothesized in patients with non-mosaic paternal UPD, suggesting a meiotic non-disjunction in maternal meiosis which resulted in a nullisomic egg and subsequent rescue after fertilization through replication of the paternal copy of the missing chromosome (Conlin et al., 2010). The absence of mosaicism compared with trisomic rescues would be explained with the lethality of the monosomic and/or nullisomic cells respect to trisomic cells. Further investigation would be required to determine whether the correction of abnormal blastomeres and embryos occurs as an active mechanism or merely as an accidental event that is later positively selected for.

Different studies report direct evidence of trisomy rescues where zygotes with a meiotic trisomy reverted to disomy during the first cell divisions, resulting in a euploid fetus with uniparental disomy. As a proof of the previous trisomic nature of the embryo, the placenta exhibited a mix of trisomic and disomic lineages (Coorens et al., 2021; Robinson et al., 1997). This suggests that embryos can tolerate some level of mosaicism if aneuploid cells are confined to the TE rather than the ICM. Spatiotemporal allocation of abnormal cells in extraembryonic tissues can lead to a condition called confined placental mosaicism (CPM), defined as a chromosomally abnormal cell line restricted to the placenta, while the chromosomes of the fetus itself are normal (Kalousek & Dill, 1983). CPM is found in about 4% of chorionic villi analyses (Lund et al., 2020) and even if it can be associated with fetal growth restriction (Eggenhuizen et al., 2021; Grati et al., 2020), most CPM pregnancies continue with no complication (Amor et al., 2006). A study that compared DNA of chorionic villi (originating from the TE) and extra-embryonic mesoderm (supposedly originating from the ICM) from miscarriages allowed to determine whether different levels of mosaicisms between the placenta and the fetus affected the fate of early prenatal development and the risk of pregnancy loss. In all samples with autosomal

aberrations, the level of mosaicism was higher in extra-embryonic mesoderm than in chorionic villi (Essers et al., 2023), which contrasts with viable pregnancies where mosaic abnormalities are often restricted to the chorionic villi (Sifakis et al., 2010). All these data further reinforce the idea that aneuploid cells are more tolerated in the placenta. Since the clonal dynamics of human embryos cannot be studied prospectively, no direct evidence supports the idea that aneuploid cells are specifically directed to the trophoctoderm. However, Bolton and colleagues have elegantly demonstrated that in mouse embryos aneuploid cells are evenly distributed in the TE and the ICM, but with their depletion occurring through different mechanisms: apoptosis in the ICM and cell cycle arrest and senescence in the TE (Bolton et al., 2016). However, abnormal TE cells, despite decreasing in proportion over time respect to wild type cells, often remained viable. Another insightful study on clonal dynamics in human embryo was performed by Yang and colleagues thanks to mosaic aneuploid gastruloids made of reversine-treated hESCs mixed at various ratios with euploid cells (M. Yang et al., 2021). By exposing these cells to the differentiation factor Bmp4, the gastruloids self-organized into embryonic and extra-embryonic lineages allowing to observe that aneuploid cells died through apoptosis in embryonic lineages and preferentially contributed to extraembryonic tissues like the TE. Interestingly, gastruloids made of up to 75% of aneuploid cells displayed normal self-organization and a higher tendency of accumulating aneuploid cells in the extraembryonic lineage (M. Yang et al., 2021). Overall, these studies strongly suggest that some of these aneuploid cells could persist and contribute to the future placenta, explaining the occurrence of CPM. That said, it is important to note that a study on aneuploid human blastocyst deriving from meiotic mistakes reports conflicting findings. While the same pathways as mouse embryos seems to be activated in response to aneuploidy such as autophagy, proteotoxic stress and p53, aneuploid human blastocysts show differentiation defects both in the TE and ICM and present more cell death in the TE than the ICM (Regin et al., 2024). This aligns with data on aneuploid mosaics that show lower p53 activation in the ICM than the TE lineage (Martin et al., 2023). A lineage tracing study in human aneuploid-euploid mosaics would unravel whether mosaicism influences clonal dynamics and lineage-specific responses to aneuploidy in embryogenesis, or whether species differences or a reversine-specific effect are responsible for these incongruences.

3.2. Aneuploidy in somatic tissues

In accordance with its prevalence in human embryos and its compatibility with healthy births, aneuploid mosaicism has been also found in adult somatic tissues. Not only the human body is derived from a single zygote through an estimated 10^{16} mitotic divisions, but billions of new cells must divide daily to replace those lost (Iourov et al., 2010). Given this immense scale of cellular processes, it is improbable for every cell in an organism to retain an identical genome. Several studies suggest that somatic mosaicism in adult tissues arises from both embryonic and later mis-segregation events, consistent with the observed increase in aneuploidy levels over lifespan and during aging.

For instance, a study of copy number variations between 19 pairs of monozygotic twins showed that a pattern of different aneuploidies existed between twins, providing an irrefutable example of somatic mosaicism as a result of mitotic errors (Bruder et al., 2008). A study that tested DNA from 11 to 12 tissues such as brain, skin,

heart, muscle, kidney, liver and mucosa from three deceased males, observed at least six segmental aneuploidies ranging from 82 to 176 kb affecting a single organ or one or more tissues of the same subject (Piotrowski et al., 2008). This supports a scenario in which mitotic abnormalities could arise both earlier during embryo development and later in life. Accordingly, new technologies allowed detection of widespread somatic mosaicism in the human body, the grade of which varies from tissue to tissue. For example, it spanned from 14% in fibroblasts and amniocytes (K. Jacobs et al., 2014) to 30% (Abyzov et al., 2012) in fibroblasts. Interestingly, most of the detected abnormalities were segmental aneuploidies with a reported average size spanning from hundreds of kb (Abyzov et al., 2012) to around 20.0 Mb (K. Jacobs et al., 2014; McConnell et al., 2013), most of which included the telomeres (K. Jacobs et al., 2014).

There are certain tissues which have shown to be physiologically aneuploid. For instance, hepatocytes in both mice and humans exhibit significant levels of aneuploidy while maintaining normal functionality. In both human (Duncan et al., 2012) and mice (Duncan et al., 2010), hepatocytes undergo a process known as the "ploidy conveyor," where polyploid cells transition through multipolar divisions, generating aneuploid daughter cells. This process results in 25% of hepatocytes being aneuploid at three weeks of age, increasing to 60–70% in older mice (Duncan et al., 2010). Similarly, human hepatocytes also demonstrated high rates of aneuploidy, with 25–50% of cells showing chromosomal imbalances with sets of probes for discrete chromosome combinations (20–25% autosomal gain and 65–80% loss) (Duncan et al., 2012). Interestingly, aneuploidy appears to be independent of patient age in humans. Aneuploidy may enhance the genetic diversity of hepatocytes, providing adaptive advantages under conditions such as chronic liver injury. This aligns with various studies suggesting that aneuploidy and karyotype variability serve as adaptive mechanisms for responding to stress in diverse contexts, including cancer evolution (Laughney et al., 2015; Rutledge et al., 2016).

Another organ where it has been reported high presence of aneuploid mosaicism is the brain. In mice, 33% of the neural stem cells during development have been reported to be aneuploid by spectral karyotype analysis (Rehen et al., 2001) due to chromosome segregation defect such as lagging chromosomes (A. H. Yang et al., 2003). In the embryonic cerebral cortex in mice, metaphase chromosome analyses revealed that 15.3% and 20.8% of cerebellar neural stem cells are aneuploid at postnatal day 0 and 7, respectively (Westra et al., 2008). Human fetal brains display similar levels of aneuploidies around 30–35%, determined by FISH (Yurov et al., 2007). In the adult human and mouse brain, aneuploidy frequencies are much lower than those observed in the developing brain, suggesting that most aneuploid cells may be removed during development. Whole-chromosome aneuploidies for chromosome 21 were observed by FISH in approximately 4% of human brain cells, suggesting that nondisjunction is a recurrent feature of somatic variation in the brain (Rehen et al., 2005). This is coherent with trisomies being found in the mouse brain especially for chromosome 16, which is syntenic with human chromosome 21 (Mukamel et al., 2023). Using set of probes for sets of specific chromosomes, 0.1–0.8% of aneuploid cells were observed in human adult brain (Iourov et al., 2009; Yurov et al., 2005) and especially chromosome loss was found in the adult cerebellum at a rate of approximately 1% per chromosome in both neuronal and nonneuronal populations (Westra et al., 2008). Studying aneuploidy through FISH has

the limitation of allowing observation of only certain chromosome combinations at the same time and of underestimating segmental aneuploidies. With more recent single-cell sequencing approaches, at least one segmental aneuploidy of 1Mb was found in 13-41% of human neurons, with deletions twice as common as duplications (McConnell et al., 2013). Whole-chromosome aneuploidies have been reported in <1% of cells of the adult mouse brain, with rates up to 1.8% in non-neuronal cell types (Mukamel et al., 2023). Despite aneuploidy being correlated with dysfunction and pathological conditions in the brain such as microcephaly, neurodegeneration, and cancer predisposition (Iourov et al., 2009; Malumbres & Villarroya-Beltri, 2024; Mirzaa et al., 2014; Yurov et al., 2019), a certain percentage of aneuploid neurons could be compatible with normal function. Consistently, immediate early gene expression confirmed that aneuploid neurons can be functionally active (Kingsbury et al., 2005). This evidence altogether supports the idea that a certain degree of aneuploidy is a physiological aspect of mammalian nervous system development and function, with evolutionary origins tracing back to bony fishes (Rajendran et al., 2007). On one side, aneuploidy could contribute to neuronal diversification in the developing brain (Muotri & Gage, 2006). On the other side, the resulting mosaic neural circuits, including functioning aneuploid neurons intermixed with euploid populations, may contribute to physiological and behavioral variation in the adult mammalian brain by altering neuronal signaling properties through ploidy-dependent gene dosage mechanisms like chromosomal loss (Kaushal et al., 2003) and duplication (Singleton et al., 2003).

Even if these studies suggest widespread ploidy changes in somatic tissues, other studies argue that due to technical challenges somatic aneuploidy has been overestimated (Knouse et al., 2014). Knouse and colleagues in this study analyze liver and brain samples from healthy individuals and found no aneuploid nuclei among 66 mouse liver cells, while in human hepatocytes (100 cells from two males), aneuploidy was found in only 4% of cells, compared to the 25-50% observed by FISH in 200 hepatocytes per sample from 21 different individuals (Duncan et al., 2012). Regarding the adult brain, the prevalence of aneuploid cells was reported as 1% in mouse (from 43 cells) and 2.2% in humans (89 cells from four individuals), coherently with single-cell-sequencing-based reports for whole-chromosome aneuploidies (McConnell et al., 2013; Mukamel et al., 2023). The information about the brain appears more contradictory when looking at segmental aneuploidies in adult neurons, detected up to 41% by McConnell and colleagues compared to none in this study, and when looking at the developing brain, detected up to 35% by previous studies (Rehen et al., 2001; Yurov et al., 2007) compared to none in this study (0/36 mouse embryo cells analyzed). Differences in methodologies, sample size, and sample sources likely contribute to the inconsistencies observed in reports on somatic aneuploidy levels. For the liver, aneuploid cells have indeed been observed, but their prevalence appears much lower in single-cell sequencing studies compared to earlier FISH analyses. Despite the higher precision of single-cell sequencing, the limited number of samples analyzed in this study must be acknowledged. In contrast, FISH, while involving larger sample sizes, may overestimate aneuploidy due to its technical limitations. Thus, the evidence supports the presence of aneuploid hepatocytes, but the extent remains uncertain. Regarding the brain, the discrepancies are particularly pronounced when comparing studies on the developing brain that suggest aneuploidy levels of up to 35% in embryonic brain cells in earlier studies, while single-cell sequencing

studies detected none. Regardless of these variations, the data, summarized in Figure I5, consistently indicate that the majority of aneuploid brain cells are eliminated before adulthood, leaving the role of aneuploid cells in the adult brain largely unresolved.

Overall, while the notion of a functional role for aneuploid cells in somatic tissues remains intriguing, current evidence suggests that such cells are less prevalent than previously thought, and their significance in normal tissue function remains to be conclusively demonstrated.

3.2.1. Aneuploidy and ageing

We have discussed the prevalence and significance of mosaic aneuploidy during development and in adult somatic tissues. Somatic aneuploidy has been also linked to aging and age-associated diseases (Figure I5). A correlation between ageing and aneuploidy has been established already many years ago in oocytes (Stone & Sandberg, 1995; Guttenbach et al., 1994; Mukherjee et al., 1996; Mukherjee & Thomas, 1997). In the examples of somatic cells discussed previously, the percentage of aneuploid cells increases with age. For instance, 60–70% of aneuploid hepatocytes are observed in older mice compared to 25% at three weeks of age (Duncan et al., 2010), and aneuploid cells for blood and buccal samples increased with age from 0.23% under 50 years to 1.91% between 75 and 79 years (K. B. Jacobs et al., 2012). In the mice brain, aneuploidy was found to accumulate with age in a chromosome-specific manner especially in non-neuronal cells (Faggioli et al., 2012). Consistently, aneuploidy levels are notably higher in brain disorders associated with accelerated aging, such as Alzheimer’s disease (AD), ataxia-telangiectasia (AT), and Down syndrome, with 20-50% of neurons estimated to be aneuploid in AT versus 10% in controls, and 6-18% of AD neurons displaying trisomy 21 versus 0.8-1.8% in controls, supporting its role in these conditions (Dierssen et al., 2009; Iourov et al., 2009; Yurov et al., 2009).





	Embryo	Adult	Aged
 Brain	FISH 35% scSEQ 0%	FISH 1-10% scSEQ 1-2% (whole-chr) scSEQ 0-41% (segmental)	FISH 20-50% (AT) 6-18% tri 21 (AD)
 Liver		FISH 25-50% scSEQ 4%	FISH 25-50%
 Fibroblasts		WGS 14-30%	
 Blood/buccal samples		GWAS 0.23%	GWAS 1.91%

Figure I5. Detected aneuploidy in somatic tissues. Detected aneuploidy varying according to age, tissue and technique employed. scSEQ=single cell sequencing. WGS=whole genome sequencing (including array-based methods). GWAS=genome wide association study. AT= ataxia-telangiectasia. AD= Alzheimer’s disease. Tri 21=trisomy 21.

Increasing evidence suggests that the accumulation of senescent cells plays a significant role in the aging process (Hernandez-Segura et al., 2018; López-Otín et al., 2023). Senescent cells are characterized by a permanent cell cycle arrest and the secretion of inflammatory cytokines, chemokines, growth factors, and proteases, collectively known as the senescence-associated secretory phenotype (SASP). Interestingly, it has been observed a senescent-like phenotype and up-regulation of the SASP components in non-neuronal cells in normal brain aging, age-related neurodegeneration and Alzheimer's disease (Chinta et al., 2015). In this context, the emergence of senescence in the brain may serve as a unifying mechanism linking age-related inflammation and neurodegeneration (Andriani et al., 2017), potentially contributing to the increased incidence of brain tumors with aging (Flowers, 2000). The relationship between aneuploid cells and the senescence phenotype has been widely investigated both in ageing and cancer (see more in next chapter). A study of young, middle-aged and old-aged human dermal fibroblasts revealed that elderly fibroblast display higher mitotic duration and segregation mistakes due to a transcriptional repression of mitotic genes in pre-senescent dividing cells, and exhibit SASP (Macedo et al., 2018). A causative relationship between the emergence of aneuploidy, ageing and senescence has been established by a study on mutant mice with low levels of the spindle assembly checkpoint protein BubR1 (D. J. Baker et al., 2004). Reduced BubR1 expression led to progressive aneuploidy and the development of progeroid features, such as a shortened lifespan, cachectic dwarfism, cataracts, and impaired wound healing, as well as increased cellular senescence and defects in meiotic chromosome segregation, resulting in infertility. Interestingly, natural aging in wild-type mice was marked by decreased expression of BubR1 in multiple tissues (D. J. Baker et al., 2004). Conversely, sustained high-level BubR1 expression corrects age-dependent mitotic checkpoint impairments, prevents microtubule-kinetochore attachment defects, extends lifespan and delays age-related tissue deterioration (D. J. Baker et al., 2013). Consistently, another study reported a decrease in the gene expression level of genes involved in centromere and kinetochore function and in the microtubule and spindle assembly apparatus in aged fibroblasts and lymphocytes (Geigl et al., 2004). Furthermore, the majority of MVA patients, which present progeroid features, have mutations in the SAC genes (Matsuura et al., 2006). Overall, these data suggest a mutual causality between ageing and aneuploidy.

One interesting proposed mechanism for the loss of segregation fidelity with age is that the shortening of telomeres, a renown hallmark of ageing (López-Otín et al., 2023), makes chromosomes more prone to mitotic missegregation. In this context, a study with lymphocytes and buccal mucosa cells revealed a significant negative correlation between chromosomal aneuploidy and telomere length, indicating that chromosomes with higher loss rates had shorter telomeres (Leach et al., 2004). This is an interesting scenario considering the previously discussed studies that reported a higher rate of chromosome loss respect to chromosome gain in adult somatic tissues (Duncan et al., 2012; McConnell et al., 2013; Westra et al., 2008).

4. Aneuploidy in disease: the case of cancer

Aneuploidy has been found in most malignant cancers with great heterogeneity within tumors and between different tumor types. 90% of solid tumors and 75% of hematopoietic cancers were reported to be aneuploid

(Weaver & Cleveland, 2006; Taylor et al., 2018). With a median of 5 gains and 3 losses of chromosome arms per cancer cell, it is fair to say that no other genetic alterations affect cancer genomes to this extent. In the previous chapters we have thoroughly discussed the deleterious effects of aneuploidy on fitness both at the cellular and organismal level, therefore it might seem contradictory to find such a high prevalence of aneuploid cells in tumors that are generally made by highly proliferative cells. However, there are several works that explain the role of aneuploidy in promoting tumorigenesis.

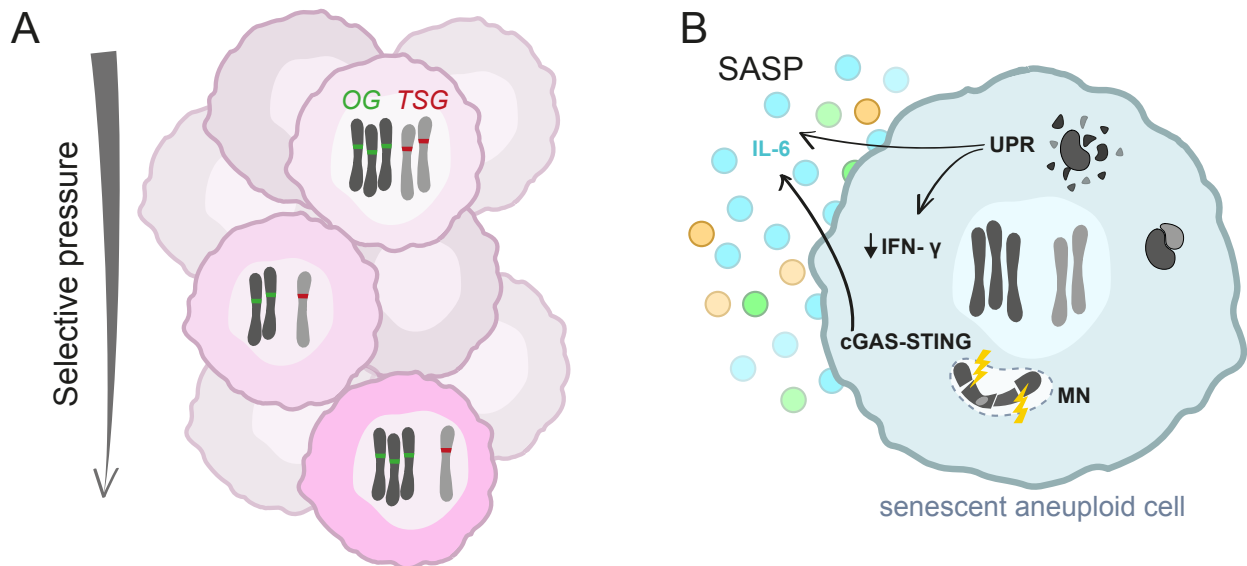


Figure I6. Karyotype-dependent and independent contribution of aneuploid to tumorigenesis. (A) Karyotype-dependent contribution of aneuploid to tumorigenesis has been explained in terms of gaining oncogenes (OG) and losing tumor suppressor genes (TSG) through copy number variations. (B) Karyotype-independent contribution of aneuploidy to tumor relies on the senescent phenotype of aneuploid cells that through SASP modulate systemic effects, metastatic behavior, and that alongside the UPR and cGAS-STING pathway create an immunodepressive microenvironment.

In tumor tissues, aneuploidy is the consequence of ongoing chromosomal instability (CIN), a high rate of missegregation events during mitosis. CIN's role in cancer progression has been explained in terms of source of adaptability (Jaarsveld and Kops, 2016). The existence of characteristic aneuploidy patterns within some cancer types [e.g. loss of Y, which encodes for several immunogenic genes, in bladder cancer (Abdel-Hafiz et al., 2023)] suggests that specific deletions or duplications, positively selected between the different karyotypes induced by CIN (Laughney et al., 2015), can drive tumorigenesis (Figure I6A). Furthermore, as already mentioned, aneuploid cells are in turn inherently more chromosomally unstable and can therefore exponentially increase intratumor heterogeneity. *In vivo* models of random aneuploidies in mice have demonstrated that specific karyotypes bearing gain of oncogenes are preferentially acquired over time (Shoshani et al., 2021; Trakala et al., 2021). Conversely, cancer cells can depend on specific aneuploidies for survival (Girish et al., 2023). Consistently with the proposal that CIN-induced intratumor heterogeneity in the form of gene-dosage alterations increases adaptability, tumors with a higher level of CIN have been correlated with a higher resistance to anti-cancer therapy (Crowley et al., 2022; Ippolito et al., 2021; Lukow et al., 2021; Replogle et al., 2020) and with relapse (Kusumbe & Bapat, 2009).

At the same time, tumors often lack specific aneuploidy signatures suggesting that aneuploidy might have a general positive effect on tumor progression independently on the karyotype. In this regard, it has been

proposed that aneuploid cells otherwise eliminated from a healthy tissue can remain in the tissue in the presence of aneuploidy-tolerating mutations, such as mutations in the apoptotic pathway. In this direction, models in both mice and *Drosophila* propose a direct causal relationship between aneuploidy and tumorigenesis by showing that pathways activated in aneuploid cells as a stress-response contribute to tumor development if aneuploid cells are not correctly depleted from the tissue (Thompson and Compton, 2010, Li et al., 2010, Dekanty et al., 2012, Clemente et al., 2016). The role of aneuploid cells in eliciting a tumorigenic response has been connected to senescence. In fact, aneuploid cells have been shown to enter into senescence and exhibit SASP in human cells *in vitro* (Santaguida et al., 2017) and in *Drosophila in vivo* (Joy et al., 2021). We have previously commented the implication of senescence in the context of ageing-induced aneuploidization. In the context of cancer, in a *Drosophila* model of tumorigenesis the SASP of aneuploid cells is reported to modulate local tumor proliferation, invasive behavior of aneuploid cells, systemic delay of the organism, and ultimately, lethality (Joy et al., 2024). In mammals, the senescent nature of aneuploid cells has huge implications on the recruitment and modulation of the immune system (Figure I6B). In fact, aneuploid cells *in vitro* have been shown to be eliminated by NK cells through NF- κ B signaling (Santaguida et al., 2017; R. W. Wang et al., 2021). Interestingly, in cancer cells, NF- κ B upregulation correlates with the degree of aneuploidy but this upregulation alone is not sufficient to trigger NK cell-mediated clearance (R. W. Wang et al., 2021). This suggests that, during cancer evolution, additional mechanisms may arise to counteract NF- κ B-mediated immunogenicity, allowing aneuploid cancer cells to evade immune detection. Consistently, aneuploidy has been shown to correlate with immune evasion (Davoli et al., 2017). Several works have investigated the mechanisms underlying immune evasion by aneuploid cells. For instance, the UPR response has been linked to upregulation of the immune-suppressive cytokine IL-6 and the downregulation of the immunogenic IFN- γ (Xian et al., 2021). This is especially relevant in the case of gain of chromosomes that have been shown to activate the UPR response. Furthermore, the cGAS-STING pathway, activated as an intracellular response to cytosolic DNA triggered by the presence of micronuclei in aneuploid cells subjected to CIN (K. J. Mackenzie et al., 2017), has been correlated both with immunosuppression through IL-6 upregulation (Hong et al., 2022) and metastatic behavior (Bakhoun et al., 2018). However, in exploring the relationship between aneuploidy and cancer, this work will focus on the first, karyotype-dependent, contribution of aneuploidy to tumorigenesis.

4.1. Cancer as an aneuploid mosaic

Cancer can be thought of as a genetic mosaic, encompassing somatic single nucleotide variants, structural chromosomal changes, and chromosomal copy number alterations. As a matter of facts, tumors represent mosaics of genetic imbalances harbored by aneuploid cells. In the cases of monosomies or segmental monosomies, these cells harbor heterozygous losses, while trisomies or segmental trisomies result in amplifications of multiple genes. Each gene within the aneuploid region that exhibits a dosage-sensitive phenotype—whether through haploinsufficiency or triplosensitivity (where losing or gaining a single copy of a gene produces a phenotype, respectively)—contributes collectively to the behavior and fate of the aneuploid

cell. In essence, aneuploid mosaics can be regarded as mosaics of functional mutations, with gene dosage imbalances acting equivalently to classical mutations in altering cellular function. This framework is particularly compelling in the context of cancer, a genomic disease characterized by pervasive mutations and chromosomal instability (CIN) (Taylor et al., 2018), where CIN and the resulting karyotypic and mutational heterogeneity in daughter cells are closely linked to poor prognosis (Ippolito et al., 2021).

We have thoroughly discussed the prevalence of aneuploid mosaicism in adult tissues as a result of missegregation events throughout development. Whether aneuploid mosaicism can predispose to cancer remains an intriguing question. In a study of 1,991 individuals with bladder cancer, genomic abnormalities were found in 1.7% of the samples but were present in both the blood and bladder tissues, suggesting an early developmental origin rather than emergence in the bladder tissue itself as a tumor-initiating event (Rodríguez-Santiago et al., 2010). In this regard, another study investigated whether detectable clonal mosaicism predisposes to hematological and non-hematological cancer. Although only 3% of subjects with detectable clonal mosaicism had records of hematological cancer, the study estimated that the risk of hematological cancer was tenfold higher for mosaic than for non-mosaic individuals (Laurie et al., 2012). Regarding non hematological cancer, the evidence pointed at a positive relationship between mosaic status and cancer but lacked statistical significance (Laurie et al., 2012). Another study reported that mosaic abnormalities in gene copy number were more frequent in individuals with solid tumors than cancer-free individuals (0.97% versus 0.74%, K. B. Jacobs et al., 2012). These findings suggest a correlation between aneuploid mosaicism and cancer. However, it looks like the emergence of cancer-predisposing mutations in somatic cells could occur both early and late in development and, for technical reasons, it is challenging to distinguish between these two scenarios.

It is known that cancer is a complex genetic disorder driven by alterations in both coding and non-coding regions of the genome, with two major classes of high-penetrance genes identified: oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes (Weinberg, 1994). Oncogenes, such as *c-Myc*, promote tumor development when activated by dominant mutations or overexpression, while tumor suppressor genes, like *p53* or *RB*, inhibit cancer progression but are inactivated through diverse mechanisms (Weinberg, 1994). Traditionally, tumor suppressor genes inactivation was thought to require the complete loss of function (Knudson, 1971), where both gene copies must be inactivated to drive cancer. However, recent findings highlight the role of haploinsufficiency, where the loss or mutation of a single allele reduces gene activity below a critical threshold necessary for suppressing tumorigenesis. This incomplete inactivation of tumor suppressor genes underscores their ability to contribute to cancer development and progression even when one functional allele remains, challenging the traditional view of tumor suppressor gene inactivation as a fully recessive process. The first gene that was identified as haploinsufficient for tumor progression was the Cdk inhibitor *p27^{kip1}*, through the observation that heterozygous mice presented accelerated tumor progression (Fero et al., 1998). After that, many genes such as *p53* (Venkatachalam et al., 1998) and *PTEN*, among others (reviewed in Berger & Pandolfi, 2011; Inoue & Fry, 2017) were reported to be haploinsufficient for tumor progression. Other recently described examples of potential haploinsufficient tumor suppressor genes are *BRCA1/2* and *MIIP*, proteins involved in ensuring

genomic stability, in mammary and colorectal cancer, respectively (Minello & Carreira, 2024; Sun et al., 2017). The mechanisms of haploinsufficiency can be diverse. P53 for example works in homotetramers, therefore a reduction in its concentration drastically affects its binding affinity and in fact it results in 25% expression of mRNA and protein in heterozygous mutants respect to wild types (Lynch & Milner, 2006). The case of *PTEN* is particularly intriguing as it introduces the concept of “obligate haploinsufficiency”, where partial loss of gene function can be more tumorigenic than its complete loss. While heterozygous loss of *PTEN* enhances cell proliferation, complete loss paradoxically triggers a p53-dependent cellular senescence program that acts as a barrier to tumor development (Chen et al., 2005). Therefore, in a wild-type *p53* context, partial loss of *PTEN* is more advantageous for tumorigenesis. However, in cells with mutated or dysfunctional *p53*, where the senescence mechanism cannot be activated, complete loss of *PTEN* becomes more tumorigenic than its heterozygous loss (Alimonti et al., 2010). Other works propose that heterozygous mutation of certain genes could predispose pre-cancerous lesions to become cancerous, such as the genes *VHL* or *TSC1/2* in renal cell carcinoma (Peri et al., 2016).

Overall, these findings highlight how partial loss of certain genes can synergize with either partial or complete loss of others, underscoring the cooperative interactions between tumor suppressor pathways. In this direction, it is highly relevant in the case of aneuploidy a phenomenon called cumulative haploinsufficiency, when multiple tumor suppressor genes that are located on specific chromosomal arms collectively contribute to tumor suppression, and their partial loss leads to synergistic effects on cancer progression. Examples are the chromosome arms 3p (L. Ji et al., 2005), 8p (Wistuba et al., 1999), 5q (Ebert, 2009) and 7q (Honda et al., 2015), which are frequently deleted in various cancers. Murine models allowed through RNAi screening to identify the different genes involved in those arms that cooperatively inhibit tumorigenesis, for example *Dlc1*, *Vps37a* and *Fgll* on human 8p22 (Xue et al., 2012). Consistently with this idea, tumors present recurrent deletions and amplifications. A study that systematically analyzed somatic copy-number alterations (SCNAs) across 3,131 cancer samples, identified 158 recurrent focal SCNAs: 82 deletions and 76 amplifications. Deletions had a median of seven genes per peak region (range: 1–173), with 11% involving validated tumor suppressor genes such as *PTEN*, *RBI*, and *CDKN2A/B*. Amplifications had a median of 6.5 genes per peak region (range: 0–143), with 33% containing functionally validated oncogenes like *MYC*, *CCND1*, *ERBB2*, and *KRAS* (Beroukhi et al., 2010). To address the possibility that recurrent deletions are enriched for recessive tumor suppressor genes, a later work analyzed these regions for the presence of known or putative recessive tumor suppressor genes. The study found that the deleted regions are enriched for genes which negatively regulate cell proliferation (*STOP* genes) while tend to avoid essential genes that positively regulate cell proliferation (*GO* genes) (Solimini et al., 2012). The cumulative effect of haploinsufficiency of multiple *STOP* genes within these deletions likely optimizes tumor cell fitness by reducing their proliferative restraints. Concordantly, a later study also showed that recurrent amplifications in cancer genome are enriched for oncogenes while recurrent deletions on chromosome arms, such as 3p, 5q, and 8p, are enriched for *STOP* genes and avoid *GO* genes, suggesting selective pressure to avoid loss of genes critical for survival (Davoli et al., 2013). These findings underscore the non-random nature of SCNAs in tumors, where hemizygous deletions

maximize the advantage of reducing tumor-suppressive restraints while avoiding deleterious fitness costs. Importantly, this study presents evidence that the cumulative imbalance between *STOP* and *GO* gene dosage within specific chromosome arms is able to predict the selective patterns of chromosomal gains and losses seen in cancer, proposing that aneuploidy patterns in cancer genomes are shaped through a process of cumulative haploinsufficiency and triplosensitivity (Davoli et al., 2013).

5. Aneuploidy and cell competition

In the past chapters we have highlighted how aneuploidy *in vivo*, both in development and disease, is often found in the form of mosaic. It is therefore highly relevant to determine whether the interaction between aneuploid and euploid cells plays any role in the identification and elimination of aneuploid cells. In this regard, it has been proposed that cell competition might contribute to the elimination of aneuploid cells in certain contexts.

5.1. Cell competition in development and tumorigenesis

Cell competition is a homeostatic process conserved from *Drosophila* to mammals that compares the fitness of a cell with that of its neighbors and eliminates cells that, although viable, are less fit. During competition the cells that are eliminated become “losers”, and the fitter cells, the “winners”, repopulate the tissue through compensatory proliferation, maintaining tissue homeostasis. This mechanism was described in *Drosophila* for the first time many years ago for *Minute (Mn)* genes, genes encoding ribosomal proteins. Homozygous mutation for the *Mn* genes is lethal, while heterozygous *Mn*^{+/-} animals are viable but display reduced body size (hence the name ‘minute’) and developmental delay due to slower proliferation of their cells (Morata & Ripoll, 1975). Surprisingly, clones of *Mn*^{+/-} cells in the wing disc epithelium undergo apoptosis when surrounded by *Mn*^{+/+} cells and specifically in the outer border of the loser clone, adjacent to wild type cells (Morata & Ripoll, 1975; Moreno et al., 2002). A similar phenomenon has been described in mice for the RP gene *Rpl24*, where *Rpl24*^{+/-} cells have decreased rates of proliferation and are outcompeted by wild-type cells in chimeras (E. R. Oliver et al., 2004).

Another group of mutations that are eliminated by cell competition is the one including cell polarity genes such as *scribble*, *lethal giant larvae (lgl)*, *discs large (dlg)* or overexpression of *Crumbs*, that induce tumors in whole-animals mutant but are eliminated by apoptosis when surrounded by wild type cells (Igaki et al., 2006; Tamori et al., 2010; Norman et al., 2012; Hafezi et al., 2012).

A complementary example of cell competition, where wild type cells are eliminated by fitter cells, is supercompetition induced by *Myc*, which has been extensively studied in both *Drosophila* and mammals. In *Drosophila* imaginal wing discs, cells overexpressing *dMyc*, the homolog of mammalian *c-Myc*, proliferate at higher rates and act as supercompetitors by inducing the elimination of neighboring wild-type cells that instead divide at slower rates (Figure I7A) (de la Cova et al., 2004; Moreno & Basler, 2004). Similar findings have

been observed in mammals, where mosaic overexpression of *c-Myc* during early mouse development or in differentiating embryonic stem cells leads to the elimination of adjacent wild-type cells through apoptosis (Clavería et al., 2013; Sancho et al., 2013). Conversely, establishing differential levels of *c-Myc* between wild type cells and loser cells in other types of cell competition is critical for elimination of the loser cells (Sancho et al., 2013). Interestingly, in the epiblast, *c-Myc* levels are normally heterogeneous and it has been shown that endogenous cell competition eliminates cells with low relative *c-Myc* levels, findings that were supported also by data in ES cells (Figure I7B) (Clavería et al., 2013). This was later explained by the fact that low *c-Myc* cells eliminated by cell competition were found to be less pluripotent than their high *c-Myc* counterparts, so that *c-Myc*-induced competition would be a mechanism to safeguard pluripotency (Díaz-Díaz, Fernandez de Manuel, et al., 2017). Other triggers for cell competition in the mouse embryo have been reported to be the Hippo pathway transcription factor TEAD (Hashimoto & Sasaki, 2019) and different levels of p53 (G. Zhang et al., 2017). Furthermore, p53 is responsible for elimination of less fit cells in other models of cell competition such as in BMP signaling defective cells (*Bmpr1a*^{-/-}, responsible for proper patterning) (Bowling et al., 2018). These results suggest that natural cell competition in early mammalian embryo could be a mechanism designed to remove viable cells that are unfit and that may compromise the general fitness or the viability of the organism. Furthermore, cell competition during development ensures correct organ formation. For instance, in the mammalian epidermis, cell competition operates as a crucial mechanism for correct tissue morphogenesis, in a first stage of development through apoptosis and engulfment and later through induction of early differentiation of loser cells (Figure I7C). Disruptions to this process compromise epidermal integrity and permeability during development (Ellis et al., 2019).

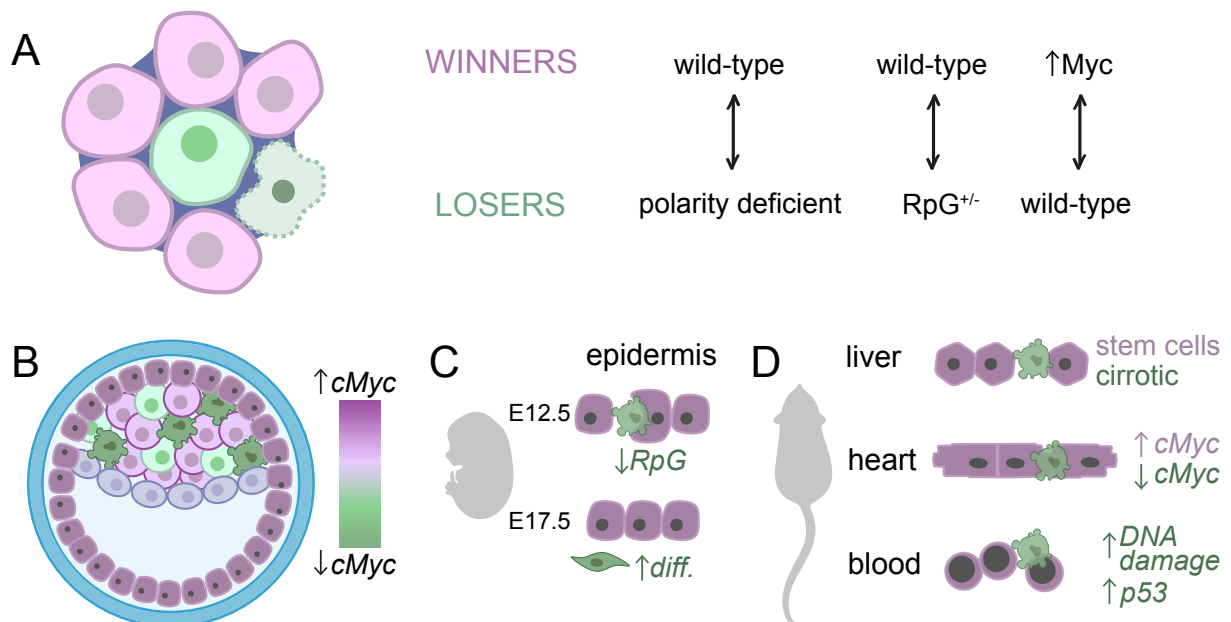


Figure I7. Cell competition during development. (A) Set of mutations that establish competitive interactions. Examples of cell competition processes during mice early (B) and later development (C), as well as in adult somatic tissues that maintain tissue homeostasis (D).

Cell competition has been reported to not only shape organ morphogenesis during development, but also maintain its homeostasis through damage and ageing (Figure I7D). For example, liver stem cells transplanted

into a diseased liver in mice induced apoptosis of host hepatocytes immediately adjacent to transplanted cells in a very similar manner as in *Mn*-induced cell competition in *Drosophila*, and repopulated the liver while maintaining overall organ size (Ding et al., 2011; Oertel et al., 2006). Furthermore, liver repopulation with liver stem cells occurs four to five times more rapidly and extensively in older hosts, where cells are less fit (Menthen et al., 2011). Interestingly, the *Azot* gene in *Drosophila*, which is essential for elimination of unfit cells during certain types of cell competition (e.g. *Mn*-induced cell competition and *dMyc*-induced supercompetition), decreases lifespan and accelerates organ degeneration when mutated while it increases lifespan when duplicated (Merino et al., 2015). This has interesting implications for the connection between cell competition and ageing and suggests that aged cells can be replaced by fitter cells through cell competition. Importantly, the capacity for cell competition in mammals is not restricted to stem cell populations as shown by the replacement of wild-type cardiomyocytes with *c-Myc*-overexpressing cardiomyocytes (Villa del Campo et al., 2014).

Cell competition has been also observed in the mammalian hematopoietic system, where DNA-damaged cells are outcompeted through non-cell autonomous growth arrest in a p53-dependent fashion and depending on the relative levels of p53 (Bondar & Medzhitov, 2010). A peculiar case of cell competition found in hematopoietic stem cells relates to revertant mosaicism (also known as somatic genetic rescue). Revertant mosaicism occurs when all cells in the embryo initially carry a deleterious variant, but a later mutational event either restores the variant allele to its wild-type form or compensates for it indirectly, such as by inactivating a gain-of-function variant. This phenomenon seems to be particularly common in the hematopoietic system (Revy et al., 2019; Wada & Candotti, 2008). If the reversion happens early enough in embryogenesis, it may be subjected to the same forces of competition as any other mosaic variant thus resulting in reverted variants of blood cells accumulating over time respect to the original mutation (Kuijpers et al., 2013).

If cell competition acts to maintain tissue homeostasis, it is not surprising that it has been reported to have tumor suppression effects in some cases (Figure I8A) (Kajita & Fujita, 2015). Examples in mammals have been described in the thymus, oesophagus and the skin epithelia. In mice, a constant turnover between young bone-marrow-derived and old thymus-resident progenitors is regulated by natural cell competition and disruption of this competition leads to T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (Martins et al., 2014). In the oesophagus, which suffers high rates of mutations over time, tissue homeostasis is maintained through clonal competition of mutations that confers a proliferative advantage (Colom et al., 2020). It has been shown that microscopic tumors that emerge in the mice oesophagus as a consequence of mutagenic treatment are outcompeted by fitter clones that expand in the surrounding normal tissue, leading to tumor loss (Colom et al., 2021). In the mice skin it has been shown how wild type cells are able to eliminate aberrancies generated from activated Wnt/ β -catenin stem cells and oncogenic *Hras* (Brown et al., 2017). An example in *Drosophila* are the polarity genes such as *scrib*, that cause imaginal disc epithelia to overgrow into disorganized cell masses when generally mutated or knocked-down (Bilder et al., 2000), but lead to elimination through cell competition when mutated in clones in wild-type tissues (Brumby & Richardson, 2003).

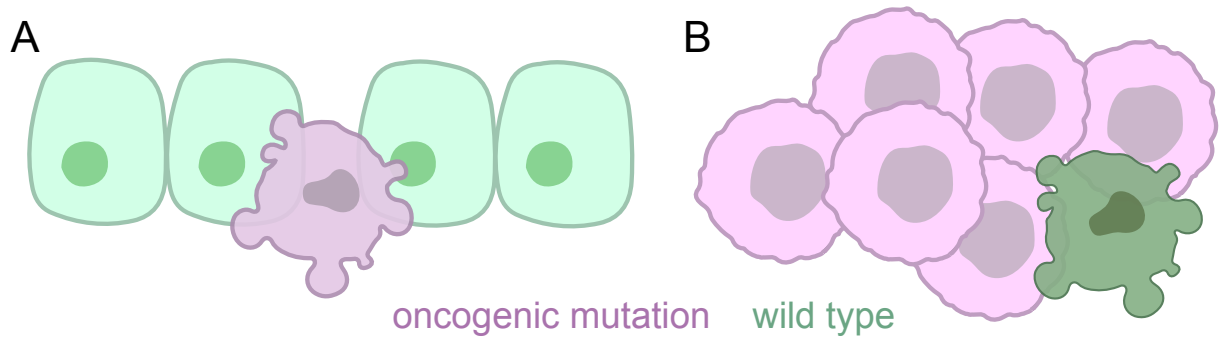


Figure 18. Tumor suppressive and promoting role of cell competition. Schematic representation of cases in which cells bearing potentially oncogenic mutations are eliminated through cell competition (A), and cases in which oncogenic mutations make cells supercompetitors that kill wild type cells (B).

Cell competition has also been proposed to play a role in tumor promotion (Figure 18B). Given the phenomenon of *Myc*-induced super competition, one might think that this could be an example. However, neither in mammals nor in *Drosophila* *Myc*-induced super competition has a phenotype or give rise to tumors (de la Cova et al., 2004; Moreno & Basler, 2004). However, works in *Drosophila* report mechanisms of supercompetition that are indeed responsible for neoplastic transformation. In particular, cells expressing EGFR and the microRNA miR-8 in the wing disc (Eichenlaub et al., 2016) or *APC*^{-/-} cells in the intestine (Suijkerbuijk et al., 2016) compete with and kill surrounding cells. An interesting work in *Drosophila* shows that small mutant clones of *Rab5*, a gene involved in endocytosis, while outcompeted by wild type cells, if comprising more than 400 cells form an overgrowing tumor (Ballesteros-Arias et al., 2014). Importantly, in all the cases discussed, tumorigenic potential depends on the ability of these cells to induce apoptosis of nearby wild type cells.

5.2. Mechanisms of cell competition

The process of cell competition comprises two phases, the first of recognition of a difference fitness levels and the second of elimination of the less fit cell (Figure 19). Molecular mechanisms underlying cell competition have been investigated and still many questions remain unsolved.

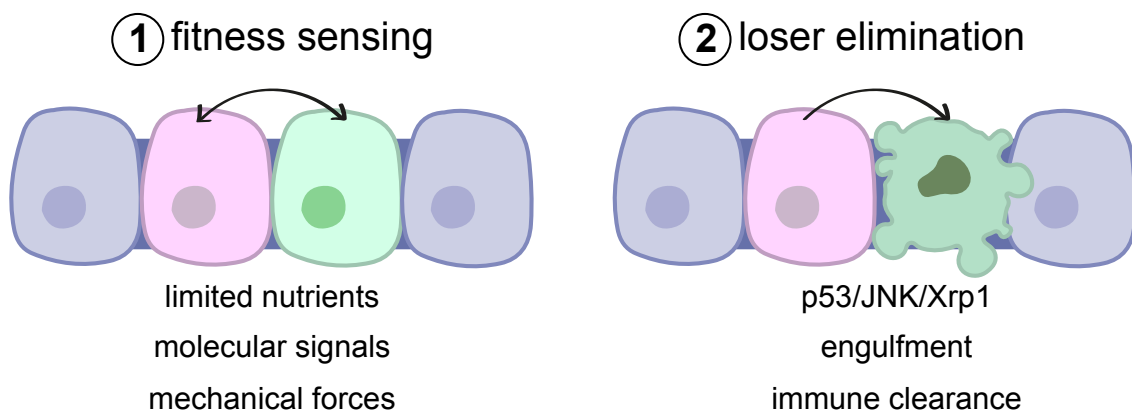


Figure 19. Mechanisms of cell competition. Sum up of the principal proposed mechanisms for fitness difference sensing and loser elimination in cell competition.

Regarding fitness-sensing mechanisms, it has been proposed that cells compete for limited extracellular factors such as growth factors or nutrients. For example, in *Drosophila*, loser cells exhibit reduced BMP/Dpp signaling, which leads to their elimination (Moreno et al., 2002). However, contradictory results regarding Dpp levels have raised doubts about this model's universality (Martín et al., 2009). Alternatively, cells can directly compare their fitness levels via molecular signals. A key example is the Flower code, where specific isoforms of the Flower transmembrane protein mark loser cells for elimination while winners express a ubiquitous isoform (Rhiner et al., 2010). Additionally, in *Drosophila*, fitness differences activate an innate immune-like response involving Toll-related receptors (TRRs) and NF-κB, which trigger pro-apoptotic pathways in loser cells (Meyer et al., 2014). Fitness can also be sensed through mechanical stress caused by differences in growth rates or crowding. It is clear that a difference in growth rate characterizes cell competition (Morata & Ripoll, 1975), even if increased rates of cell proliferation alone it is not sufficient to trigger the winner status (de la Cova et al., 2004). Interestingly, in a model of skin regeneration, wild type cells, that are normally outcompeted by *Hras*^{G12V/+} and *Kras*^{G12D/+} cells, are able to counteract the expansion of these protumorigenic cells when their proliferation rate is increased either upon injury or loss of cell-cycle inhibitors (Gallini et al., 2023). Faster-growing cells can compress neighboring slower-growing cells, leading to mechanical stress-induced apoptosis. For example, in *Drosophila*, Ras activation in clones led to crowding-induced cell death that was independent of known pathways (Levayer et al., 2016). Also, in cultured MDCK cells, differential mechanical forces were shown to activate p53, which mediate cell elimination under mechanical compression (Wagstaff et al., 2016). We have presented several evidence that the main regulator of loser cell clearance is p53 in mammals. In *Drosophila*, the role of JNK in inducing apoptosis in the outcompeted cell has been investigated, and while its role is clear in eliminating polarity-deficient cells (Igaki et al., 2006), contradictory evidence has been presented in *Mn*- and *Myc*-induced cell competition where certain works present evidence of JNK-dependent outcompetition (Moreno et al., 2002; Moreno & Basler, 2004) and others fail to observe the same (de la Cova et al., 2004).

The molecular mechanisms underlying *Mn*-induced cell competition in *Drosophila* have been identified and rely on the activation of the transcription factor Xrp1 that initiates the cascade that extrudes loser cells from the epithelium and activates apoptosis (Baillon et al., 2018). It has been proposed that Rps12, a component of the 40S ribosomal subunit, acts as a sensor of *RpG* imbalances and activates Xrp1 translation in response to defective ribosome assembly, thereby activating JNK signaling and promoting cell elimination (Z. Ji et al., 2019). Other works propose that proteotoxic and oxidative stress in the loser cells initiate a feedback loop that activates Xrp1 and is responsible for outcompetition (Baumgartner et al., 2021; Langton et al., 2021). In prospect loser cells autophagy is impaired in a Xrp1-dependent manner (Kiparaki et al., 2022; Langton et al., 2021) but knockdown of autophagy elements do not ameliorate outcompetition of loser cells (Baumgartner et al., 2021), indicating that this is not the mechanism through which loser cells are eliminated. However, upregulation of UPR genes was observed in loser cells (Kiparaki et al., 2022) as well as proteotoxic stress, and proteotoxic stress was sufficient to trigger outcompetition (Baumgartner et al., 2021; Langton et al., 2021). Furthermore, ameliorating proteotoxic stress by overexpression of FOXO, which is inhibited by Tor signaling

and promotes autophagy and proteasome function (Webb & Brunet, 2014), rescues cell competition. There is however ambiguous evidence on whether proteotoxic stress is activated upstream or downstream Xrp1. On one side, proteotoxic stress-triggered cell competition was rescued by Xrp1 depletion and Xrp1 overexpression can activate proteotoxic stress (Langton et al., 2021). On the other side, Xrp1 was shown to be activated downstream of proteotoxic stress by the oxidative stress sensor Nrf2 (Langton et al., 2021). One proposal is that Xrp1 and proteotoxic stress act in a feedback loop. However, it was demonstrated that the GstD1-GFP sensor for proteotoxic and oxidative stress that was used in these works not only has a Nrf2-responding element, but also an Xrp1-responding element, and that GstD1-GFP activity in *Mn*-induced cell competition is suppressed when the Xrp1-responding element in the construct is mutated (Kiparaki et al., 2022). Overall, these data suggest that proteotoxic stress is a key element in driving the loser cell status in *Mn*-induced cell competition, downstream of Xrp1. However, what non-autonomous signal or mechanism underlies Xrp1 activation, which is activated in loser cells only when juxtaposed to wild type cells, remains unclear.

5.3. The link with aneuploidy

We have previously discussed how aneuploid cells are progressively eliminated in embryo mosaics. Given that aneuploid cells in embryo mosaic are eliminated through apoptosis and that euploid cells are able to repopulate the embryo to ensure correct size, it has been proposed that this elimination happens through cell competition (Bolton et al., 2016). Recently, in a mouse model of chromosome mosaicism, it was shown that aneuploid cells upregulate p53 and that p53 is responsible for increased autophagy. Aneuploid cells are therefore preferentially eliminated from the embryonic lineage through p53- and autophagy-dependent apoptosis. Moreover, diploid cells undertake compensatory proliferation during the implantation stages to confer embryonic viability and restore normal size (Singla et al., 2020). Overall, it seems that different features of cell competition are recapitulated (Figure I10A). Interestingly, a model of cell competition with embryo mosaics of tetraploid and diploid cells shows that tetraploid cells in mice embryos suffer a p53-dependent downregulation of mTor that leads to apoptosis (Bowling et al., 2018). This is consistent with the role of mTor in inhibiting autophagy (Y. C. Kim & Guan, 2015) and reinforces the idea of increased autophagy in the loser cell as a key element in its elimination. However, treatment with rapamycin, an inhibitor of mTor which increases autophagy, increased cell death in tetraploid-diploid mosaics (Bowling et al., 2018) but not in the aneuploid-diploid mosaics, which have been later shown to be depleted through autophagy-dependent apoptosis (Singla et al., 2020). Due to differences in the nature of tetraploidy, a balanced chromosome gain, and CIN-induced aneuploidy, an imbalance in the number of chromosomes including both gains and losses, it could be that the activation of autophagy in aneuploid-diploid mosaics is not dependent on the mTor axis, or that in diploid-tetraploid mosaics mTor reduction leads to elimination of less fit cells through different mechanisms than autophagy.

Relevant findings have been made in human pluripotent stem cells (hPSCs), which can serve as a model of aneuploid mosaics due to their high genomic instability and segregation mistakes (D. Baker et al., 2016). hPSCs with recurrent culture-acquired aneuploidies display growth advantages over wild-type diploid cells that are outcompeted through a mechanism where redistribution of F-actin and sequestration of yes-associated

proteins (YAPs) in the cytoplasm induces apoptosis by mechanical stress (Price et al., 2021). This might be counterintuitive with the reported deleterious effects of aneuploidy and the proposal that aneuploid cells are eliminated by wild type cells through cell competition. However, since these aneuploidies are acquired through multiple rounds of selection in proliferation in culture, it could be that specific set of advantageous genes are selected (D. E. C. Baker et al., 2007; Draper et al., 2004). Importantly, these findings highlight that some aneuploid cells might acquire a proliferative advantage through behaviors akin to supercompetition. Conversely, a very recent report showed that aneuploid hPSCs, probably bearing disadvantageous aneuploidies, are outcompeted by wild type cells in culture and present lower c-Myc and higher p53, similarly to what is observed in other types of cell competition in mice embryogenesis (Sancho et al., 2013; G. Zhang et al., 2017).

Furthermore, we have discussed in the previous chapter how different heterozygous mutations can lead to cell competition, and monosomies harbor heterozygous mutations for several genes. In this direction it has been proposed that *Mn* genes in *Drosophila*, which are in total 66 and spread across the genome (Marygold et al., 2007), act as guardians of the ploidy status of the cell. Coherently with this proposal, R_p genes in humans are also spread across all chromosomes, with exception of chromosome 7 and 21 (Uechi et al., 2001). As a result, monosomic cells in *Drosophila* epithelia would be eliminated through *Mn*-dependent cell competition (Figure I10B). A recent analysis of 17 segmental monosomies derived from targeted chromosome excision including 11 different *Mn* genes and up to 8.5 Mb in the eye epithelia of *Drosophila* showed that segmental monosomies are eliminated through the R_pS12-Xrp1 cell competition pathway (Ji et al., 2021). However, this work fails to characterize the impact of cell competition, if any, on monosomies not including *Mn* genes.

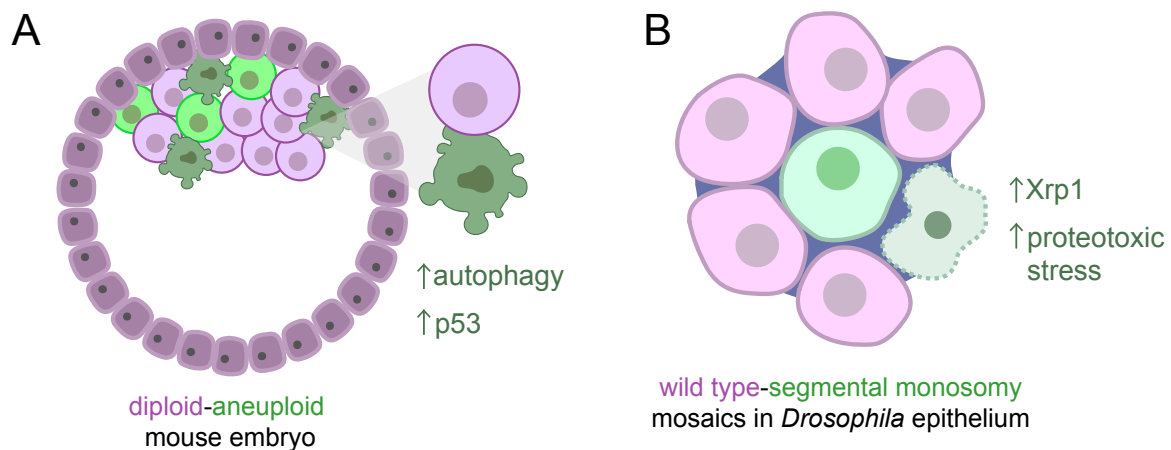


Figure I10. Aneuploid cells in vivo are eliminated through cell competition. Examples of aneuploid cells eliminated through cell competition in mouse embryo (random aneuploid cells) (A) and in *Drosophila* epithelia (segmental monosomies including *Mn* genes) (B).

6. Experimental models of aneuploidy

Addressing key questions about the role and impact of aneuploid cell emergence *in vivo* in humans requires the use of suitable experimental models. In this study, we developed a conditional, sequence-specific model of aneuploidy in *Drosophila* epithelial tissues. Here, we will first review the conserved features between

mammalian and *Drosophila* epithelia that establish *Drosophila* as an effective model for studying aneuploidy emergence *in vivo*. Secondly, we will highlight the significance of sequence-specific aneuploidy models, and the advancements made in the field to refine these approaches.

6.1. Conserved behaviors and pathways in *Drosophila* and mammals' epithelia

To tackle key questions about the role and consequences of aneuploid cell emergence *in vivo* in humans, we developed a conditional model of aneuploidy in the epithelial tissues of *Drosophila*. While it is important to acknowledge that *Drosophila* is not a mammal, and therefore certain mammalian-specific behaviors or molecular interactions may not be fully recapitulated, the model provides significant insights into the complex phenomenon of interaction between aneuploid and euploid cells. *Drosophila* not only offers several advantages as a model for studying mosaic aneuploidy in epithelial tissues thanks to its genetic tractability, but also recapitulates key cellular behaviors observed in human epithelial aneuploidy, such as competition between aneuploid and euploid cells, altered proliferation, extrusion and cell death. These parallels validate the relevance of the model and highlight its utility in dissecting the mechanisms underlying aneuploidy, which are majorly conserved across species.

For instance, cell competition, whose interconnection with aneuploidy we have highlighted in the previous chapters, was first discovered in *Drosophila* (Morata & Ripoll, 1975). Importantly, despite higher redundancy observed in mammals, certain features and molecular players that ensure the correct development of epithelial tissues and that are also relevant in the context of cell competition, are highly conserved. For instance, mechanisms that ensure epithelial apical-basal polarity exhibit remarkable conservation between *Drosophila* and mammals (reviewed in Shiel & Caplan, 1995; Buckley & St Johnston, 2022). Thus, the apical domain is regulated in flies and mammals by the Crumbs complex - comprising Crumbs (CRB in mammals), Stardust (PALS1), and PATJ proteins - as well as by the PAR complex - including PAR-6, aPKC, and PAR-3 (Bazooka in *Drosophila*). At the basolateral domain, the Scribble complex - consisting of Scribble (Scribble, Erbin, Lano and Densin in mammals), Discs large (DLGL1–5), and Lethal giant larvae (LLGL1 and LLGL2) - ensures the exclusion of apical polarity factors and maintains lateral integrity. Junctional proteins like E-cadherin and its associated β -catenin (Armadillo in *Drosophila*) stabilize adherens junctions in both systems. Moreover, key cytoskeletal components, such as spectrin and actin, provide structural support, further reinforcing polarity. Another relevant key element of epithelial tissues that are highly conserved are cell cycle regulators, including CDK1 and 2, cyclin A, B and E, APC/C, Tribbles (TRIB1-3 in mammals) and String (*cdc25*), among others (Sakaue-Sawano et al., 2008; Zielke et al., 2014). Importantly, the role of mTor in responding to nutrients availability and insulin signaling to promote growth is also conserved (Oldham et al., 2000; Soucek et al., 2001). As we will discuss in greater detail in the Discussion, mTor exerts its function in flies and mammals by promoting translation (Ma & Blenis, 2009; Miron & Sonenberg, 2001), and inhibiting autophagy (Chang & Neufeld, 2009; J. Kim et al., 2011).

Furthermore, key cellular behaviors observed more specifically in the process of cell competition such as cell death in the periphery of the loser cells (Moreno et al., 2002; E. R. Oliver et al., 2004), compensatory proliferation of the winner cells at the expense of the loser cells (Oertel et al., 2006), extrusion, either basally in *Drosophila* epithelia or apically in mammalian cell culture (Tamori et al., 2010), engulfment by wild type cells (W. Li & Baker, 2007; Clavería et al., 2013), were found to be conserved between *Drosophila* and mammals.

Regarding molecular pathways activated during cell competition, the JNK pathway has been identified as a key player across multiple model systems, though its specific role remains a subject of debate and seems to depend on the trigger of cell competition. In *Drosophila*, there are contradictory data on the role of JNK in the elimination of loser cells in *Mn*-dependent cell competition, where apoptosis of *Mn*^{+/-} cells was found to be completely rescued upon JNK blockage in certain studies (Moreno et al., 2002), while it remained unaffected in others (Tyler et al., 2007). It is true that the means of inducing clones and blocking JNK were different and relied in heat-shock-induced clones and overexpression of a JNK inhibitor in the first study (*puckered*), and an eye-specific recombinase and different JNK pathway mutants (*msn*¹⁰², a kinase required for JNK activation, *bsk*² and *bsk*^{170B}, the *Drosophila* JNK, *RhoA*^{BH}, and *jun*²) in the second. Also in the context of *dMyc*-induced supercompetition, while certain studies could completely rescue cell death in loser cells by blocking JNK (Moreno & Basler, 2004), others failed to observe the same and were able to reduce cell death in the loser cells only by 30% (de la Cova et al., 2004). In the first study, JNK was blocked by overexpression of *puckered* and *dMyc* upregulation was induced in clones, while in the second study JNK was blocked by a *hep* (JNKK) mutant and *dMyc* was upregulated in an entire compartment. Overall, these discrepancies suggest that the role of JNK in *Mn*-dependent cell competition and *dMyc*-induced supercompetition may vary depending on the experimental tools used, as differences in JNK levels and the number of cells involved in competition can influence the outcome. Consistent with this idea, JNK is generally proposed to function as an enhancer of cell competition in these contexts. By contrast, the role of JNK in triggering apoptosis of loser cells is clear in the case of cell competition driven by mutations in polarity genes. In *Drosophila*, mutations in the polarity genes *scribble* or *disc large* cause tumor-suppressive outcompetition of mutant cells by JNK-dependent apoptosis triggered by TNF (Brumby & Richardson, 2003; Igaki et al., 2006, 2009). Mutations or knockdown of Lgl, a tumor suppressor protein involved in maintaining epithelial polarity in both *Drosophila* (Agrawal et al., 1995) and mammals (Yamanaka et al., 2003), or its binding partner Mahjong (Mahj)/viral protein R-binding protein (VprBP) lead to the elimination of mutant cells surrounded by wild-type cells both in the wing disc epithelium of *Drosophila* and in mammalian Madin-Darby canine kidney (MDCK) epithelial cells. JNK inhibition suppresses cell death in both systems, underscoring the pathway's conserved role in mediating cell competition (Tamori et al., 2010).

Another key player in the elimination of loser cells is p53, though its role varies slightly between *Drosophila* and mammals. In mammals, p53 is involved in cell competition triggered by DNA-damage in the immune system (Bondar & Medzhitov, 2010; Marusyk et al., 2010), by karyotypic abnormalities (Sancho et al., 2013; Horii et al., 2015; Bowling et al., 2018) and mis-patterning in mice embryos (Sancho et al., 2013; Bowling et

al., 2018), by *c-Myc* overexpression in ESCs (Díaz-Díaz, Manuel, et al., 2017), by loss of polarity by making loser cells hypersensitive to mechanical stress (Wagstaff et al., 2016), and by mutations in the Rp genes (Oliver et al., 2004; Deisenroth et al., 2016). In contrast, in *Drosophila*, p53 is not reported to have a role in the elimination of loser cells during cell competition. However, in the context of dMyc-induced supercompetition, it was shown that p53 was responsible of shifting metabolism of the winner cells and therefore promoting their survival and ability to eliminate nearby wild type cells (de la Cova et al., 2014). In *Drosophila*, the role of p53 in elimination of loser cells appears to be supplanted either by JNK, as discussed above, or Xrp1 in the context of Mn-dependent cell competition (Figure I9,10). While p53 does not eliminate Rp^{+/-} cells in *Drosophila* (Kale et al., 2015), Xrp1 is a transcriptional target of p53 (Akdemir et al., 2007) and may functionally substitute for the mammalian role of p53 during cell competition (Baker et al., 2019; Baker, 2020). Multiple genes previously identified as p53 targets are upregulated in Rp^{+/-} cells in an Xrp1-dependent manner [e.g. Nrf2 (Kucinski et al., 2017; Lee et al., 2018)], suggesting that Xrp1 may directly regulate these genes, bypassing the need for p53.

Regarding aneuploidy-induced cellular behavior and underlying molecular pathways, as reviewed throughout this Introduction, there is also high conservation between *Drosophila* and mammals' models. An example is the response to CIN-induced aneuploidy, with extrusion of aneuploid cells from the epithelium and cell death by p53- and JNK-dependent apoptosis in mammals and *Drosophila*, respectively (Li et al., 2010; Dekanty et al., 2012). Also, human monosomic cells show impairment in ribosome biogenesis (Chunduri et al., 2021), similarly to segmental monosomic cells in *Drosophila* heterozygous for Ribosomal Protein Genes (Ji et al., 2021), while cells bearing extra chromosomes show UPR, proteotoxic stress and increased autophagy in both models (Brennan et al., 2019; Joy et al., 2021).

6.2. Models of sequence-specific aneuploidy

Aneuploidy, defined as the deviation from the normal chromosomal number, has been extensively studied using a variety of experimental techniques. Over time, these methods have evolved from generating random chromosomal instability (CIN) to achieving more targeted manipulations of individual chromosomes or chromosomal segments.

Historically, early approaches relied on inducing CIN by disrupting the mitotic machinery, often through the depletion of spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC) proteins either through reversine, an inhibitor of the monopolar spindle 1 (Mps1) kinase (Santaguida et al., 2017), or through mutation of SAC genes such as BUB3, ROD, MAD2 or BUBR1 (Andriani et al., 2016; Dekanty et al., 2012; Musio et al., 2003), which led to mis-segregation events during cell division. These methods typically produced both whole-chromosome and segmental aneuploidies, offering insights into the general consequences of chromosomal imbalances but lacking the precision to study specific aneuploid karyotypes and relying on sequencing techniques to monitor the aneuploidies that are being induced (Figure I11A).

Experimental models to study chromosome-specific aneuploidy were first developed in model organisms like *Drosophila* and mice. In *Drosophila*, X-ray irradiation was used to induce chromosomal breaks, generating

segmental aneuploidies due to errors in meiotic or mitotic repair (Lindsley et al., 1972; Patterson et al., 1935; Stern, 1936). This method led to gains or losses of specific chromosomal regions but required extensive screening to isolate desired karyotypes (Figure I11B). Similarly, in mice, trisomies were generated using Robertsonian translocations, where the fusion of two acrocentric chromosomes enabled the production of offspring trisomic for specific chromosomes through meiotic non-disjunction events (Figure I11C) (Gropp et al., 1983; Williams et al., 2008). These approaches were groundbreaking but limited by their reliance on random events and inability to systematically manipulate chromosomal content.

The advent of microcell-mediated chromosome transfer (MMCT) marked a significant advance in the study of aneuploidy. MMCT involves generating microcells containing specific chromosomes from donor cells, which are subsequently fused into recipient cell lines (Figure I11D) (Fournier & Ruddle, 1977). This technique allows for precise control over the introduction of extra chromosomes and has been widely applied to model human trisomies *in vitro*, such as trisomy 21 (Shinohara et al., 2001). Despite its precision, MMCT remains labor-intensive and is restricted to cultured cells, limiting its applicability to complex tissue environments.

More recent advancements include CRISPR/Cas9-based approaches, which allow for the targeted deletion or truncation of specific chromosomes or chromosomal arms (Figure I11E). Either by inducing double-strand breaks along a chromosome of interest (Leibowitz et al., 2021; Papathanasiou et al., 2021), or by introducing double-strand breaks near centromeres (Adikusuma et al., 2017), CRISPR/Cas9 can lead to chromosome elimination .

Recently, it has been developed the use of a nuclease-dead Cas9 (dCas9) and a sgRNA to tether proteins that interfere with faithful segregation to a repetitive sequence in a chromosome of interest (Figure I11F). These proteins are for instance KNL1 mutant, a protein that normally modulates kinetochore-microtubule attachments (Bosco et al., 2023), the kinetochore-nucleating domain of centromere protein CENP-T to assemble ectopic kinetochores (Tovini et al., 2023), and a minus-end-directed kinesin (Truong, Cané-Gasull, de Vries, et al., 2023).

Another way of inducing specific chromosome aneuploidy is the Cre/loxP system, which uses recombination between inverted loxP sites on the same chromosome to create acentric or dicentric fragments (Figure I11G). Acentric fragments are lost during cell division (Ly et al., 2017), while dicentric fragments undergo breakage-fusion-bridge cycles before elimination (Thomas et al., 2018). This method has been applied *in vitro* (Matsumura et al., 2007) and *in vivo* in mice lymphocytes (Y. Zhu et al., 2010). Strikingly, this is the only technique which has been implemented *in vivo*. However, it must be taken into account that variability in Cre recombination efficiency across the tissue results in mosaicism in chromosomal loss that cannot be monitored therefore leaving unaddressed whether the observed behavior are in fact due to chromosome loss (Hérault et al., 2010).

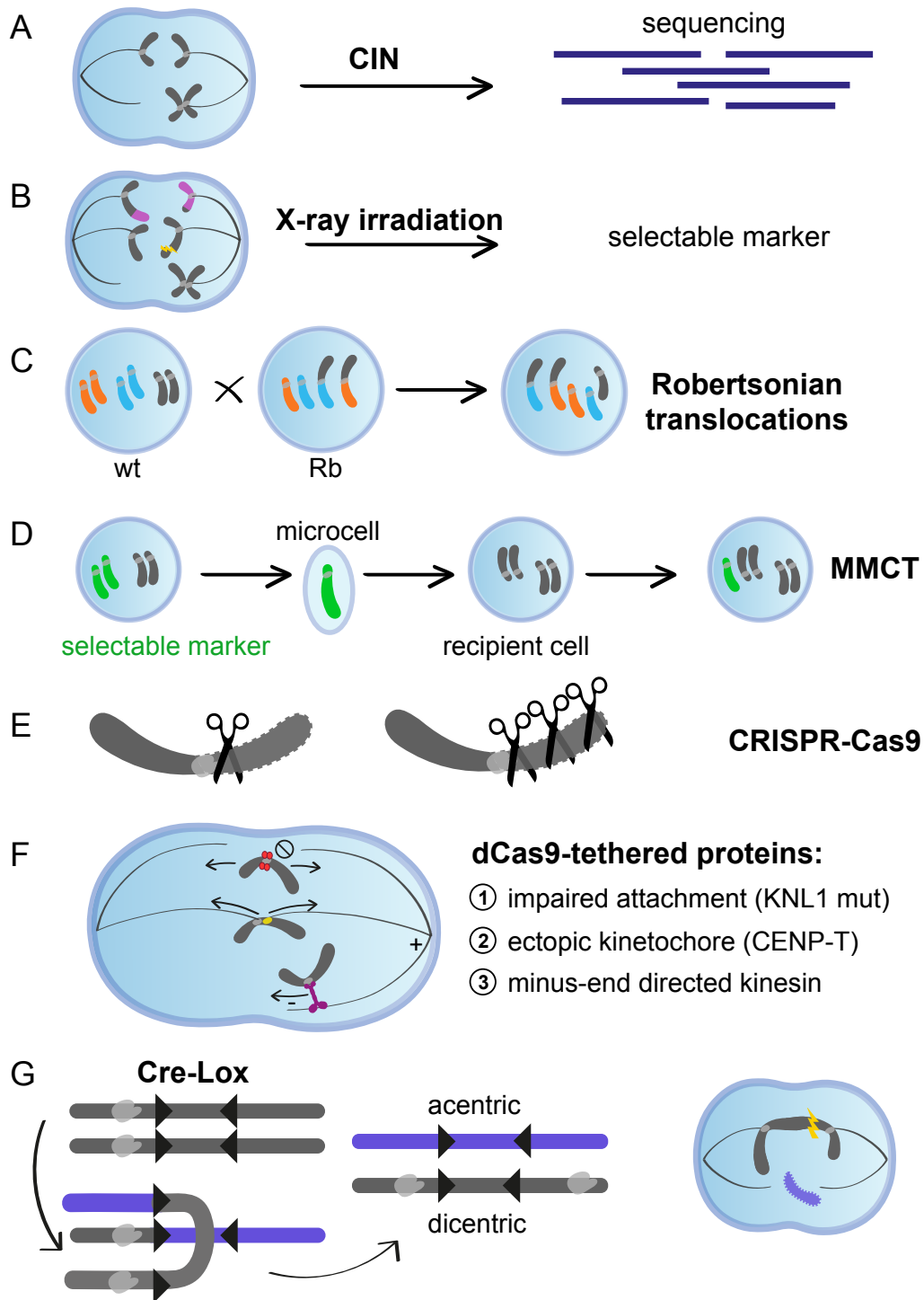


Figure I11. Techniques to introduce chromosome-specific aneuploidies.

Despite the advancements achieved with the cited *in vitro* models, they fall short of capturing the complexities of living tissues. The high rates of aneuploidy observed in both normal and abnormal tissues underscore the importance of understanding how tissue context shapes the fate of aneuploid cells. Therefore, to thoroughly dissect the impact of aneuploid cells in development and disease, there is a need for *in vivo* models capable of generating sequence-specific aneuploid mosaics within an euploid tissue. Such models would not only provide critical insights into how aneuploid cells interact with their environment and their contributions to developmental processes and pathogenesis, but also allow for the discrimination of effects driven by

haploinsufficiency or triplosensitivity of particular regions versus general effects of aneuploidy. This is particularly relevant in the perspective in which aneuploid cells could be eliminated *in vivo* through non-autonomous effects given by interactions with neighboring cells or the broader tissue environment, such as cell competition. A sequence-specific *in vivo* approach would therefore represent a transformative tool to unravel the different mechanisms underlying aneuploidy-related phenotypes.

To address this gap, in this work, we developed a novel sequence-specific recombination-based approach to generate molecularly defined segmental aneuploidies *in vivo* within *Drosophila* epithelial tissues. In particular, we employed the Flp/FRT recombination system, similar to Cre/Lox in mammals, which is composed by the enzyme Flippase, a recombinase, which recognizes and recombines two oriented DNA sequences, the Flippase Recognition Targets (FRTs) (Golic&Lindquist, 1989). By engineering the FRTs either *in cis* on the same chromosome (Figure I12A) or *in trans* on homologous chromosomes (Figure I12B) we will generate precise segmental monosomies or complementary pairs of segmental monosomies and trisomies, respectively. By conditionally expressing Flp, we will induce aneuploid cells within an otherwise euploid tissue, allowing us to analyze their interaction with wild type cells (Figure I12C). By combining precise genetic engineering with targeted labeling of aneuploid cells, this approach will provide a robust *in vivo* platform to dissect the fate and interactions of aneuploid cells within their tissue context.

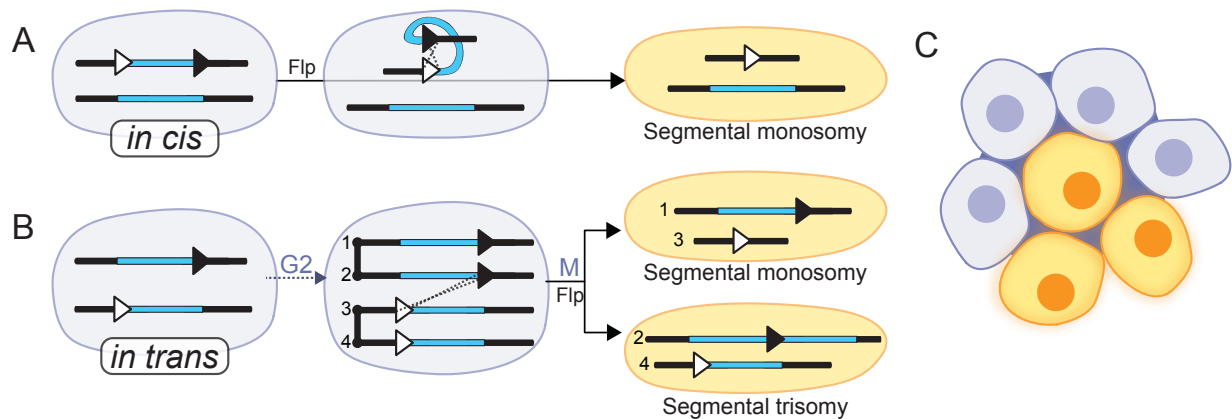


Figure I12. The Flp/FRT recombination system to generate aneuploid mosaics in *Drosophila* tissues. Application of the Flp/FRT system *in cis* (A) and *in trans* (B) to generate mosaics of segmentally trisomic and monosomic cells (C). Flp=Flippase. G2=G2 phase of the cell cycle. M=mitosis.

Objectives

1. Test if the Flp/FRT system can be efficiently used *in trans* to generate and mark segmental monosomies and trisomies in an euploid tissue.

- 1.1. Test with the RS FRTs screening method if the Flp/FRT system can be used *in trans* at a considerable distance.
- 1.2. Test if it is possible to differentially mark segmental monosomies and trisomies through the Twin Spot Generator technique.

2. Test if the Flp/FRT system can be efficiently use *in cis* to generate and mark segmental monosomies in an euploid tissue.

3. Describe the behavior of segmental monosomies induced through the Flp/FRT system *in cis* in a region devoid of previously reported haploinsufficient genes.

- 3.1. Observe if segmental monosomies present a growth effect that correlates with size.
- 3.2. Determine if segmental monosomies are eliminated through *Mn*-dependent cell competition or other molecular mechanisms.

4. Describe the behavior of segmental aneuploidies induced through the Flp/FRT system *in trans* in a region devoid of previously reported haploinsufficient and triplosensitive genes.

- 4.1. Observe if segmental monosomies and trisomies present a growth effect that correlates with size.
- 4.2. Determine the molecular mechanisms underlying the behavior of segmental monosomies.
- 4.3. Determine the molecular mechanisms underlying the behavior of segmental trisomies.

Materials and Methods

Table M1. Key Resource Table.

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
rabbit anti-DsRed (632496)	Takara Bio	RRID:AB_10013483
goat anti-GFP (ab6673)	Abcam	RRID:AB_305643
rat anti-Ci (2A1)	DSHB	RRID:AB_2109711
Cy2-AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Goat IgG (H+L)	Jackson ImmunoResearch	RRID:AB_2307341
Cy3 AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L)	Jackson ImmunoResearch	RRID:AB_2307443
Cy5 AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Rat IgG (H+L)	Jackson ImmunoResearch	RRID:AB_2340671
Chemicals, Peptides and Recombinant Proteins		
DAPI	Sigma Aldrich	Code: 28718-90-3
Experimental Models. Organisms/Strains		
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS3}CB-0072-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_123026
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS3}CB-0142-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_123052
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>Dp</i> (<i>y</i> +), <i>P</i> {=RS3}CB-0257-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_123095
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> {=RS3}CB-0321-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_123126
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS3}CB-5025-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_123418
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>Dp</i> (<i>y</i> +), <i>P</i> {=RS3}CB-5232-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_123520
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS3}CB-5607-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_123708
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS3}CB-6325-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_124049
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> {=RS3}CB-6332-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_124054
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS3}CB-6633-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_124151
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS3}CB-6668-3, <i>TM6C</i> , <i>Sb</i> [1]	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_124172
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>Dp</i> (<i>y</i> +), <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS3}CB-6769-3	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_124213
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS5}5-HA-1949	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_125491
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS5}5-HA-2386	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_125605
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS5}5-HA-3035	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_125780
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> [+ <i>mW.Scer</i> \FRT. <i>hs</i>]=RS5}5-SZ-3018	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_125839
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>Dp</i> (<i>y</i> +), <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS5}5-SZ-3099	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_125886
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS5}5-SZ-3126	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_125905
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS5}5-SZ-3272	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_125972
<i>w</i> [1118], <i>Dp</i> (<i>y</i> +), <i>P</i> { <i>w</i> =RS5}5-SZ-3273	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_125973
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<i>w[1118], Dp(y+), P{w=RS5}5-SZ-3717</i>	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_126201
<i>w[1118], P{w=RS5}5-SZ-3903</i>	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_126206
<i>w[1118], P{w=RS5}5-SZ-3954</i>	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_126251
<i>y[1] w[*]; Mi{y[+mDint2]=MIC}MI07218</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_43615
<i>y[1] w[*]; Mi{y[+mDint2]=MIC}MI04015</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_36936
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<i>y[1] w[*]; Mi{y[+mDint2]=MIC}MI13177/TM3, Sb[1, Ser[1]</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_58655
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<i>Df(1) y ac, w 1118 Flp22 ; Act5C-N-CD8 dGFP[>] C-RFP</i>	Griffin et al. 2009	N/A
<i>Df(1) y ac, w 1118 Flp22 ; Act5C-N-CD8 dRFP[>]CGFP</i>	Griffin et al. 2009	N/A
<i>hsflp y[1] w[1118] P{ry[+t7.2]=70FLP}3F Dp(1;Y)y[+]; TM2 / TM6C, Sb[1]</i>	Kyoto Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:DGGR_150540
<i>eyflp</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_5621
<i>Df(3L)H99, kni[ri-1] p[p] (ΔRHG in the text)</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_1576
<i>xrp1^{M2-73}</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_81270
<i>mTor^{ΔP}</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_7014
<i>en-Gal4</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_1973
<i>UAS-Xrp1-i (107860)</i>	VDRC Stock Center	RRID:VDRC ID_107860
<i>eye-gal4, UAS-Flp</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_6343
<i>UAS-Rpl26-HA</i>	FlyORF	N/A
<i>fwe^{DB56}FRT80B</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_51610
<i>hsflp;; arm-LacZ, FRT80B</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_6341
<i>hsflp;; ubi-GFP, FRT80B</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	N/A
<i>UAS-fwe-A</i>	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center	RRID:BDSC_51611
<i>UAS-fwe-ubi</i>	Rhiner et al 2010	N/A
Software and Algorithms		
Fiji	https://fiji.sc	RRID:SCR_002285
Excel	Microsoft Excel 2016	N/A
GraphPad Prism 7 Project	GraphPad	RRID:SCR_002798

1. Fly maintenance, husbandry, transgene expression and clones' induction

Strains of *Drosophila melanogaster* were maintained on standard medium (4% glucose, 55 g/L yeast, 0.65% agar, 28 g/L wheat flour, 4 ml/L propionic acid and 1.1 g/L nipagin) at 25°C in light/dark cycles of 12 hours. The sex of experimental larvae was not considered relevant to this study and was not determined. The strains used in this study are summarized in the Key Resources Table (Table M1). Details of egg layings and clone induction are reported below for each set of experiment.

1.1. Recombination between RS-FRTs *in trans* and recombination efficiency

From the DrosDel collection (Ryder et al., 2004, 2007), we selected RS (Rearrangement Screening) FRTs inserted in intergenic regions that were either RS3(-) or RS5(+) (Table M2). Each RS element carries a functional *mini-white* gene (possessing the same ORF as the *white+*) with an FRT cassette placed within the first intron of the gene (Figure M1). In addition, they carry a second FRT in the same orientation as the first one either upstream (RS3) or downstream (RS5) of the *mini-white* exons. As a result, should they undergo a Flip-out, the remaining RS5 construct (RS5r) will carry the 5'-exon of the *mini-white* gene, while the RS3 the six 3'-exons (RS3r). In addition, each remaining element will be flanked on one side by a single FRT site. Each *yw;;RS FRT* (red-eyed) line was crossed with *yw hsflp/Dp(1;Y)y+;;TM2/TM6C* flies (white-eyed) and kept at 25°C. These crosses were allowed to lay eggs for 24 h and the larvae were heat-shocked at 72 h after egg laying (AEL) at 37°C for 1 h. *yw,hsflp;;RS FRT/TM6C* males were then selected. These flies are mosaics and will display either white eyes, if the flip-out was very efficient, or white clones in the eyes. They will carry either the RS (bringing the whole *white+* gene) or the RSr (bringing a truncated *white+* gene) FRT in the germline. Since each flip-out event that occurred in the germline is independent, single white-eyed *y,w,hsflp;;RSr FRT/TM6C* males were crossed again with *y,w,hsflp;;TM2/TM6C* flies. *y,w,hsflp;;RSr FRT/TM6C* white-eyed males and females were finally selected and crossed to establish the stock. Two independent stocks for each position were therefore established. By crossing flies bearing RS3r(-) and RS5r(+)FRTs (where RS3r is more proximal and RS5r more distal respect to the centromere on the 3L), the *white* gene will be reconstituted upon FLP induction on the chromosome bearing the segmental trisomy (Figure R2B). As controls, we crossed flies bearing RS3r(-) and RS5r(+)FRTs in the same location (78F3, Figure R3A). We set up the screening this way because monosomies are notoriously more deleterious than trisomies, and we wanted to recover the maximum number of clones possible in order not to underestimate efficiency. It is important to point out that this setup does not allow differential marking of G1 from G2 products of recombination, therefore both euploid and aneuploid cells will be marked in red. This allows the detection of recombination events even if aneuploidy is deleterious for the cell. For the acute induction, 19 combinations of *y,w,hsflp;;RS3r/TM6C* and *y,w,hsflp;RS5r/TM6C* were kept at 25°C, allowed to lay eggs for 24 h and heat-shocked at 38°C for 1 h either at 72 h or 96 h AEL (Figure M2A). Each cross was performed in at least two independent replicates. *y,w,hsflp;;RS3r/RS5r* adults were screened for clones in the eye. Population

Coverage (number of eyes with clones with respect to the total number of eyes examined) and Eye Coverage (percentage of the eye area covered by clones) were measured. For the chronic induction, *yw,eyflp;;RS3r/TM6B* females were crossed with *yw;RS5r/TM6C* males, allowed to lay eggs for 24 h, and the eggs were kept at 25°C until adults emerged. Population and Eye Coverage in *yw,eyflp;;RS3r/RS5r* adults was measured. A minimum of 28 eyes and a maximum of 186 were screened for each genotype and condition.

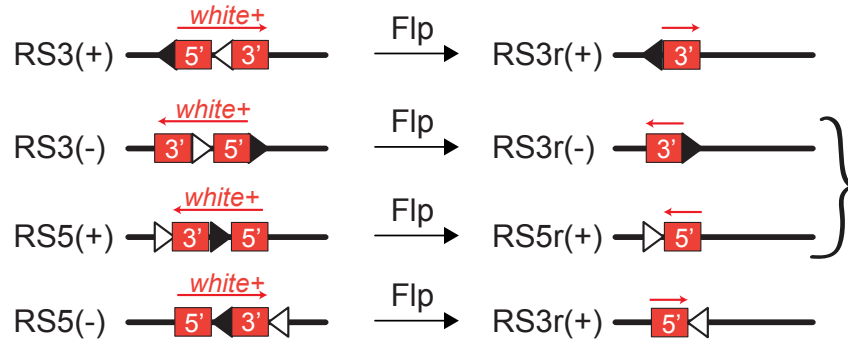


Figure M1. RS FRTs lines. The different orientation of FRTs and nomenclature is indicated. In this work we have combines RS3(-) and RS5(+) lines.

Table M2. RS5 and RS3 lines

FRT type	Line ID	Origin	insertion	orientation respect to chr
Rs5(+)	126198	DGRC	70E1	+
Rs5(+)	126092	DGRC	72B2	+
Rs5(+)	125905	DGRC	73B1	+
Rs5(+)	126251	DGRC	73E5	+
Rs5(+)	126206	DGRC	75A4	+
Rs5(+)	125973	DGRC	77C1	+
Rs5(+)	125605	DGRC	78F3	+
Rs5(+)	125886	DGRC	78D5	+
Rs5(+)	126103	DGRC	79A2	+
Rs5(+)	126201	DGRC	79A4	+
Rs5(+)	123975	DGRC	80C2	+
Rs3(-)	124054	DGRC	70C6	+
Rs3(-)	123520	DGRC	70E5	+
Rs3(-)	123418	DGRC	71B1	+
Rs3(-)	123026	DGRC	71E1	+
Rs3(-)	123095	DGRC	73D1	+
Rs3(-)	124049	DGRC	75F7	+
Rs3(-)	124213	DGRC	77E4	+
Rs3(-)	123708	DGRC	78C9	+
Rs3(-)	124172	DGRC	78F3	+
Rs3(-)	124151	DGRC	79A4	+

1.2. Recombination between RS-FRTs *in cis* and generation of segmental monosomies

We generated a collection of recombinant fly lines bearing 21 different combinations of RS5r and RS3r-FRTs located in the same chromosome (*in cis*), where RS5r is more proximal to the centromere and RS3r more distal on the 3L (*RS3r RS5r*, Table M3). To generate flies bearing RS5r and RS3r-FRTs *in cis* we let females heterozygous for the two RSr-FRTs egg laying with *y,w,eyflp;; FRT82B/TM6B* males for 24 h. From this cross, we selected *y,w,eyflp;;RS5r RS3r/TM6B* males, recognized by the fact that they presented red clones in the eyes, sign that they had inherited from the female a chromosome resulting from meiotic recombination where both FRTs were present. These males were then crossed separately with *y,w,hsflp;;TM2/TM6C* flies and *y,w,eyflp;; FRT82B/TM6B* females to establish *y,w,hsflp;; RS3r RS5r/TM6C* and *y,w,eyflp;; RS3r RS5r/TMB* stocks respectively. Then, we used these lines to generate segmental monosomies.

Table M3. Recombinant *RSr3 RSr5* lines

Genotype		Label	Pos RS3	Pos RS5	RS3 DGRC ID	RS5 DGRC ID	RS3 nt	RS5 nt	Diff(bp)	Mb	N genes
<i>eyflp; 73-75</i>	<i>hsflp; 73-75</i>	73-75	73D1	75A4	123095	126206	16800857	17850544	1049687	1,049687	166
<i>eyflp; 70-72B2</i>	<i>hsflp; 70-72B2</i>	70-72B2	70E5	72B2	123520	126092	14625700	15948261	1322561	1,322561	204
<i>eyflp; 71-73B1</i>	<i>hsflp; 71-73B1</i>	71-73B1	71E1	73B1	123026	125905	15525670	16605347	1079677	1,079677	247
<i>eyflp; 77-78</i>	<i>hsflp; 77-78</i>	77-78	77E4	78F3	124213	125605	20723348	21815069	1091721	1,091721	247
<i>eyflp; 70E5-72D9</i>	<i>hsflp; 70E5-72D9</i>	70E5-72D9	70E5	72D9	123520	125972	14625700	16157381	1531681	1,531681	256
<i>eyflp; 77-79</i>	<i>hsflp; 77-79</i>	77-79	77E4	79A4	124213	126201	20723348	21935345	1211997	1,211997	266
<i>eyflp; 75-77</i>	<i>hsflp; 75-77</i>	75-77	75F7	77C1	124049	125973	19094051	20394712	1300661	1,300661	272
<i>eyflp; 70C6-72B2</i>	<i>hsflp; 70C6-72B2</i>	70C6-72B2	70C6	72B2	124054	126092	13932268	15948261	2015993	2,015993	282
<i>eyflp; 71-73E5</i>	<i>hsflp; 71-73E5</i>	71-73E5	71E1	73E5	123026	126251	15525670	17042518	1516848	1,516848	324
<i>eyflp; 75A4-77</i>	<i>hsflp; 75A4-77</i>	75A4-77	75A4	77C1	124168	125973	17850477	20394712	2544235	2,544235	468
<i>eyflp; 70-73</i>	<i>hsflp; 70-73</i>	70-73	70C6	73E5	124054	126251	13932268	17042518	3110250	3,110250	537
<i>eyflp; 75-79</i>	<i>hsflp; 75-79</i>	75-79	75F7	79A4	124049	126201	19094051	21935345	2841294	2,841294	608
<i>eyflp; 66-70</i>	<i>hsflp; 66-70</i>	66-70	66E1	70E1	123215	126198	8820579	14530694	5710115	5,710115	619
<i>eyflp; 70-75</i>	<i>hsflp; 70-75</i>	70-75	70C6	75A4	124054	126206	13932268	17850544	3918276	3,918276	663
<i>eyflp; 75A4-78D5</i>	<i>hsflp; 75A4-78D5</i>	75A4-78D5	75A4	78D5	124168	125886	17850477	21526856	3676379	3,676379	708
<i>eyflp; 75A4-78F3</i>	<i>hsflp; 75A4-78F3</i>	75A4-78F3	75A4	78F3	124168	125605	17850477	21815069	3964592	3,964592	785
<i>eyflp; 73-79</i>	<i>hsflp; 73-79</i>	73-79	73D1	79A4	123095	126201	16800857	21935345	5134488	5,134488	970
<i>eyflp; 71-77</i>	<i>hsflp; 71-77</i>	71-77	71B1	77C1	123418	125973	15007510	20394712	5387202	5,387202	999
<i>eyflp; 70-77</i>	<i>hsflp; 70-77</i>	70-77	70C6	77C1	124054	125973	13932268	20394712	6462444	6,462444	1131
<i>eyflp; 70-78</i>	<i>hsflp; 70-78</i>	70-78	70C6	78D5	124054	125886	13932268	21526856	7594588	7,594588	1371
<i>eyflp; 70-79</i>	<i>hsflp; 70-79</i>	70-79	70C6	79A4	124054	126201	13932268	21935345	8003077	8,003077	1467
<i>eyflp; 70-80</i>	<i>hsflp; 70-80</i>	70-80	70C6	80C2	124054	123975	13932268	22991401	9059133	9,059133	1725

Upon FLP-induced recombination, the *white* gene will be reconstituted on the chromosome bearing the segmental monosomy (Figure R4A). For the acute induction, *y,w,hsflp;; RS5r RS3r/TM6C* flies were kept at 25°C, allowed to lay eggs for 6 h, and eggs were heat-shocked at 38°C for 1 h at 48 h AEL. For the chronic

induction, *y,w,eyflp;; RS5r RS3r/TM6B* flies were allowed to lay eggs for 24 h and the eggs were kept at 25°C until adults emerged (Figure M2B). Each cross was performed in a minimum of two until a maximum of 22 independent replicates. *y,w,hsflp;; RS3r RS5r/TM6C* and *w,eyflp;; RS3r RS5r/TM6C* adults were screened for clones in the eye. Population Coverage (number of eyes with clones with respect to the total number of eyes examined), Eye Coverage (percentage of the eye area covered by clones), and clone size (in number of ommatidia) were measured. To avoid quantifying fused clones, and therefore overestimating growth capacity, we took into consideration the reduced number of clones per eye as a strong argument that each clone originated from a single recombination event, and we measured clones that were clearly isolated from other red cells and followed a clear direction of growth in the tissue. A minimum of 7 eyes (for control intronic deletions that presented many clones per eye due to high recombination efficiency) to a maximum of 1086 were screened for each genotype and condition. Not all crosses were performed in parallel but the control 73-75 was always analyzed in parallel with all batches. A minimum of 28 clones and a maximum of 186 were quantified for each genotype and condition.

As control clones, we used 8 different RS-FRTs (RS5 and RS3-FRTs with a functional *mini-white* gene) located in the 3L region. These flies present red eyes, and a FLP-mediated recombination event will disrupt the *white* gene and produce clones of *white* mutant cells (Figure R4B, R6A,C,D, grey boxes). Due to the close proximity of the pair of FRTs, recombination is expected to be highly efficient. Thus, two different regimes were implemented in order to produce either a low number of recombination events and white clones in a red background (short heat-shock: 2-3 minutes at 36°C) or a large number of recombination events, thus labeling clones of cells where recombination did not occur in red (long heat-shock: 45 min-1 h at 38°C). Average size of euploid clones (independently of the regime) was roughly constant in the 8 original single RS-FRT-containing lines (Figure R6D). We noticed that the long heat-shock regime was more efficient in detecting small clones (labeled in dark grey in Figure R6D) than the short heat-shock regime (labeled in gray in Figure R6D), most probably because red clones in a *white* background are more visible and easier to detect. To check whether cell death and the Xrp1-mTor axis were involved in the out-competition of cells bearing segmental monosomies of the whole Region 1 (70C6-75A4), the whole Region 2 (75F7-79A4), or the Region 3 where *RpL26* is located (70C6-77C1, 73D1-79A4, 75A4-77C1), the corresponding *y,w,hsflp;; RS5r RS3r/TM6C* flies (for the acute induction) or *y,w,eyflp;; RS5r RS3r/TM6B* flies (for chronic induction) were crossed with *Df(H99)/TM3*, *Xrp1^{M2-73}/TM6B* and *mTor^{AP}/CyO* flies, allowed to lay eggs for 6 h and eggs were kept at 25°C until adults emerged. For the acute induction, larvae were heat-shocked at 38°C for 1 h at 48 h AEL. Clones of cells bearing a segmental monosomy of the genomic regions 73D1-75A4, which do not present any growth defect, and 66E1-70D1, which includes the three *Minute* genes *RpS17*, *RpS9* and *RpS4* were used as controls in these experiments. Genes included in each segmental monosomies are listed in Annex I.

1.3. Recombination between TSG-FRTs *in trans*: segmental monosomies, trisomies and translocations in imaginal tissues

The collection of RG-FRT and GR-FRT lines for Twin Spot Generator (TSG) was made by BestGene Inc (<https://www.thebestgene.com/>, California, USA) by PhiC31 Recombinase Mediated Cassette Exchange (RMCE). AWM-2attB-(N-GFP/FRT/C-RFP, GR) and/or AWM-2attB-(N-RFP/FRT/C-GFP, RG) hybrid constructs (Griffin et al, 2009) were injected into MiMIC lines (Table M4) selected at different intergenic positions on the 3L (69F1, 70A8, 72A1, 73A5, 75A1, 75F1, 76A3, 79A4, 80B1) and 3R (87A4, 89A1, 92F6) chromosome arms. For each position, 8 positive transgenic flies were isolated by loss of y+ marker and crossed with *TM3, Sb, Ser* to generate a balanced stock. For each individual line, the presence and orientation of the GR/RG cassette was confirmed by reverse PCR and sequence analysis with specific primers for each position. One stock with “plus” orientation of each position was selected for experiments. Flies bearing the *hsflp* construct and either one GR or RG construct were crossed with flies bearing the RG or GR construct (Table M4) to induce segmental aneuploidies in the region of choice. Flies were allowed to lay eggs for 6 h and larvae were heat-shocked at 48 h or 64 h AEL at 38°C for 1 h to produce aneuploidy and 5-10' for controls. As controls we used lines bearing GR and RG construct at the same genomic location (Figure R12A) which recombine at a much higher efficiency, therefore need weaker induction to produce separate clones. Wing discs and eye discs were dissected at 120 h AEL (Figure M2C). We quantified Clone Area (in μm^2) with ImageJ for non-fused clones in the epithelia from whole-z-stacks of the tissues. At least three independent replicates for each genotype were analyzed. Clone area from each genotype was normalized with respect to the average size of G1-derived euploid clone of the same genotype. This reduced variability caused by the site of the insertion that might affect the growth of the euploid controls and allowed us to visualize effects specifically due to aneuploidy.

Table M4. TSG-FRT bearing lines

FRT type	Line ID	Origin	insertion	orientation respect to chr
TSG GR	43615 (MiMIC)	BSDC	69F1	+
TSG RG	36936 (MiMIC)	BSDC	70A8	+
TSG GR	36936 (MiMIC)	BSDC	70A8	+
TSG RG	40163 (MiMIC)	BSDC	72A1	+
TSG RG	36406 (MiMIC)	BSDC	73A5	+
TSG GR	36406 (MiMIC)	BSDC	73A5	+
TSG RG	56571 (MiMIC)	BSDC	75A1	+
TSG GR	56571 (MiMIC)	BSDC	75A1	+
TSG GR	43044 (MiMIC)	BSDC	75F1	+
TSG RG	35938 (MiMIC)	BSDC	76A3	+
TSG RG	Griffin et al 2009	Perrimon lab	77C4	+
TSG GR	Griffin et al 2009	Perrimon lab	77C4	+
TSG GR	31404 (MiMIC)	BSDC	79A4	+
TSG GR	58655 (MiMIC)	BSDC	80B1	+

TSG GR	53833 (MiMIC)	BSDC	87A4	+
TSG RG	53833 (MiMIC)	BSDC	87A4	+
TSG GR	44927 (MiMIC)	BSDC	89A1	+
TSG GR	44869 (MiMIC)	BSDC	92F6	+

Genetic rescues with *Xrp1-i* to measure clone size were performed by generating recombinant *engrailed-gal4-UAS-Xrp1-i* flies and combining them with the *hsflp*, GR and RG constructs. We generated these flies by crossing females heterozygous for the *engrailed-gal4(w+)*, in which the mini-white rescue gives an orange eye color, and the *UAS-Xrp1-i(y+)* transgenes with *y,w; If/CyO-GFP* flies. We isolated *y,w; engrailed-gal4-UAS-Xrp1-i/CyO-GFP* recombinant males by selecting males with orange eyes and normal body color and used them to construct *y,w; engrailed-gal4-UAS-Xrp1-i/CyO-GFP; TSG-FRT/TM6B* stocks, with GR or RG constructs on the third chromosome. Rescues with *UAS-Xrp1-i* and clones induced acutely were performed by crossing these recombinant flies with *hsflp;;TSG-FRTs/TM6B* flies with the GR or RG construct of interest. Rescues with *UAS-Xrp1-i* and clones induced chronically were performed by crossing *y,w; engrailed-gal4-UAS-Xrp1-i/CyO-GFP; TSG-FRT/TM6B* with *UAS-flp/CyO-GFP;TSG-FRT/TM6B* flies. Rescues with *UAS-miRHG(w+)* were performed by recombining this construct with the *UAS-flp(w+)* construct, which both give the fly an orange eye color. Heterozygous females for *UAS-miRHG(w+)* and *UAS-flp(w+)* were crossed with *w; If/CyO-GFP* males. We isolated *y,w; UAS-miRHG,UAS-flp/CyO-GFP* recombinant males by selecting males with red eyes, since color of the mini-white construct often gives an additive phenotype where two copies of the gene result in darker color than one single copy. *Engrailed-Gal4/CyO-GFP;TSG-FRT/TM6B* flies were then crossed by *UAS-miRHG,UAS-flp/CyO-GFP;TSG-FRT/TM6B* flies. Rescues with *UAS-Rpl26* and *UAS-fwe* were performed in the eye primordium by combining these constructs with *eyeless-gal4-UAS-flp* flies, and the GR and RG constructs.

UAS-Rpl26 flies were generated by phiC31-mediated integration, in the FlyORF Drosophila Injection Service (<https://www.flyorf-injection.ch/>, Zurich, Switzerland). The pGW-Rpl26-3xHA.attB plasmid (F002737, FlyORF) was injected into the *phiC31; attP40* strain (position 25C-2L). Transgenic flies were identified by the gain of *y+*, crossed with the *y,w* strain to establish the stock, and balanced with *y,w; Gla/SM6a*.

Genes included in each segmental monosomies and trisomies are listed in Annex I.

1.4. Generation of *fwe* mutant clones

Control and mutant clones were generated by heat-shocking *hsflp;; arm-LacZ, FRT80B, / ubi-GFP, FRT80B*, flies and *hsflp;; arm-LacZ, FRT80B / fwe^{DB56}, FRT80B*, larvae, respectively, at 70h AEL for 45 minutes and at 38°C. Larvae were collected from egg layings of 6-12h. Wing discs were dissected at 120h AEL.

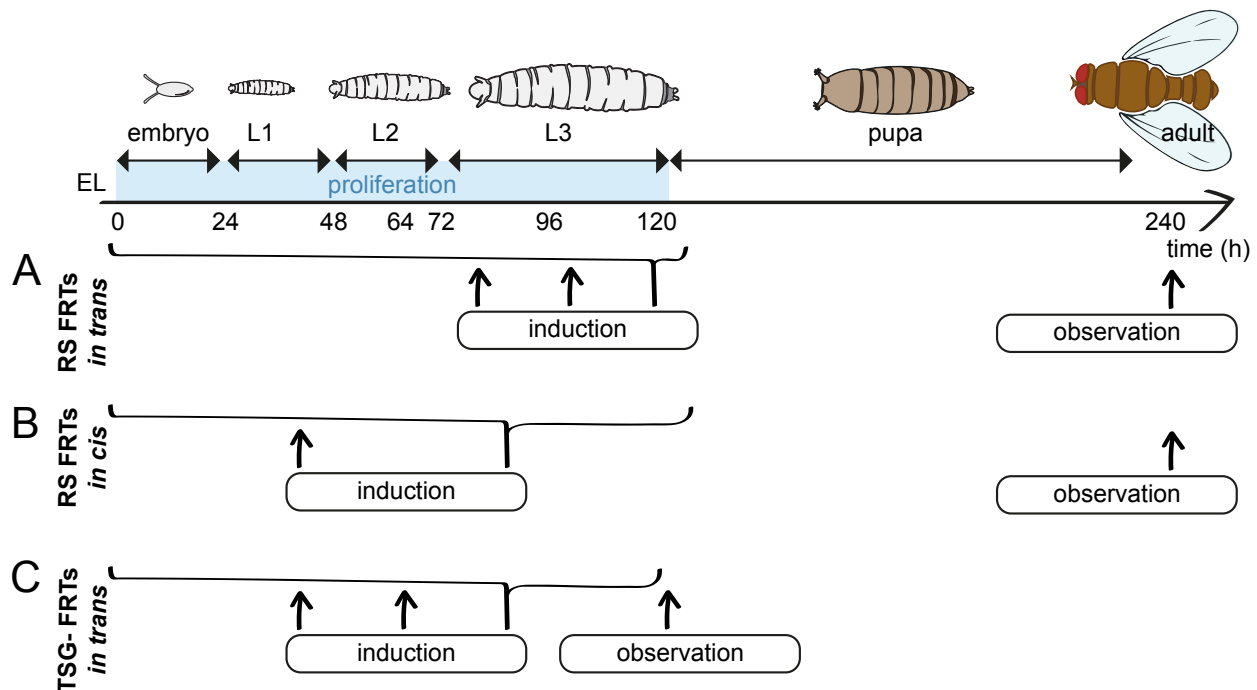


Figure M2. Protocol of clones' induction according to the experiment. Life cycle of *Drosophila* according to time (hours) after egg laying (EL) is shown on top. The blue bar indicates the phases where tissues grow and cells proliferate. After pupariation cell proliferation stops. Arrows indicate acute induction while the bracket indicates chronic induction.

2. Immunohistochemistry and microscopy

2.1. Immunohistochemistry

Late third instar larvae (120 h after egg laying) were selected, and wing and eye imaginal discs were dissected in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS), fixed for 20 min in 4% formaldehyde in PBS, washed in PBS with 0.2% Triton X-100, blocked in PBS with 0.3% BSA, 0.2% Triton X-100 and stained with antibodies diluted in PBS with 0.3% BSA, 0.2% Triton X-100. Primary and secondary antibodies are summarized in the Key Resources Table (Table M1).

2.2. Microscopy

A Zeiss LSM780 Spectral Confocal Microscope was used to obtain high-resolution images of larval imaginal discs bearing clones. Z-stacks were acquired using a 40x oil immersion objective. The most representative image(s) is shown in all experiments. At least 20 imaginal discs per genotype were imaged. An Olympus MVX10 Macroscopic was used to take images of adult eyes bearing clones. Image acquisition was done at 6.2X magnification. The EFI (Extended Focus Image) technology in the Cell program allowed us to take 8-10 photos of different planes in a width of 0.20-0.30 mm for each eye and merge them into one image. The most representative image is shown in all experiments. At least 15 eyes per genotype were imaged.

3. Quantification and Statistical Analysis

3.1. Clones in the adult eye

Fiji [National Institute of Health (NIH) Bethesda, MD] was used to process images and manually count the Eye Coverage or number of ommatidia for each clone. For Eye Coverage, for each eye, red area and total eye area was measured. The ratio is represented as percentage in Figure R3C R5D. For number of ommatidia, due to the non-normal distribution of the Clonal Area (probably due to the biology of the tissue and the differentiation wave, which stops proliferation starting from 72 h AEL), we performed ANOVA on logarithmically transformed data. To analyze the impact on growth (Figure 6-11), batches of different crosses were performed where the 73-75 monosomy was always used in parallel as a control. Log-transformed values were used to determine statistical significance of differences between Monosomies and Control groups using Mixed Linear Models with ID as random effect. Dunnet multiple contrasts for statistical significance of each ID vs Control were done using the glht function, and pvalues were adjusted using Benjamini-Hochberg. In the genetic interaction experiments (Figure R9, 11) all crosses for each interaction were performed in parallel. Differences were considered significant when p values were less than 0.001 (***), 0.01 (**), or 0.05 (*). Mean values and standard deviations were calculated and the corresponding statistical analysis and graphical representations were carried out with GraphPad Prism 7.0 statistical software.

3.2. Wing disc clones

Fiji [National Institute of Health (NIH) Bethesda, MD] was used for image processing and measuring the size of single clones. Image stacks for a given number of wing discs were obtained using a 40X oil immersion objective with 1.5 μm per optical section to cover the entire thickness of each disc. Statistical analysis was generally performed by ANOVA either on Area (in μm^2) or Area normalized by average Area of euploid clones (absolute value). Differences were considered significant when p values were less than 0.001 (***), 0.01 (**), or 0.05 (*). All genotypes included in each histogram were analyzed in parallel. Mean values and standard deviations were calculated and the corresponding statistical analysis and graphical representations were carried out with GraphPad Prism 7.0 statistical software.

Results

1. The FLP/FRT system can be employed to generate segmental aneuploidies in epithelial tissues in *Drosophila*

1.1. The FLP/FRT system can be used efficiently *in trans* until at least 7.5 Mb

In order to generate molecularly-defined segmental aneuploidies we employed the FLP/FRT system, a sequence-specific recombination system very similar to the Cre/Lox technique used in mice. The FLP/FRT recombination system was commutated from yeast for the use in *Drosophila* many years ago (Golic & Lindquist, 1989) and is composed by two specific DNA sequences with orientation (Flippase Recognition Targets, FRTs) that are recognized and recombined by the Flp recombinase (Figure R1).

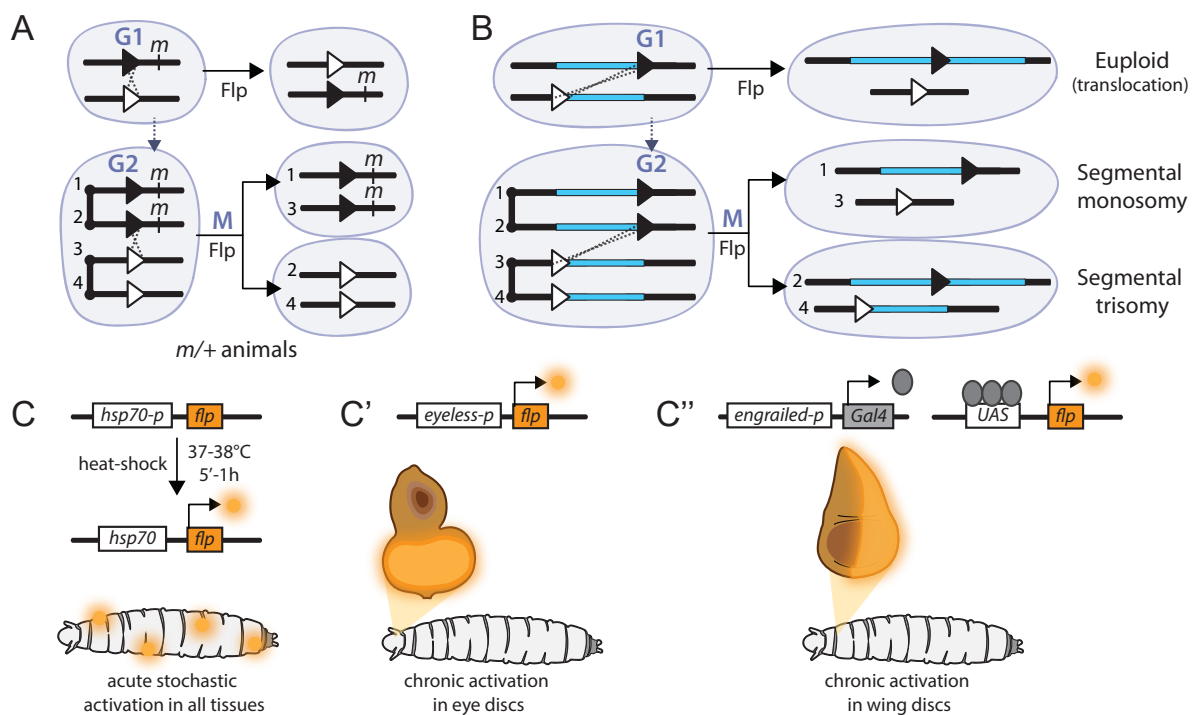


Figure R1. The FLP/FRT system can be used *in trans* to generate segmental aneuploidies *in vivo* in larval tissues of *Drosophila*. (A) FRTs in trans to generate homozygous mutant cells (*m/m*) in heterozygous mutant animals (*m/+*) upon G2-recombination events. FRTs are represented as triangles and recombination between FRTs is represented as two crossed dotted lines. Sister chromatids in G2 are represented as connected through a line. Upon mitosis (M) sister chromatids will segregate apart from each other. (B) FRTs in trans at a certain distance to generate segmental aneuploid cells upon G2- and euploid translocation upon G1-recombination events. The region comprehended between the FRTs is highlighted in blue and is going to be present in one and three copies respectively in the two daughter cells resulting from G2-recombination events. (C) Induction of the Flp enzyme (represented in orange) through a heat-shock dependent promoter (*hsp70-p*) in larval stages will result in stochastic expression of the Flp in all the larval tissue for the time of the heat shock (from 5' to 1h). (C') Chronic induction of the Flp in the eye disc through an eye-specific promoter (*eyeless-p*). (C'') Induction of the Flp through the binary system GAL4/UAS, in this case shown with a promoter specific for the posterior side of the larval wing disc epithelium (*engrailed-p*). Later on indicated as *en>flp*.

This system has been widely used to engineer *Drosophila*'s genome in multiple ways and in particular to induce mitotic recombination and generate genetic mosaics. Recombination in somatic tissues is possible in *Drosophila* thanks to the fact that, unlike in mammals, homologous chromosomes experience pairing in somatic cells (Metz, 1916; Csink & Henikoff, 1998). The outcomes of recombination vary depending on the phase of the cell cycle in which it occurs. Mitotic recombination in the G2 phase of the cell cycle between FRTs placed in the same location and orientation in homologous chromosomes (*in trans*) that carry constructs in heterozygosis can give rise to clones of genetically distinct cells (Figure R1A). Specifically, twin clones, each homozygous for one of the two constructs that were originally in heterozygosis, will arise. Instead, recombination in the G1 phase of the cell cycle will give rise to cells that are genetically identical to their progenitors (Figure R1A). Recombination between FRTs *in trans* has been widely used in cell lineage experiments or analysis of gene function at the cellular level (Griffin et al., 2014). What makes this system extremely modular is that the induction of the clones can be thoroughly controlled both in a time- and tissue-specific manner by regulating the expression of the Flp. In this work, we will induce expression of the Flp in larval tissues either acutely or chronically through development. For acute induction, we will use the Flp enzyme under the control of the heat-shock-dependent promoter *hsp70* (*hsflp* construct) (Figure R1C). In this case, clones of recombinant cell will form stochastically across all body tissues, with their frequency determined by recombination efficiency, which depends on the duration of the heat shock and the developmental stage. In fact, inducing recombination earlier in development leads to a lower likelihood of successful recombination events because fewer cells are present at that stage. For chronic induction, we will use the Flp under the control of an eye specific promoter (*eyflp*, Figure R1C') and under the control of the Gal4-UAS system (Figure R1C''). The Gal4-UAS system is a binary genetic system (Brand & Perrimon, 1993) composed by the activator of transcription Gal4 under the control of a tissue-specific promoter and its responder sequence UAS, followed by the gene of interest (*UAS-Flp*). The combination of the two elements will result in overexpression of the Flp in the tissue of choice, in this work eye or wing discs (Figure R1C''). In order to produce clones of cells bearing segmental aneuploidies, we thought to engineer the two FRTs in the same orientation but in different locations along the two homologous chromosomes (Figure R1B). When such FRTs recombine, two chromosomes will be generated: one bearing a duplication and the other bearing a deletion between the FRTs. Segregation of these chromosomes during mitosis will give rise to either aneuploid or euploid daughter cells depending on the phase of the cell cycle when the recombination happened (Figure R1B). After a recombination event in G2, the two recombinant chromosomes (2 and 3 in Figure R1B) will segregate apart from each other together with a normal chromosome (1 and 4 in Figure R1B), therefore producing two daughter cells that are aneuploid, one with the chromosome bearing the deletion (segmental monosomy) and the other one with the chromosome bearing the same region duplicated (segmental trisomy). After recombination in G1, the two recombinant chromosomes will segregate together therefore producing two daughters that remain euploid but carry a translocation of the region between the two FRTs from one homologous chromosome to the other (Figure R1B). All the recombination events described are not the only ones that can happen, but the only ones that modify the genotype of the daughter cells. Furthermore, and

especially in the case of chronic induction, it is possible that recombination events happen again in the daughter cells. It is important to take into account that products of G2-recombination events are stable and will keep the same genotype even if they recombine again. To the contrary, G1-recombination products can recombine again in G2 and therefore produce genetically distinct daughter cells.

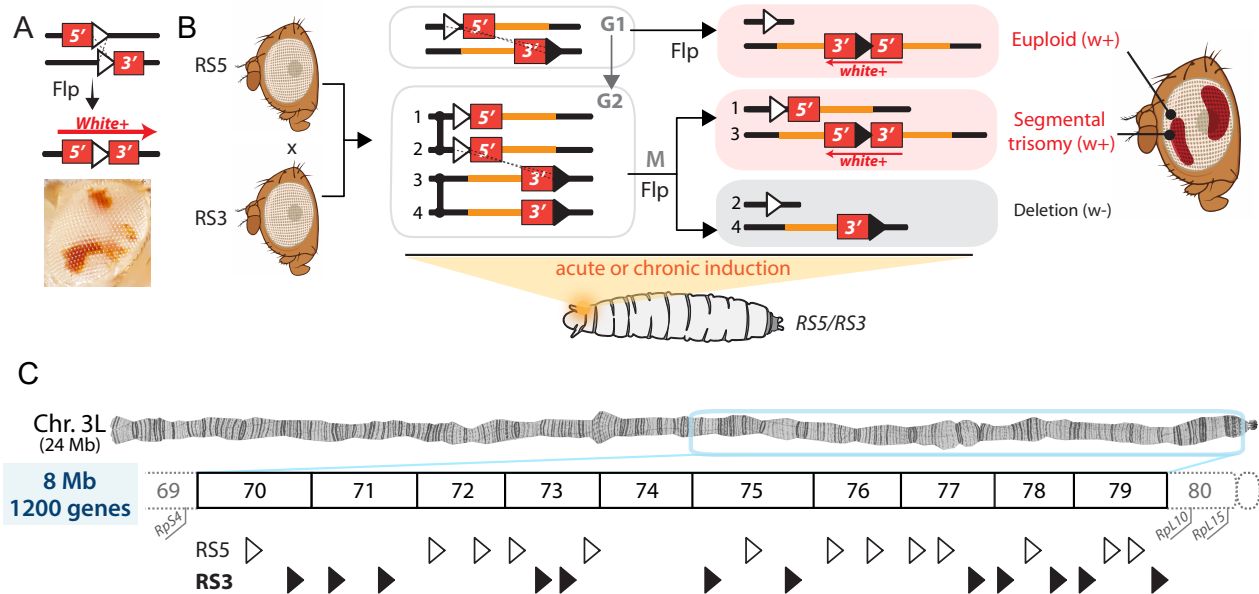


Figure R2. The RS FRTs collection as a way to monitor recombination efficiency between distant FRTs. (A) The RS5 bearing the 5' and the RS3 bearing the 3' segment of the *white+* gene coding sequence flanking the FRT sequence reconstitute the *white+* sequence upon recombination. The cells where recombination is induced will be red colored. **(B)** Protocol of clones induction for screening until what distance two FRTs can recombine. White-eyed RS5 and RS3-bearing flies were crossed and the clones were induced in the resulting RS5/RS3 larvae either acutely with *hsflp* or chronically with *eyflp*. The pairs of FRTs chosen are oriented in such a fashion that the *white+* gene is reconstructed on the chromosome bearing the duplication of the segment between the FRTs (highlighted in orange). For clarity, FRTs included in the RS5 construct are represented as white triangles while FRTs in the RS3 construct in black, even if the sequence is identical. **(C)** The FRTs used for the screening are located in a region of the left arm of the 3rd chromosome (3L) which is 8 Mb long and includes around 1200 genes. Genomic locations are identified through the cytological position that for the region selected range from 69 (more distal to the centromere) to 80 (more proximal). Previously reported haploinsufficient genes outside of this region are represented in gray (*RpS4* in 69F6, *RpL10* in 80D1 and *RpL15* in 80F9).

FRTs *in trans* at a different genomic location have been used to generate small deletions or duplications (Ryder et al., 2007) but never to induce larger imbalances, which is the first objective of this thesis. In order to monitor how effective is the Flp to mediate recombination of distant FRTs *in trans*, we used the *Drosophila* eye primordium and pairs of a special type of FRTs (RS-FRTs). The eye primordium is a monolayered epithelial tissue that grows exponentially during larval development to give rise to the adult eye, and RS-FRTs are pairs of FRTs that are flanked by either the 5'- or 3'- sequence of the *white* gene, which is responsible for the red pigmentation of the eye. When RS-FRTs recombine with each other, they reconstitute the *white* sequence (Golic & Golic, 1996; Ryder et al., 2004) thus labeling daughter cells in red in an otherwise *white* mutant background (Figure R2A). We used 25 different RS-FRTs lines in 19 different combinations *in trans* (Figure R2C-F) placed at a distance spanning from 0 to 7.5 Mb, and located in the region 70-79 of chromosome 3L, which is the biggest region in *Drosophila* genome devoid of previously reported haploinsufficient and triplosensitive loci (Lindsley et al., 1972; Marygold et al., 2007). In this thesis we will mainly work with this region to avoid interference from previously described dosage-sensitive genes in the phenotypes analyzed. For

this screening, we engineered the RS-FRTs in such a way that the *white* gene will be reconstituted on the chromosome bearing the segmental trisomy. It is important to point out that in this set up both euploid and aneuploid products of recombination will be marked in red (Figure R2B) so that, even if aneuploidy is deleterious for the cell, we would still be able to detect recombination events. Recombination between RS-FRTs was induced acutely with the *hsflp* construct by heat-shocking at 38°C for 1h third instar larvae at various developmental points (48, 72 and 96h after egg laying, AEL), or chronically with the *eyflp* construct which drives FLP expression throughout the development of the growing eye primordium (Figure M2A). As a proxy for recombination frequency, we quantified the percentage of eyes with clones (Population Coverage) and, in those eyes presenting clones, the percentage of eye area covered by red clones (Eye Coverage).

As expected, frequency of recombination between two RS-FRTs *in trans* was highest when recombination was induced chronically with *eyflp* with a 100% of eyes presenting clones in most of the cases (Figure R3 A,B). Recombination frequency increased with the developmental time of acute induction, being lower when clones were induced at 72h AEL (with a 100% of eyes presenting clones for the closest pairs of FRTs and 22.8% for the furthest) and higher when clones were induced at 96h AEL (with a 100% of eyes presenting clones for the closest pairs of FRTs and 32.5% for the furthest). As previously mentioned, this is a consequence of the increase in the size of the eye primordium which means an increased number of cells and results in an increased probability of some of them to undergo a recombination event. Furthermore, recombination efficiency decreased with the distance between the two RS-FRTs (Figure R3 A-C). We can notice that Eye Coverage decreases at lower distances respect to Population Coverage. This is particularly evident when looking at clones induced with *eyflp*. This makes sense considering that, when efficiency decreases, we may observe less fused clones which would be reflected in a smaller Eye Coverage but still the same Population Coverage. Furthermore, this could also be due to a decreased fitness of the recombination products. However, considering that in this set up we cannot distinguish triploid from euploid cells (Figure R2B), and that with *eyflp* we don't know at which time point each clone has been induced, we cannot draw any conclusions on a possible effect of increasing distance between FRTs on cell fitness.

The observed distance-independent subtle variations in frequency might be a consequence of differences in the efficiency of the corresponding FRTs (effect of the insertion), gene or region-specific effects. We noted, for example, that the FRT insertion located in 75F7 was not working as efficiently as others as in all combinations tested presented a much lower Population Coverage and Eye Coverage than other combinations comparable in size. For instance, Population Coverage with chronic induction was 100% for all combinations tested (Figure R3B) except for combinations including the FRT inserted in 75F7 such as 75A4-75F7 (1.2Mb), 73B1-75F7 (2.5Mb) and 70E1-75F7 (4.5Mb) for which it was 94.4%, 75.3% and 77% respectively. Moreover, we can also notice that these three combinations have lower Eye Coverage than combinations of similar or bigger size (1.6%, 0.6% and 0.5% respectively, Figure R3C).

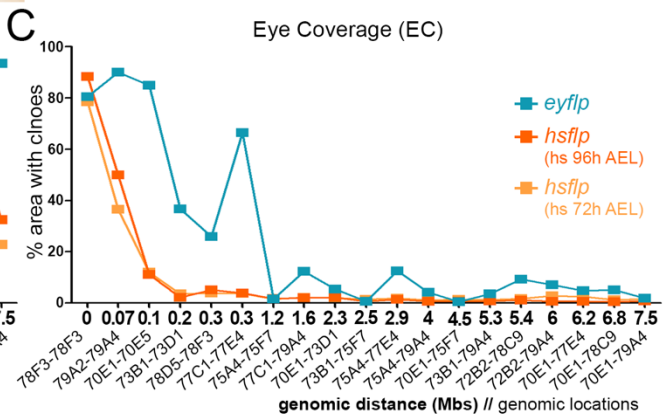
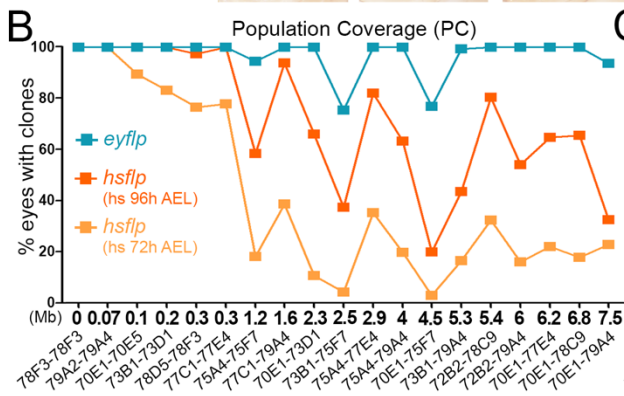
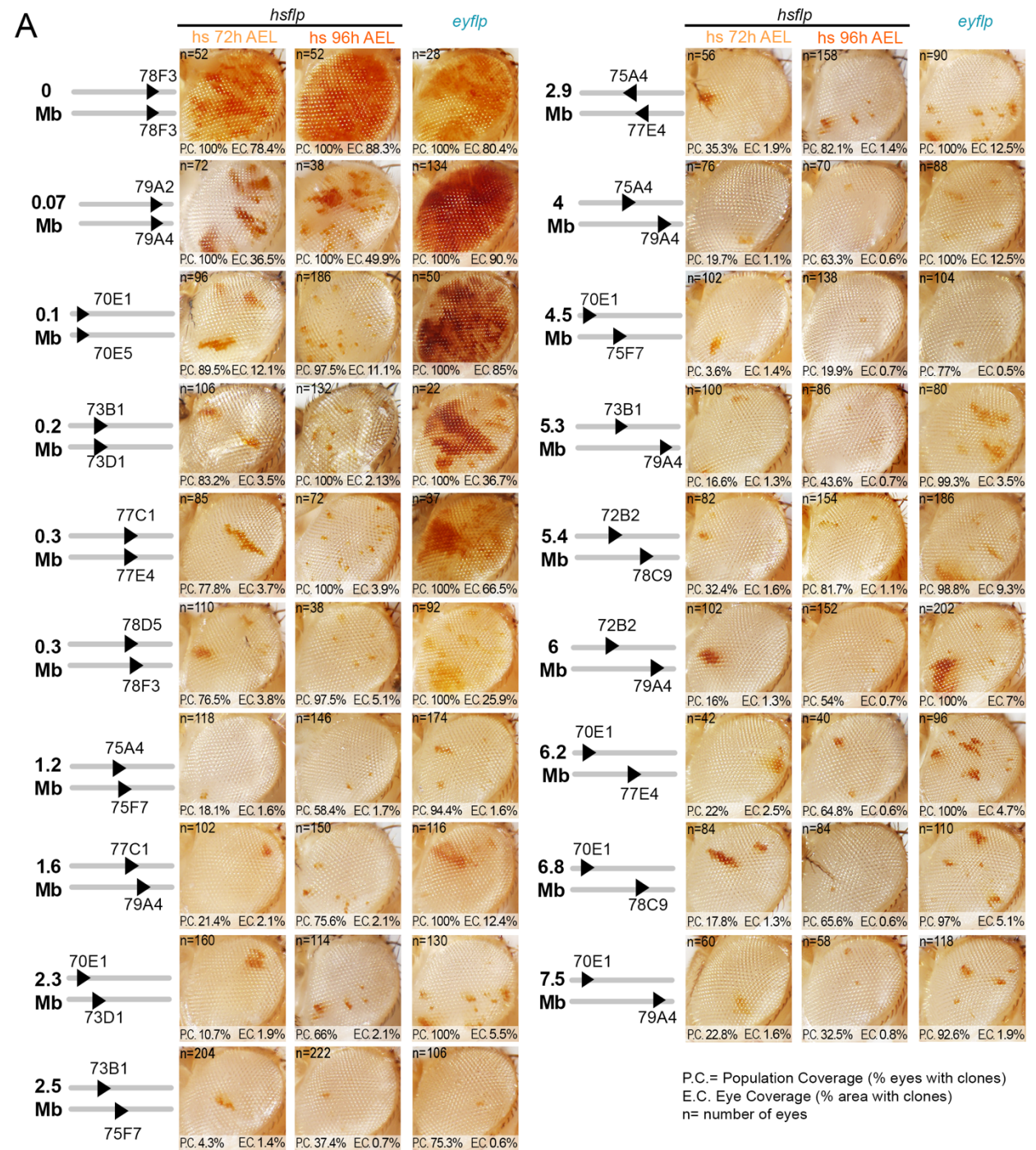


Figure R3. Recombination efficiency between FRTs in trans decreases with distance but happens until 7.5 Mb. (A) Macroscopic images of adult eyes where clones were induced between the 19 pairs of FRTs at a distance spanning from 0 to 7.5 Mb either acutely with *hsflp* at 72h after egg laying (AEL, in light orange), 96h AEL (dark orange) or *eyflp* (blue). For each genotype and condition, the number of eyes screened is reported, as well as Population Coverage (P.C.), the % of eyes with clones, and Eye Coverage (E.C.), the % of area with clones, that are plotted in **B** and **C** respectively. (B-C) The distance in Mb and the cytological locations of the two FRTs are indicated for each combination. Average is shown.

Most importantly, recombination still occurred between RS-FRTs located 7.5 Mb apart and comprehending up to 1200 genes, which corresponds to roughly 12% of the *Drosophila* genome and an average human chromosome. In other words, aneuploidies of at least 7.5 Mb and 1200 genes can be generated with the FLP-FRT system. These results indicate that the FLP/FRT system is a highly efficient tool to be used *in trans* to generate segmental aneuploidies of different sizes in a growing epithelium.

1.2. The FLP/FRT system can be used efficiently *in cis* until at least 9.1 Mb

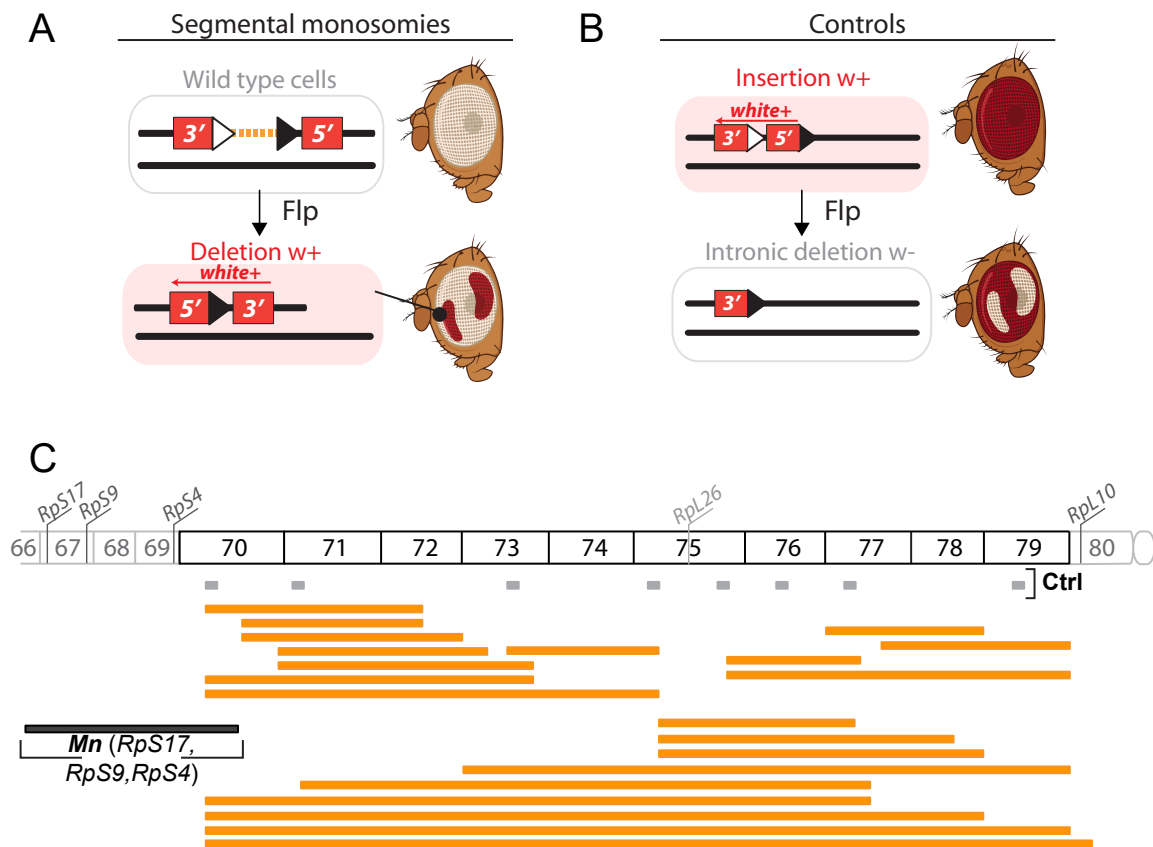


Figure R4. The FLP/FRT system with RS FRTs in cis to generate a collection of monosomies positively marked in the adult eye of *Drosophila*. (A) RS5 and RS3 are engineered *in cis* along the same chromosome to give rise to *white+* marked cells bearing a deletion (segmental monosomies) of the segment comprehended between the FRTs (dotted orange line) in a wild type tissue. (B) White clones bearing a deletion of a segment of the *white* gene were used as controls. The lines used to generate these clones are the original RS-FRT lines from which we derived the RS5 and RS3 constructs represented in **A** and in Figure R3 (more details in Materials and Methods). (C) Map of the collection of 27 lines bearing the FRTs *in cis* at the location indicated. Segmental monosomies to characterize are represented in orange. Control lines bearing the construct represented in **B** are shown in light grey. A line where the FRTs are flanking known haploinsufficient genes (*Rps17*, *Rps9* and *Rps4*) is used as negative control and is represented in dark grey. The *Rpl26* gene in 75E4 is shown in light grey as possible unreported haploinsufficient gene.

We then used the RS-FRTs to generate a collection of segmental monosomies that could be labeled in red and monitored in the eye epithelia. The FLP/FRT system has been previously reported to be a highly efficient tool to generate segmental monosomies when located in the same chromosome (*in cis*) at a distance of up to 8.5 Mb apart (Ji et al., 2021). Differently from what happens with FRTs *in trans*, recombination between two FRTs *in cis* always generates a segmental monosomy, independently of the phase of the cell cycle in which the recombination happens (Figure R4A). We generated 21 recombinant lines (Figure R4C) bearing different combinations of FRTs at a distance spanning from 1 to 9.1 Mb and 166 to 1725 genes, respectively.

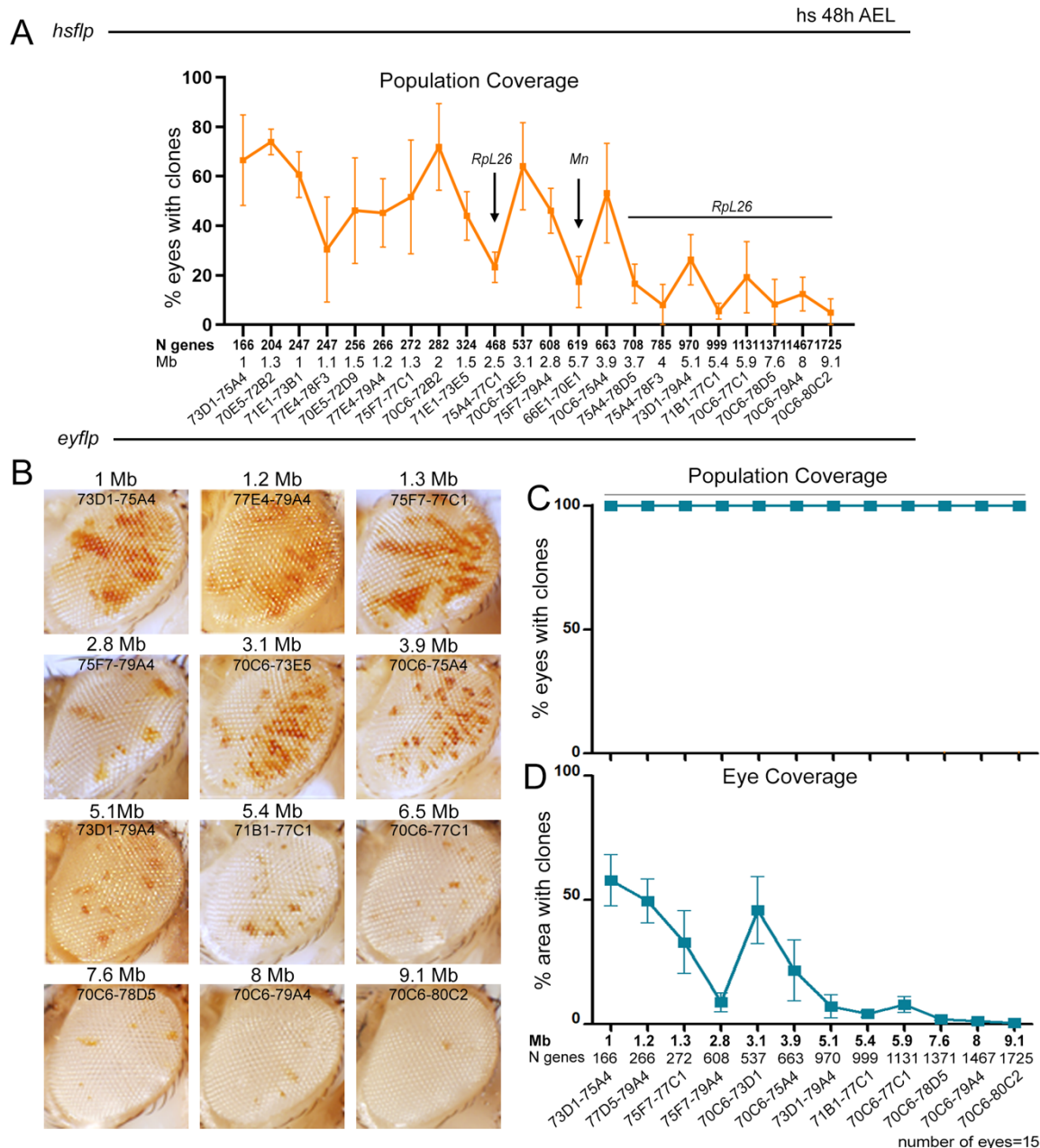


Figure R5. Recombination efficiency between FRTs *in cis* decreases with distance but happens until 9.1 Mb. (A) Population Coverage (% eyes with clones) for each combination *in cis* with clones induced through the *hsflp* construct with a heat-shock at 38°C for 1h at 48h AEL. The number of genes included, the distance in Mb and the cytological location of the two FRTs are indicated for each combination. The number of eyes screened varies from 68 to 1086 (n for each combination is shown on the microscopy images in Figures R8 and R10). Presence of *Mn* or *Rpl26* is indicated. (B) Macroscopy images of eyes with clones induced through the *eyflp* construct with the respective quantification of Population Coverage (C) and Eye Coverage (D). 15 eyes per genotype were quantified. Average and SD are shown.

As an indicator of efficiency, we measured % of eyes with clones (Population Coverage) in *hsflp*-induced clones and % of eyes with clones and Clonal Area (Eye coverage) in *eyflp*-induced clones (Figure R5). Clones induced with *hsflp* were also analyzed to assess growth capacity of monosomies respect to positive controls of euploid cells (see next chapters), for which we used 8 original single RS-FRT containing lines [Figure R4B (Golic & Golic, 1996), see also Materials and Methods]. Instead, *eyflp*-induced clones were used just to assess efficiency of recombination. For this reason, only 12 out of the 21 monosomies were analyzed with the *eyflp* induction.

In terms of Population Coverage, chronic induction of Flp expression with the *eyflp* construct gave a higher frequency of recombination (100% for all pairs tested, Figure R5C) than acute induction at 48h AEL with the *hsflp* construct (from 77,87% for the closest to 4,89% for the furthest pair of FRTs, Figure R5A). When looking at Clonal Area of *eyflp*-induced clones, the highest efficiency was 57,85% for the closest pair of FRTs and the lowest was 0,47% for the furthest. Again, as it happened for *in trans* FRTs (Figure R3B,C), Eye Coverage in clones induced with *eyflp* decreases with the distance while Population Coverage stays constant at 100%. This indicates that chronic induction is indeed highly efficient in inducing at least one recombination event per eye. Both Population Coverage of clones induced with *hsflp* and Eye Coverage of clones induced with *eyflp* decreased with the distance between the two RS-FRTs (Figure R5A,D). However, as already commented for recombination between *in trans* FRTs, there are oscillations in frequency that might be a consequence of gene- or region-specific effects of the insertion of the correspondent FRT. Overall, with these lines we were able to generate segmental monosomies of different sizes and we extended the possible distance at which two FRTs *in cis* can recombine up to 9.1 Mb (Figure R5).

2. Impact of segmental monosomies on growth in an otherwise wild type epithelium

2.1. Size of segmental monosomies does not exactly correlate with a negative impact on growth

Monosomies including haploinsufficient genes that affect growth rates such as Ribosomal protein encoding genes (*RpGs*), *Minute* genes (*Mn*) in *Drosophila*, or genes involved in ribosome function and translation, are eliminated from the tissue by cell competition-driven cell death (Ji et al., 2021; Kiparaki et al., 2022). In order to address whether segmental monosomies not including this type of genes have also an effect on clonal growth or survival, we used our collection of 21 different recombinant lines bearing *in cis* FRTs intentionally located in the region 70-80 of chromosome 3L, which as mentioned previously is the biggest region devoid of previously reported haploinsufficient loci [Figure R2C, 4C (Marygold et al., 2007)]. This collection allowed us to generate overlapping segmental monosomies of increasing sizes (Figure R4C) and therefore address the size-dependent versus the gene-specific effects on clonal growth. Previous methods to induce molecularly-defined aneuploidy have been limited to *in vitro* models (Truong, Cané-Gasull, & Lens, 2023) therefore not allowing to address gene-specific effects of monosomies in a growing tissue.

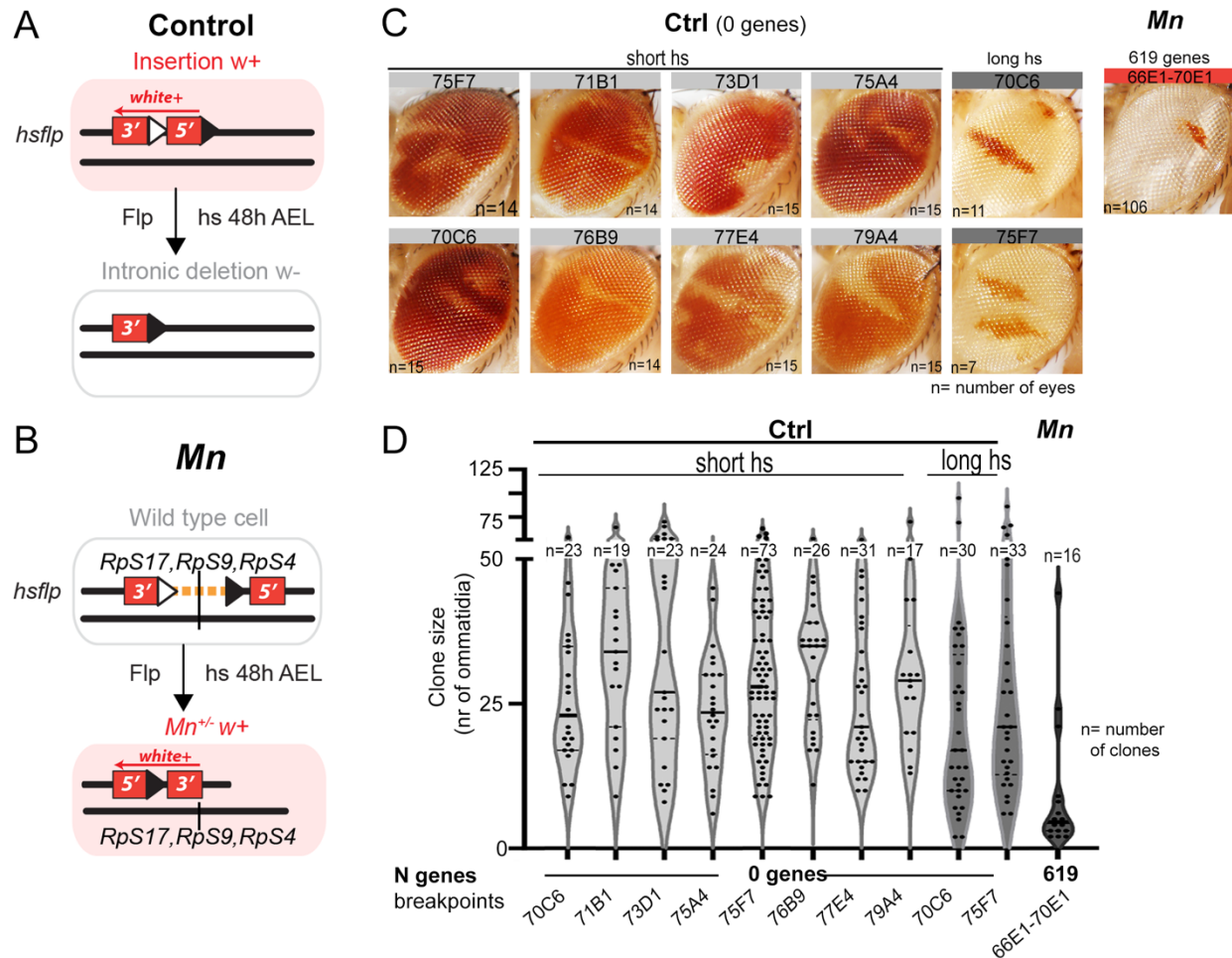


Figure R6. RS FRTs in cis can recapitulate cell-competition and growth defect of monosomies including Mn genes compared to euploid controls. (A) Cartoon of the construct used to generate control clones, clones bearing a deletion of a segment of the *white* gene. The lines used to generate these clones are the original RS-FRT lines from which we derived the constructs represented in B and in Figure R2 (more details in Materials and Methods). Given the close proximity of the FRTs, recombination is highly efficient and a weaker induction protocol was used. Clones were induced with a heat-shock at 48h AEL at 36.5°C either for 2 minutes (short hs) or 5 minutes (long hs). (B) Cartoon of the line used to produce *white*⁺ clones of cells bearing a deletion of the *Mn* genes *RpS17*, *RpS9* and *RpS4*. Clones were induced with a 1h heat-shock at 48h AEL at 38°C. (C) Macroscopic images of the control clones and *Mn*^{+/-} clones where the cytological location of the construct insertion is indicated as well as the number of genes included and number of eyes screened. (D) Quantification of size in number of ommatidia of clones of each genotype. The cytological location of the construct insertion is indicated as well as the number of genes included and number of clones quantified. Median is shown as a black line. Controls induced with short hs are shown in light grey while clones induced with long hs in darker grey. The monosomy including the *Mn* gene is shown in black

As positive controls to monitor the growth of euploid cells, we used 8 original single RS-FRT containing lines, where one of the fragments of the *white* gene is flanked by two FRTs placed in an intronic elements [Figure R4B, 6A,C,D, (Golic & Golic, 1996), see also Materials and Methods]. These flies bring an intact *white* sequence and therefore present red eyes. A Flp-mediated recombination event will disrupt the *white* gene and produce clones of *white* mutant cells in a wild type background (Figure R4B, 6A). Due to the close proximity of the pair of FRTs, recombination is expected to be highly efficient. Thus, two different regimes were implemented in order to produce either a low number of recombination events and white clones in a red background (with a short heat-shock, see Materials and Methods for details) or a big number of recombination events thus labeling clones of cells where recombination did not occur in red (with a long heat-shock, see

Materials and Methods for details). Average size of euploid clones (independently of the regime) was roughly constant in the 8 original single RS-FRT containing lines (Figure R6C,D). We noticed that the long heat-shock regime was more efficient in spotting small clones (labeled in dark grey in Figure R6D) than the short heat-shock regime (labeled in grey in Figure R6D), most probably because red clones in a white background are more visible and easier to detect. In fact, the labeling method for segmental monosomies based on the reconstruction of the *white* gene in a *white* mutant background facilitated the identification of even very small clones. This allowed to finely monitor compromised proliferative growth as a consequence of aneuploidy. For the sake of simplicity, in the next chapters we will represent just two of the 8 controls, and in particular the ones with the FRTs inserted in 70C6 and 75F7 induced with both the short and long heat-shock regimes. However, in all cases, statistical analysis was performed comparing each monosomy with all controls.

As negative control, we used a monosomy ranging from positions 66E1-70D1 affecting 619 genes and including the haploinsufficient *Mn* genes *RpS17*, *RpS9* and *RpS4* (Figure R6B). Recombination was induced acutely by heat-shocking early second instar larvae (48 h AEL) and clone size was quantified in the adult eye as number of ommatidia, a proxy for number of cells and the functional unit of the fly compound eye. We can notice that size of the monosomy including the *RpGs* is significantly smaller than the euploid control, proving that our method of clone induction and size quantification is reliable (Figure R6D). We have considered that the *hsflp* construct, being on the X chromosome, could be differentially expressed in males and females and could therefore result in a different efficiency (Lavery et al., 2010). However, since we took care of analyzing non-fused clones, a difference in efficiency will not result in a difference in growth and for this reason we didn't separate males from females for this analysis.

By monitoring growth rates of 21 segmental monosomies of different sizes and ranges of overlap (Figure R4C, 7A), we noticed that, despite a significant negative correlation between number of genes included in the monosomy and clone size (Figure R7B), the negative impact of the size of the monosomy on clonal growth was not exactly linear (Figure R7A). While the impact of small monosomies of up to 400 genes was very heterogeneous (in Figure R7A, compare size of monosomies of 247, 256, 266, 288 genes, being on average 20.1, 28.9, 12, 24.8 ommatidia big respectively) the drastic effect of monosomies of more than 400 genes on clonal growth was not further affected by the increase in the number of genes. On one side, we concluded that there is a minimal growth capacity that every segmental monosomy, once it survives, is able to reach, at least when growing in the eye epithelium. On the other side, we considered that specific genomic region could influence clonal growth independently on their size.

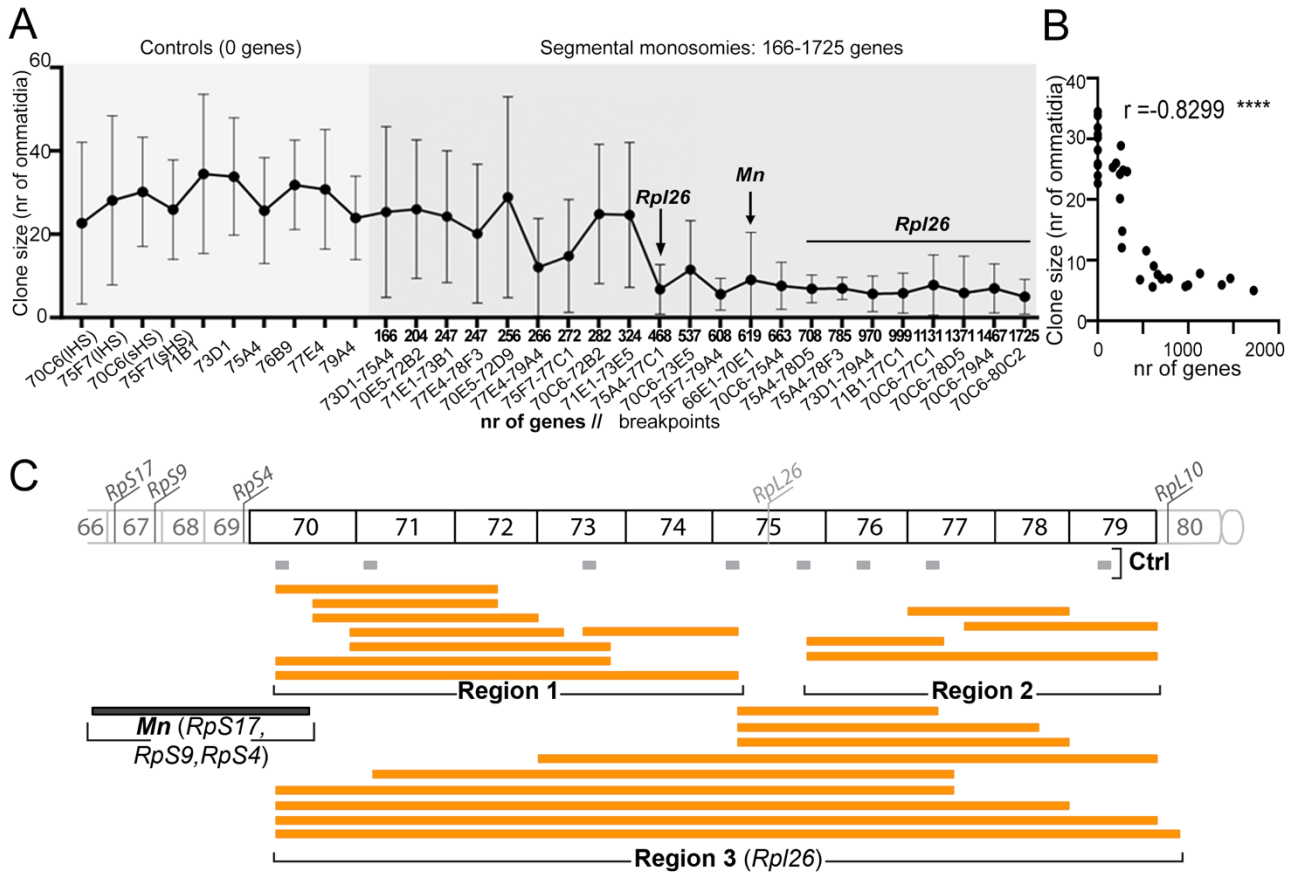


Figure R7. Size of the segmental monosomies induced with RS-FRTs in cis negatively correlated with growth, but it appears that there are region-specific effects. (A) Size in number of ommatidia of all the controls and 27 monosomies. The cytological location of the FRTs insertion is indicated as well as the number of genes included is indicated. Average and SD are shown. (B) Correlation analysis of clone size and number of genes included in the monosomies. Correlation test performed with r indicating negative correlation (ns $p > 0.05$; * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$). (C) Monosomies divided in three regions, upstream of *Rpl26* (Region 1), downstream (Region 2) or including *Rpl26* (Region 3). (Monosomy).

We took into consideration the presence of *Rpl26*, a gene encoding for a ribosomal protein of the large ribosomal subunit, located in 75E4 in this region, which was previously discarded as a potential *Minute*-like haploinsufficient gene (Cook et al., 2012; Marygold et al., 2007). However, we noticed that the *Rpl26* gene lies in a genomic gap in deletion coverage (Flybase). This led us to hypothesize that *Rpl26* might indeed act as a haploinsufficient gene. For these reasons, and to better address region-specific effects, we analyzed clonal growth by dividing the segmental monosomies in three subregions (Figure R7C): Region 1, upstream of *Rpl26* from location 70 to 75A; Region 2, downstream of *Rpl26* from 75F to 79; Region 3, all the segments including *Rpl26*. Clones in each region were classified into three qualitative categories according to their growth defect (Figure R8,10): growing normally, when they didn't present a significative difference with controls (light orange); with an intermediate growth defect, when their average was significantly smaller than control clones but still some clones could grow at control levels (dark orange); with a strong growth defect, when all clones were smaller than the controls and similar in size as the negative control (red).

2.2. Segmental monosomies in a region devoid of haploinsufficient genes present growth defect due to cumulative haploinsufficiency

When analyzing the impact on clone size of segmental monosomies not including the *RpL26* gene (Regions 1 and 2 in Figure R7C,8A), we noticed that clones bearing large segmental monosomies covering any of these two regions were reduced in size, but that this reduction was not observed in clones bearing smaller monosomies included within (Figure R8B,C).

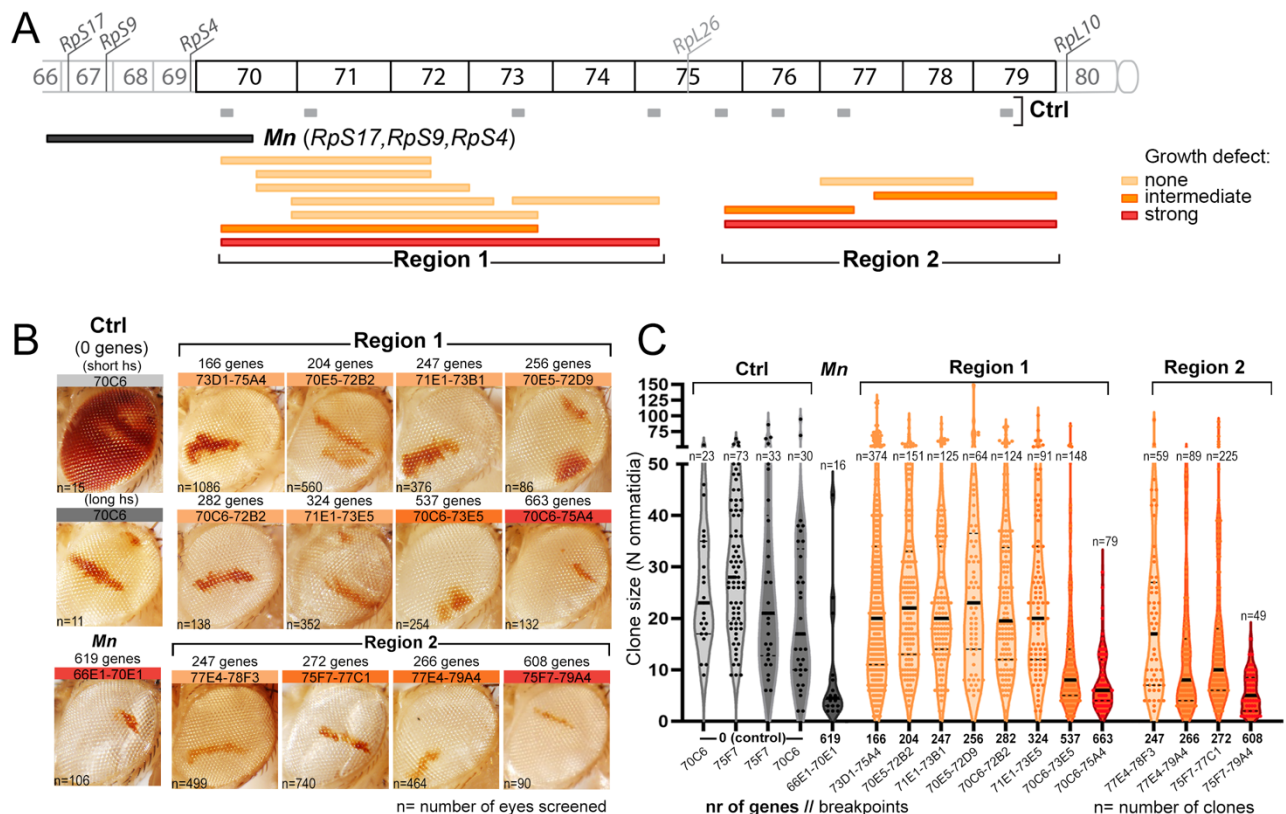


Figure R8. Segmental monosomies not including haploinsufficient genes present growth defect due to cumulative haploinsufficiency. (A) Map of the monosomies of Region 1 and 2 color-coded according to their growth defect. Light orange=no difference with control. Dark orange=intermediate defect (statistically significant difference with control but still presents bigger clones). Red=strong defect (statistically significant difference with control and no clone grows as controls). (B) Macroscopic images of the adult eyes presenting the clones. Number of genes included, cytological location of the FRT insertions and the number of eyes screened are indicated for each monosomy. Clones were induced at 48h AEL with a 1h heat-shock at 38°C for monosomies and as indicated in Figure R6 for controls. (C) Quantification of clone size in number of ommatidia. Median is show as a black line. Number of genes included, the cytological location of the FRT insertions and the number of clones quantified for each monosomy are indicated. Log-transformed values were used to determine statistical significance of differences between Monosomies and Control groups using Mixed Linear Models with ID as random effect. Dunnet multiple contrasts for statistical significance of each ID vs Control were done using the *glht* function, and p values were adjusted using Benjamini-Hochberg.

In particular, in the case of Region 1, none of the six smaller overlapping monosomies spanning from 166 to 324 genes each and covering a total number of 663 genes presented a growth defect compared with controls (Figure R8B,C). This proves that none of those 663 genes is haploinsufficient by itself, neither in combination with up to 324 genes. However, the monosomy including 537 genes presents an intermediate growth defect, which becomes strong when all the 663 genes are depleted together (Figure R8B,C). Similarly, in the case of Region 2, three overlapping monosomies including 247, 266 and 272 genes present respectively none and

milder growth defects, while the bigger monosomy which includes all those 608 genes together presents a strong growth defect (Figure R8B,C). The two regions located in 77E4-79A4 and 75F7-77C1 and including respectively 266 and 272 genes, must include one or more mildly haploinsufficient genes whose impact on growth is significant but not drastic. However, when combined, the impact on growth gets stronger suggesting that the effect of haploinsufficient genes is additive. It is interesting to point out that the bigger monosomies of Region 1 and Region 2, located in 70C6-75A4 and 75F7-79A4 respectively, despite including different set of genes are similarly affected in their growth capacity.

All these observations support the proposal that growth impairment caused by segmental monosomies in the absence of haploinsufficient genes is due to cumulative haploinsufficiency of a discrete number of genes in Regions 1 and 2 rather than a gradual effect of all the genes included in the monosomies.

2.3. Cumulative haploinsufficiency-induced growth defect relies on distinct molecular mechanisms than *Mn*-induced cell competition

Once having described two independent monosomies that present a growth defect due to cumulative haploinsufficiency, we investigated if this growth defect was due to a common molecular mechanism.

During growth and differentiation of the eye primordium, there are no major cellular rearrangements. Consequently, the neighborhood relationships of the cells are maintained, and clones normally stay in a coherent group (Figure R9A). We noticed that clones of cells bearing segmental monosomies with impaired growth were frequently broken, which is a sign of out-competition by neighboring euploid cells (Figure R9A). As reviewed in the Introduction, cell competition is a fitness-sensing mechanism where cells with lower fitness (“loser” cells) are killed, by apoptosis, when surrounded by fitter (“winner”) cells (Morata, 2021). In particular, heterozygous mutant cells for *Mn* genes in *Drosophila* (Ribosomal Protein genes) are eliminated from a wild type tissue by Xrp1-induced apoptosis, and proteotoxic stress contribute to the “loser” status of heterozygous *Mn* cells through a feed-forward-loop (Baillon et al., 2018; Kiparaki et al., 2022; Langton et al., 2021; C.-H. Lee et al., 2018; Recasens-Alvarez et al., 2021).

We selected the two biggest monosomies from Region 1 and 2 for genetic interaction analysis to check if, despite not including any *Mn* gene, they were outcompeted through the same molecular players involved in *Mn*-induced cell competition. Therefore, we monitored the contribution of apoptosis, Xrp1 and proteotoxic stress to the observed growth defect. We used the 73D1-75A4 monosomy, which doesn’t present any growth defect, as a control. Furthermore, we used the 66E1-70D1 monosomy including the *Mn* genes *RpS17*, *RpS9* and *RpS4* as control that our tools were working properly, since its growth defect should be rescued by apoptosis, Xrp1 and proteotoxic stress downregulation. For the purpose of this experiment, we monitored clones induced both acutely, with the *hsflp* construct and a heat-shock at 48h AEL, and chronically, with the *eyflp* construct. With the acute induction, since all clones are induced in a synchronized manner, we can finely monitor and compare clonal growth between the different conditions. With the chronic induction, we can more easily detect effects on survival. In fact, chronic induction allows the generation of clones until later moments

in development and also increases efficiency of the system. We would therefore be able to detect cases in which survival but not growth is rescued. However, quantification of *eyflp*-induced clones' size as Clonal Area is a much less accurate measure than number of ommatidia due to the 3D surface of the eye. In fact, while an ommatidium will be always counted as one independently from where is located in the eye surface, when measuring Area (μm^2) in ImageJ, size of lateral clones will be underestimated compared to clones in the center of the eye. Furthermore, the shape of fused clones and the presence of small single-ommatidium clones makes it hard to carefully determine the Area of the clones. For this reason, we did not consider this a reliable measure to monitor subtle differences that may emerge as a consequence of partial rescues and we used this set up in a qualitative fashion.

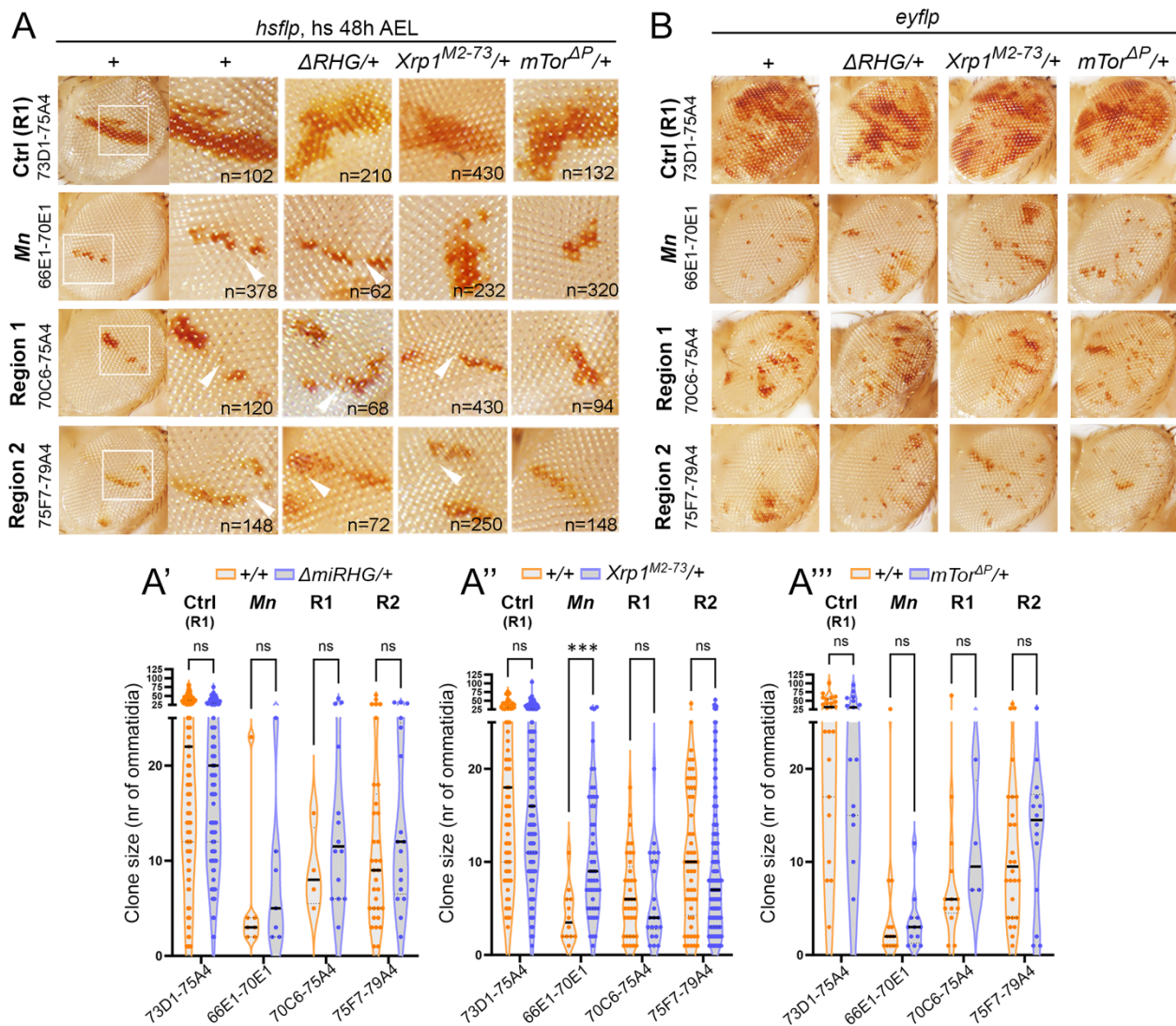


Figure R9. Cumulative haploinsufficiency relies on an *Xrpl*-independent mechanism different than *Mn*-induced cell competition. (A-B) Macroscopic images of adult eyes and magnifications of clones induced either at 48h AEL with a 1h heat-shock at 38°C (A) or with *eyflp* (B). Each monosomy (Control, including *Mn*, Region 1 and Region 2) is combined with a deletion of the proapoptotic genes (ΔRHG), a mutant of *Xrpl* ($Xrpl^{M2-73}$) or of *mTor* ($mTor^{AP}$). Quantification of clone size of the monosomies induced with *hsflp* and combined with ΔRHG , $Xrpl^{M2-73}$ and $mTor^{AP}$ is shown in (A'), (A''), (A'''), respectively. The monosomy is represented in orange and the monosomy combined with the mutants in purple. Median is shown as a black line. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed on logarithmically transformed data.

To assess the role of apoptosis, we used a deficiency of the pro-apoptotic genes. The pro-apoptotic genes *reaper*, *hid* and *grim* (*RHG* genes) are clustered in the genomic location 75C6 and their deficiency [*Df(H99)*] in heterozygosis is well known to cause a general reduction in the activity of the apoptotic machinery. Surprisingly, combining this deficiency with segmental monosomies from Region 1 and 2 did not rescue growth impairment (Figure R9A,B,A') and out-competition (as in broken clones indicated by white triangles in Figure R9A) neither when clones were induced with the *hsflp* construct (Figure R9A,A') nor with the *eyflp* (Figure R9B). It is to note that the growth defect of the 66E1-70D1 monosomy including the *Mn* genes was not rescued with [*Df(H99)*] in heterozygosis with the acute induction with *hsflp* but it appears to be partially rescued with the chronic induction with *eyflp*.

To assess the role of Xrp1, we used an Xrp1 mutant in heterozygosity with the monosomies. Halving the dose of Xrp1, which partially rescued the 66E1-70D1 monosomy including the *Mn* genes both with *hsflp* (Figure R9A, A'') and *eyflp* (Figure R9B), did not rescue the outcompetition of segmental monosomies of Region 1 and Region 2.

As a way of increasing autophagy to counteract the role of proteotoxic stress in cell competition, we targeted mTor, as previously done (Recasens-Alvarez et al., 2021). Considering that variations in the developmental time of clones induction drastically influence clone size (the earlier, the bigger), it is important to take into account that *mTorM/+* flies present a developmental delay (Layalle et al., 2008). However, considering that this delay only affects larvae from the L3 stage and that clone induction was performed at L2 stage, this will not affect clone size. This is supported by the fact that no difference in size is observed between *+/+* and *mTorM/+* clones of the control 73D1-75A4 (Figure R9A'), while if *mTorM* flies were already delayed at the time of the induction they would have presented bigger clones. Heterozygosity for the *mTor* gene did not rescue neither the monosomies of Region 1 and 2 nor the 66E1-70D1 monosomy including the *Mn* genes (Figure R9A, A''', B).

2.4. The segmental monosomies including the region between 75A and 77C present a growth defect due to a newly identified *Mn*-like gene

When analyzing the impact on clone size of segmental monosomies including the *RpL26* gene (Region 3 in in Figure R7C,8A), we noticed that all clones of cells bearing segmental monosomies including the *RpL26* gene were much smaller than control ones and that this reduction in clone size was independent of the number of genes included in the monosomy (from 468 to 1725 genes, Figure R10 A,B,C). Interestingly, the impact on growth of these monosomies was identical to the one caused by the 66E1-70D1 monosomy affecting 619 genes and including the *Mn* genes (Figure R10C). These observations challenge the previous characterization of *RpL26* as a non-haploinsufficient ribosomal encoding gene (Cook et al., 2012; Marygold et al., 2007).

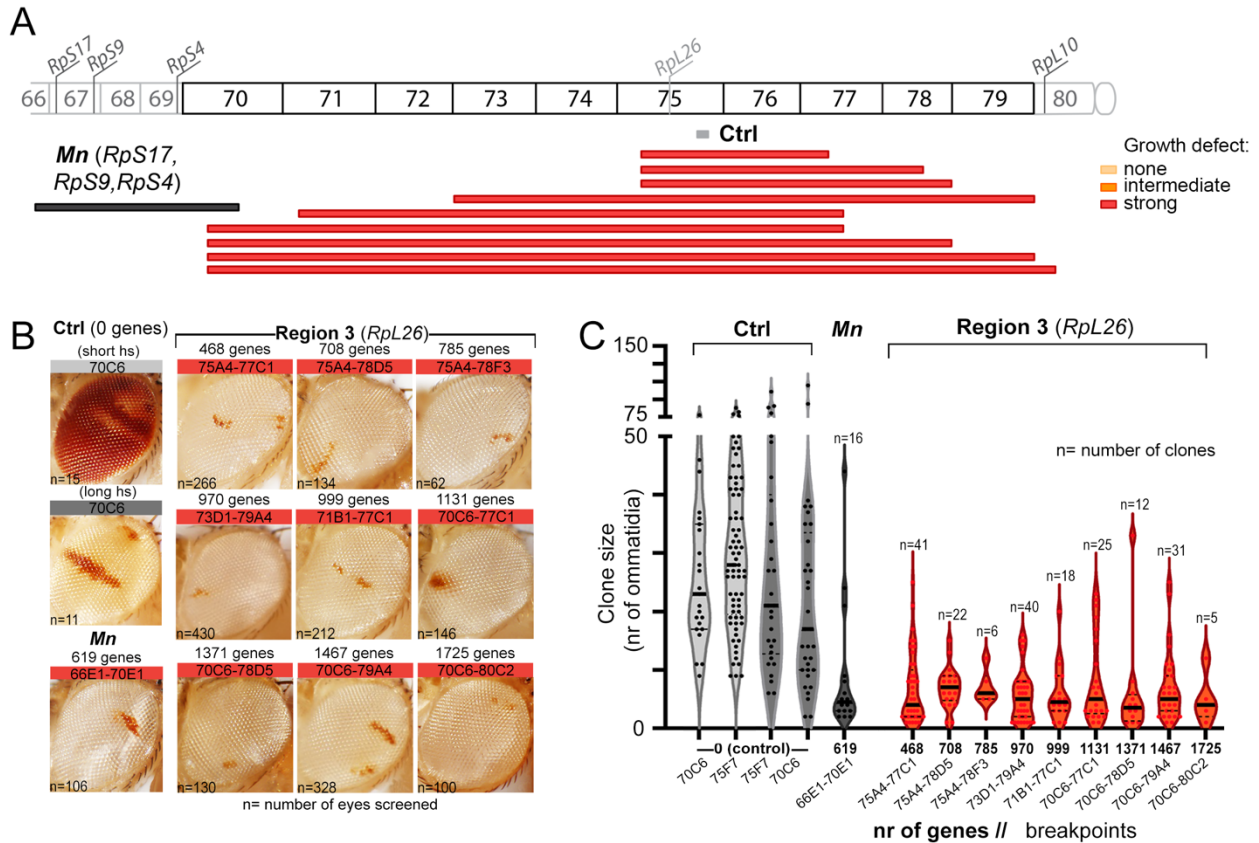


Figure R10. A newly identified haploinsufficient gene lies between 75A4 and 77C1. (A) Map of the monosomies of Region 3 color coded according to their growth defect. Light orange=no difference with control. Dark orange=intermediate defect (statistically significant difference with control but still presents bigger clones). Red=strong defect (statistically significant difference with control and no clone grows as controls). **(B)** Macroscopic images of the adult eyes presenting the clones. Number of genes included, cytological location of the FRT insertions and the number of eyes screened are indicated for each monosomy. Clones were induced at 48h AEL with a 1h heat-shock at 38°C for monosomies and as indicated in Figure R6 for controls. **(C)** Quantification of clone size in number of ommatidia. Median is shown as a black line. Number of genes included, the cytological location of the FRT insertions and the number of clones quantified for each monosomy are indicated. Log-transformed values were used to determine statistical significance of differences between Monosomies and Control groups using Mixed Linear Models with ID as random effect. Dunnett multiple contrasts for statistical significance of each ID vs Control were done using the `glht` function, and p values were adjusted using Benjamini-Hochberg.

Luckily, the pro-apoptotic genes *reaper*, *hid* and *grim* (*RHG* genes) - whose deficiency [*Df(H99)*] in heterozygosis causes a reduction in the activity of the apoptotic machinery - are clustered in the genomic location 75C6 and included in all segmental monosomies affecting the *Rpl26* gene. Surprisingly, though, growth impairment (Figure R10) and out-competition (Figure R11A) were still observed. However, we must consider the possibility that by rescuing a copy of the *RHG* genes we might observe an even more drastic reduction in clone size.

We have chosen three segmental monosomies that include *Rpl26* to test whether apoptosis, Xrp1 or proteotoxic stress contributed to their growth defect, and therefore whether *Rpl26* acted as a *Mn* gene: 75A4-77C1 including 468 genes; 73D1-79A4 including 970 genes; 70C6-77C1 including 1131 genes. We choose the first because it is the shortest monosomy to include *Rpl26*, in order to limit interference from other genes as much as possible. We choose the second and the third because they were the biggest monosomies with a good recombination efficiency and to assess the role of cumulative haploinsufficiency of other genes.

By comparing the effect of these genetic interactions on growth between the short and the bigger monosomies including *Rpl26*, we wanted to assess if including a bigger number of genes changed how Xrp1-dependent cell competition contributed to the growth defect (Figure R11). As commented previously, increasing distance between the FRTs decreases significantly the efficiency making it harder to have a sufficient number of clones for a solid statistical analysis. To test the biggest monosomies in our possession (70C6-78D5, 70C6-79A4, 70C6-80C2, including respectively 1371, 1467 and 1725 genes) we used only induction with the *eyflp* construct which, by inducing chronic expression of the Flp, increases recombination efficiency (Figure R11B). Homozygosity for the *RHG* genes (when these segmental monosomies were combined with a chromosome containing a deletion of the *RHG* gene complex), halving the dose of Xrp1 (when they were combined with a chromosome bringing a mutant for of the *Xrp1* gene, *Xrp1M*), and reducing proteotoxic stress (when they were combined with *mTorM*), rescued clone size (*hsflp*, Figure R11A,A',A'',A''') and survival (*eyflp*, Fig11B) of all the three monosomies analyzed, except the 70C6-77C1 monosomy which did not show a significant difference in size when the proapoptotic genes were deleted (p value=0.19). This was in accordance with the behavior of the monosomy including the *Mn* genes *RpS17*, *RpS9* and *RpS4* that was clearly rescued by halving the dose of Xrp1 (Figure R11A,A'',B), and in contrast with cumulative haploinsufficient monosomies from Region 1 and Region 2 that were not rescued by any of these interactions (Figure R10). The reason why the growth of the monosomies including *Rpl26* are rescued by downregulating apoptosis and proteotoxic stress, while the growth of the monosomy including the *Mn* genes *RpS17*, *RpS9* and *RpS4* is not (Figure R11A, A', A'', A'''), could be a matter of number of *Mn* genes and strength of the different tools to inhibit *Mn*-induced cell competition (see more in the Discussion). Altogether these results indicate that the region 75A-77C includes a *Mn*-like gene, which we have shown to be outcompeted through *Mn*- and *Xrp1*-dependent cell competition. It is important to highlight that we have not yet demonstrated with these experiments that this *Mn*-like gene is *Rpl26*. Indeed, it is technically challenging to perform genetic interactions with this set up since all most used transgenics in *Drosophila* bear a *mini-white* rescue inside the construct which will make the entire eye red and therefore make it impossible to monitor red clones of monosomic cells. For instance, we could not overexpress any gene through the Gal4/UAS system. For this reason, we have performed all the genetic interactions (Figure R9, 11) with mutants that have a *white* mutant background. To demonstrate that is *Rpl26* acting as a *Mn* in this region we have tried to make transgenic animals bringing an extra copy of this gene in another chromosome to see if by restoring two copies of *Rpl26* we were able to rescue the growth defect of the 75A4-77C1 monosomy. Unfortunately, we failed in generating these animals. However, later in this work and by using another technique, we will demonstrate that this *Mn*-like gene is indeed *Rpl26*.

It is interesting to note that with the *hsflp* induction the growth capacity of the shorter monosomy (75A4-77C1) is much better rescued by downregulating Xrp1 than the bigger ones (Figure R11A''). Furthermore, when looking at *eyflp*-induced clones, it is clear how downregulating all the tested pathways (apoptosis, Xrp1, and proteotoxic stress) rescues better the shorter (75A4-77C1) than the bigger monosomies (Fig11B). In this case, the rescue will be a consequence of both improved growth and survival rate. When looking at the 70C6-78D5, 70C6-79A4 and 70C6-80C2 monosomies (including respectively 1371, 1467 and 1725 genes) it is especially

clear that inhibiting the *Mn*-driven cell competition machinery does not rescue neither clone size nor survival to the same level that it does for the 75A4-77C1 monosomy (including only 468 genes) (Figure R11B). This reinforces the idea that cumulative haploinsufficiency plays a role in inducing a *Mn*- and *Xrpl*-independent growth defects and out competition in bigger monosomies.

3. Impact of segmental trisomies and monosomies on growth and survival

3.1. The Twin-Spot Generator technique can be used to generate and differentially label segmental monosomies and trisomies

In order to study segmental monosomies as well as trisomies and their interaction both with each other and wild type cells, we had to implement the *in trans* technique with appropriate markers. In fact, when we used *in trans* RS-FRTs (Figure R2B), only the chromosome bearing the segmental duplication was carrying the reconstructed marker, therefore not allowing to mark both the trisomy and the monosomy. For this reason, we employed the Twin Spot Generator technique (TSG, Griffin et al., 2009), which uses FRT elements bringing upstream and downstream the FRT cassette either the N-terminus or C-terminus sequence of either GFP or RFP (Figure R12A,B). In this thesis, we will refer to the construct bearing the N-terminus of the GFP sequence upstream and the C-terminus of the RFP sequence downstream the FRT cassette as “GR” while we will call “RG” the construct that presents the N-terminus of the RFP sequence upstream and the C-terminus of the GFP downstream the FRT. By using two different fluorescent markers, we can follow both chromosomes resulting from recombination between *in trans* FRTs. In fact, when the FRTs recombine, the GFP sequence will be reconstructed on one recombinant chromosome and the RFP on the other (Figure R12A). After G1-recombination events, the two recombinant chromosomes will stay together into the same cell which will therefore be marked in yellow, as well as its progeny (Figure R12A,D). This means that differently than other recombination-based methods for lineage tracing, the TSG technique can label in yellow cells that are not mitotically active. After G2-recombination events instead, the two recombinant chromosomes during mitosis will segregate apart from each other and together with non-recombinant chromosomes thus generating a twin clone of GFP marked cells close to RFP marked cells (Figure R12A,D). Depending on the experiment, we used the highly proliferative epithelia either of the *Drosophila* wing or eye primordia, that grow exponentially in size and number of cells during the 5 days of larval development. We induced clones either acutely or chronically. For the acute induction method we used the *hsflp* construct, let flies egg laying during 6h, heat-shocked them at 64h AEL and dissected wing discs at 120h AEL. We chose this time of induction since it precedes the 72h AEL which is the developmental time at which the L2/L3 transition happens and the D/V boundary, a region of non-proliferation, gets specified. To uncover differences in size, we needed to leave enough times for the clones to grow. However, earlier time points induction significantly decreases efficiency. For the chronic induction method we either used the *eyflp* or *eye-Gal4,UAS-Flp (eye>flp)* constructs and

dissected eye discs, or the *enG4,UAS-Flp (en>flp)* construct and dissected wing discs. We used chronic induction for some experiments of genetic interactions. On the other hand, for thorough analysis of clone size and growth capacity, we analyzed wing discs where clones were induced acutely at the same developmental timing.

For growth analysis, as control clones, we used clones deriving from recombination between FRTs inserted in the same genomic location in the two homologous chromosomes. In this case, G1- and G2-derived clones will be genetically identical (Figure R12A). Considering that the wing disc is a proliferative tissue, we expect G1-derived clones (yellow) to be double in size than single twin clones (either green or red), since a mitotic event will generate one green and one red cell after G2 recombination and two yellow cells (the double) after G1 recombination. Furthermore, since the length of G1 and G2 cell cycle phases in the wing disc is approximately the same (Neufeld et al., 1998), by chance we would expect to observe 50% of G1-derived clones and 50% of G2-derived twin clones. As shown in Figure R12F, we observe that this is the case, with 53% of the control clones that are G1-derived while 47% are G2-derived. By quantifying the Area of the clones (see Materials and Methods for details) we observe that in control clones single GFP⁺ and RFP⁺ clones are equal in size between each other and 0,64 the size of G1-derived yellow clones (Figure R12 G). The fact that twin clones are slightly bigger in size than the exact half of the G1-derived clones could be a consequence of variability depending on the location of the clones in the tissue. In fact, not every cell in the wing disc proliferates at the same rate but there are areas where, according to the developmental time, proliferation rate is lower or higher. For instance, if a clone touches the D/V boundary, the previously mentioned region of non-proliferation in the middle of the wing disc epithelium, its proliferation will be arrested from late L3 onwards.

In order to induce segmental aneuploidies, we used TSG FRTs located at a certain distance between each other (Figure R12B). If the GR construct is located downstream the RG construct, the recombinant chromosome carrying the segmental monosomy will bear the RFP and the recombinant chromosome carrying the segmental trisomy the GFP marker. Instead, if the GR construct is located upstream, the chromosome carrying the segmental monosomy will bear the GFP and the one carrying the segmental trisomy the RFP. For simplicity, in this work we will always represent the monosomy in red and the trisomy in green, independently if they were marked with GFP or RFP. Genotypes for each experiment will be specified in the Figure legends. G1-derived yellow clones will carry a chromosome with a segmental monosomy and a chromosome with the complementary segmental trisomy and therefore will be euploid (Figure R12B). As such, these clones will serve as internal controls of the effects of the recombination between distal FRTs elements. In order to reduce variability due to differential rates of development between samples or effects of genomic rearrangements, clone size was normalized to the size of euploid clones of each combination (see next chapter and Materials and Methods for details).

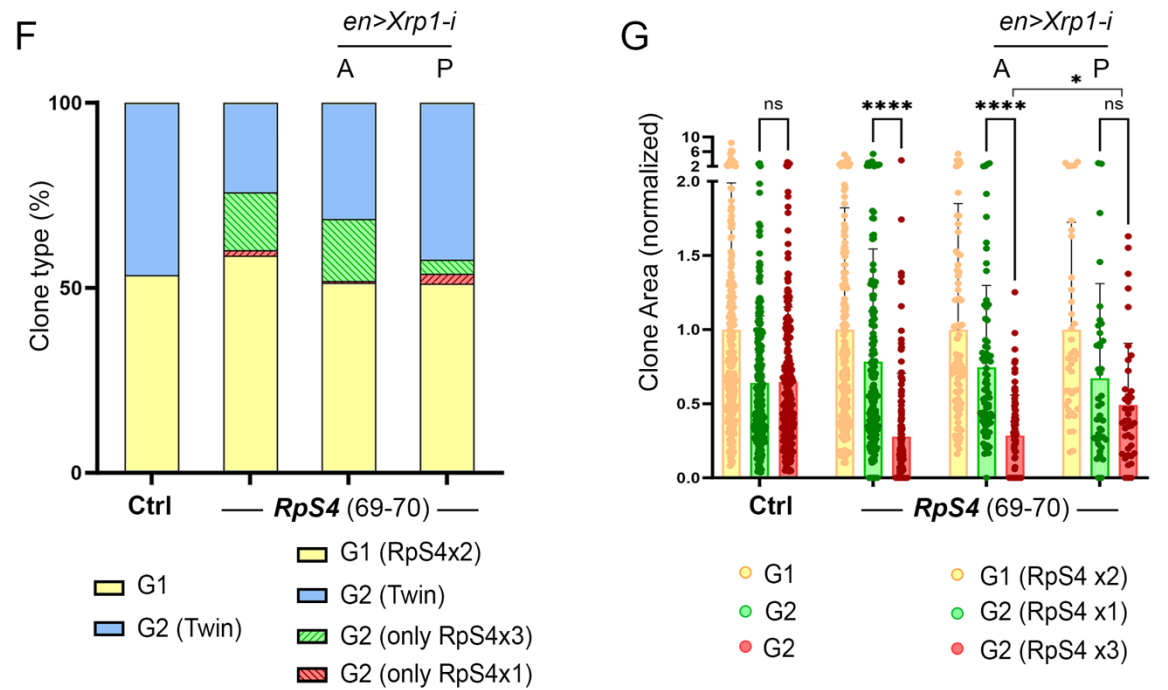
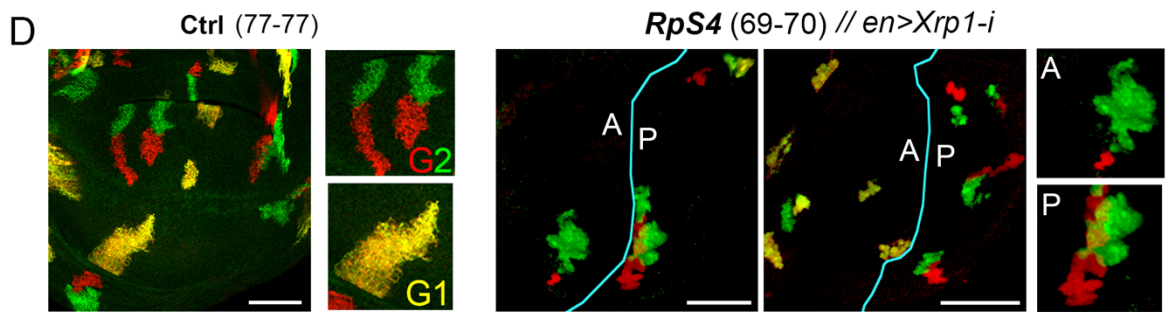
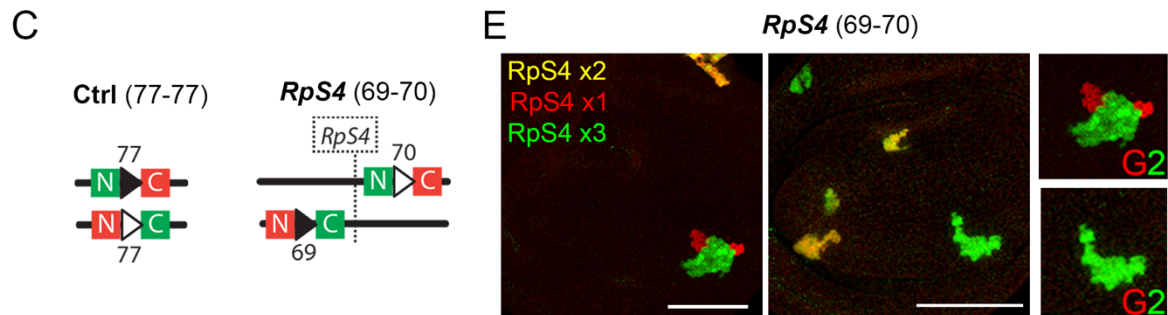
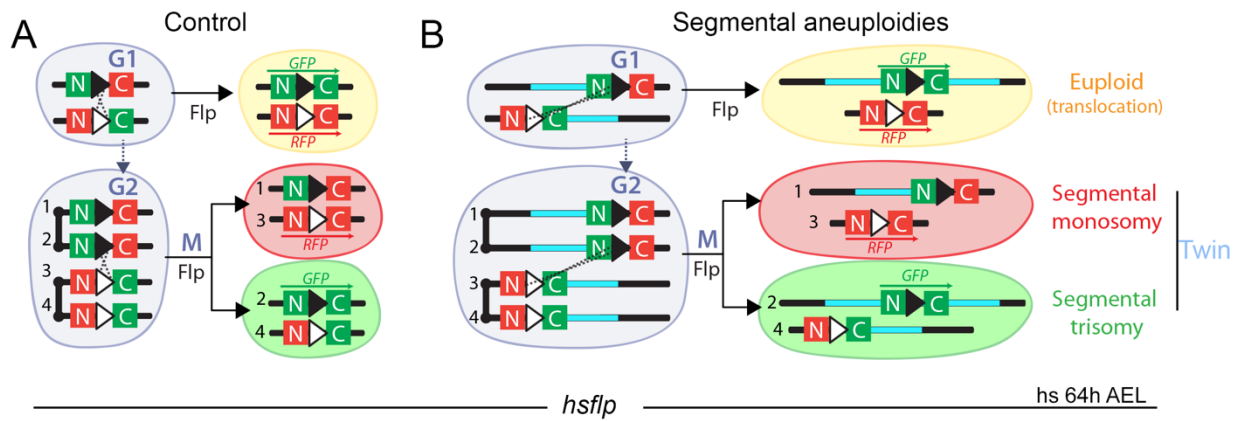


Figure R12. The Twin Spot Generator technique can be used to acutely generate segmental monosomies and trisomies and spot differences in cell fitness. (A, B) Drawing of recombination events between two TSG-FRTs that reconstitute the GFP and RFP genes. Recombination events in G1 label the two daughter cells in yellow, those in G2 label one daughter cell in red and the other one in green. When the two FRTs are located at a distance (B), yellow cells carry a segmental translocation, and red and green cells carry segmental monosomies or trisomies, respectively. (C) Genomic location and orientation of control TSG-FRTs located *in trans* in the same orientation to produce two euploid cells (left) and TSG-FRTs flanking the *RpS4* gene to produce cells with 1, 2 and 3 doses of the *RpS4* gene (right). (D, E) Wing primordia epithelia with control clones resulting from recombination in G1 (yellow) or in G2 (twin clones, one in red and the other in green) (D), and with clones with one (red), two (yellow) and three (green) doses of the *RpS4* gene (E). When Xrp1 is depleted in the posterior (P) compartment, the size and recovery of red *RpS4*x1 clones is rescued. Scale bars, 50 μ m. (F, G) Plots representing clone type distribution (F) and clone area (G) (normalized to the one of euploid cells) of control clones and clones with the indicated doses of *RpS4*. Average (F) and mean and SD (G) are shown. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed in G. Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 5-7 minutes for the control and of 1h for the other combinations. ns, not significant ($p > 0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$.

As a proof of principle that the TSG technique with *in trans* FRTs would allow us to spot differences in size between segmental monosomies and trisomies and their euploid control, we placed a pair of TSG-FRTs *in trans* at both sides of the *Minute*-like gene *RpS4* (Marygold et al., 2007) located at 69F6, respectively at 69F1 and 70A8, to generate segmental aneuploidies of relatively small size (89 genes) with different doses of *RpS4* (Figure R12C). Whereas the ratio between G1 (yellow clones) and G2 recombination events (twin clones) was, as expected, roughly maintained with 58.2% of G1-derived clones (Figure R12F), those clones of cells bearing a monosomy for the *RpS4* gene (labeled in red) were lost from the epithelium in 37.5% of the twin clones (Figure R12F). The size of monosomic clones was markedly reduced when compared to the size of euploid clones (Figure R12G) and in many cases, monosomic clones were broken and lost contact with the clone bearing the trisomy (Figure R12E). It is important to note the cases when only the trisomic clone was observed and the monosomic twin was lost were taken into account in the size quantification by plotting the area of the monosomic clone as zero. We can notice how the GFP and RFP proteins are localized in the cellular membrane in the control while the cytoplasm for the 69-70 clones. This is because the GR and RG constructs inserted in the position 77C4 bear a membrane localization sequence while all other TSG-FRT constructs do not (See Materials and Methods for details). For this reason, whenever one line bringing the TSG-FRT construct in the position 77 is used in combination with another line, either the GFP or the RFP will be localized in the membrane.

We then depleted Xrp1 by driving an RNAi form in the posterior (P) compartment of the wing through the *enG4,UAS-Xrp1-i* construct (Figure R12E). The anterior (A) compartment of these discs is genetically identical to discs without RNA-i and serves as internal control. Xrp1 depletion in the posterior compartment rescued the size from 0.28 to 0.49 and the loss of clones bearing only one copy of *RpS4* from 37.5% to only 1.82% of the twin clones (Figure R12E,F,G). Interestingly, the size of the trisomy was significantly increased up to 0,78 of the euploid clones in the clones bearing three copies of *RpS4* respect to the 0,64 observed in the control (Figure R12G). An increase to 0,74 was also observed in the case of the anterior compartment of the *enG4,UAS-Xrp1-i* discs but was not significant. The size of *Rps4*(x3) clones was restored to 0,67 in the posterior compartment upon Xrp1 depletion. This points to a potential case of Xrp1-dependent overproliferation caused either cell autonomously by the three copies of *RpS4* or by compensatory proliferation induced by the outcompeted clone.

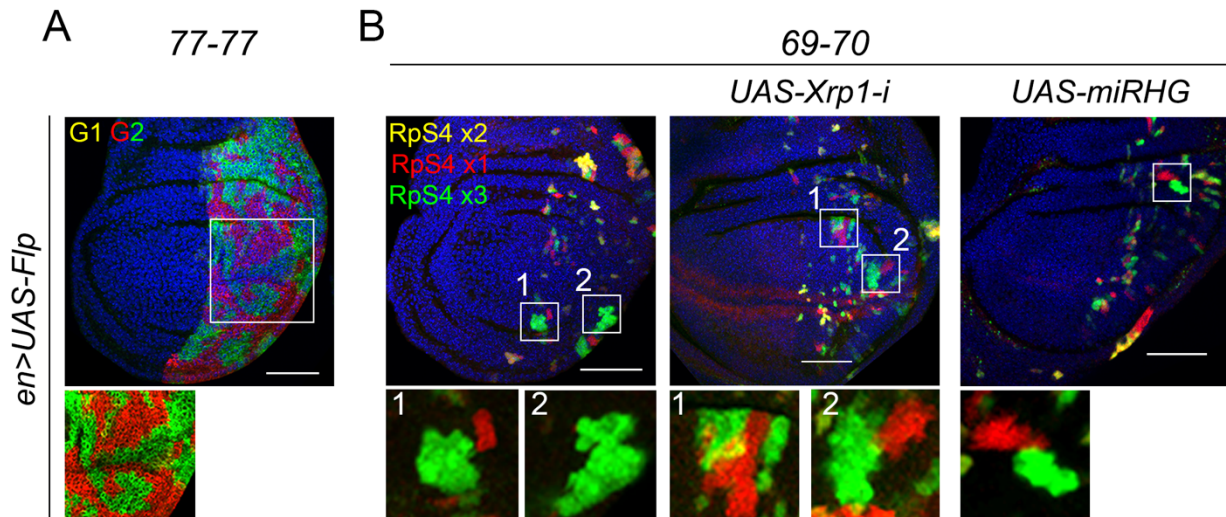


Figure R13. The Twin Spot Generator technique can be used to chronically generate segmental monosomies and trisomies and spot differences in cell fitness. (A,B) Wing primordia where clones were induced through the *en>flp* construct either to produce control clones (A) or clones with different doses of *RpS4* (yellow *RpS4*x2, green *RpS4*x3 and red *RpS4*x1) (B). Loss of the *RpS4*x1 clone is rescued by downregulating Xrp1 or apoptosis (by overexpressing the *miRHG* miRNA against proapoptotic genes). Scale bars, 50 μ m.

We could observe similar effects when clones were induced chronically with the *enG4,UAS-Flp* construct. As it can be noticed, in the control there are no yellow G1-derived clones (Figure R13A). This happens because if G1-derived yellow clones recombine in G2, red and green twin will arise. Once established, green and red twin clones cannot lose their marker nor change their genotype, even upon further recombination events. Therefore, since the wing disc epithelium proliferates throughout the expression of the *engrailed* promoter, and recombination between FRTs in the same genomic location is highly efficient, it is almost impossible that a cell in the *engrailed* compartment will not undergo a G2-recombination event. This results in the presence of only twin clones in the posterior compartment of control discs. On the other side, clones induced chronically between FRTs in 69F1 and 70A8 and bearing different copies of the *RpS4* gene, are visibly different in size concordant with the fact that they are induced at different developmental timings. We can observe that bigger clones are not as many as smaller clones, which can be explained thinking that recombination at later developmental times is more efficient. We can also see how clones near the D/V boundary are much smaller, consistent with the non-proliferative nature of this region after L3. Due to this difference in size between clones in the same tissue, it is not so straightforward to observe a difference in growth between *RpS4*(x1) and *RpS4*(x3) clones. However, if we focus on bigger clones (induced before) we can clearly recapitulate the difference in size as well as the rescue with Xrp1 downregulation (Figure R13B) and apoptosis inhibition, through overexpression of the micro-RNA *miRHG* against the proapoptotic genes *reaper*, *hid* and *grim* (Figure R13B).

All this taken together confirms that our method of acute clones' induction and size quantification is highly reliable and consistent in spotting differences in cell fitness that result in loss of less fitted cells due to cell competition.

We generated a collection of 14 different TSG-FRT-bearing transgenic lines located in the region 69-80 of chromosome 3L (see Materials and Methods for details) that we used in 27 different combinations (Figure

R14), at a distance spanning from 0 to 9 Mb and including from 89 to 1517 genes, to characterize the impact of monosomies and trisomies to the growth and survival of cells. We will see in the next chapters how generating a segmental monosomy alongside its complementary trisomy can influence the behavior of the monosomy and change what we have observed in the previous chapters, when we induced just the monosomy in a wild type tissue.

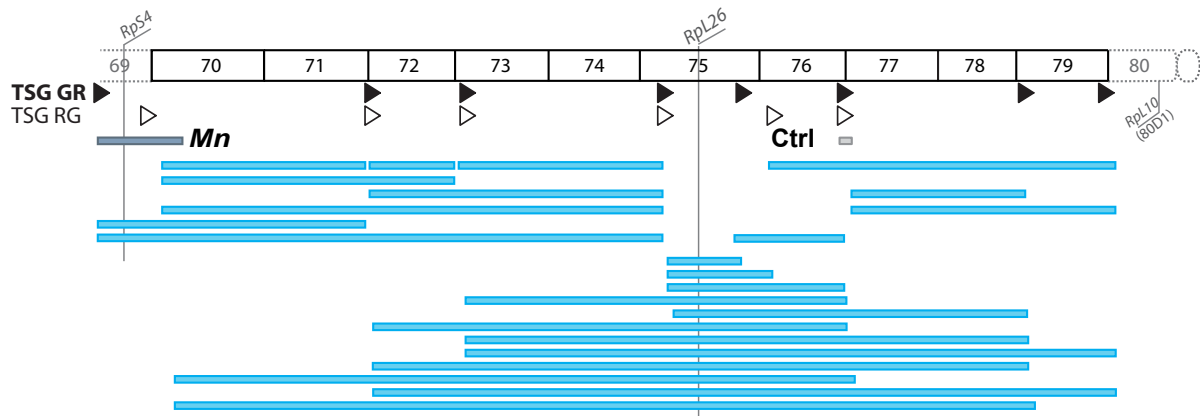


Figure R14. A collection of 14 TSG-FRT bearing lines used in trans to generate 27 different segmental trisomies and monosomies from the positions 69 to 80 in the chromosome 3L. Map of the collection of TSG-FRTs. Black triangles represent TSG GR (bearing the N terminal segment of the GFP sequence upstream the FRT and the C terminal of the RFP downstream) and white triangles RG (bearing the N terminal segment of the RFP sequence upstream the FRT and the C terminal of the GFP downstream). The 27 aneuploidies that will be generated by combining TSG-FRTs *in trans* are represented in blue with respect to the location on the chromosome. For each region euploid controls, monosomies and trisomies will be induced in the same tissue.

3.2. Rearrangements between distal FRTs cause growth defects

When looking at the euploid rearrangements for the 27 combinations of FRTs tested, in 22 out of 27 the G1-derived clones were smaller in size than the control, the only exceptions being the combinations 75A-F (201 genes), 72-75A (379 genes), 77-80 (485 genes), 73-77 (717 genes), 72-77 (896 genes) (Figure R15A,B). It looks like there is not any commonalities between the combinations that do not present a growth defect in the euploid clone size, neither in terms of number of genes nor location where the FRTs are inserted. This is consistent with what speculated about variations in frequency both for RS-FRTs *in trans* (Figure R3) and *in cis* (Figure R5A). Effects of the site of the insertion of the couple of FRTs in terms of flanking genes or chromatin structures could influence both the fitness and the survival of the resulting cell and therefore the frequency of recombination. For this reason, and to address the impact of the monosomies and trisomies on cellular fitness without being biased by the impact of recombination per se, we have normalized the size of the G1-derived clones and of each twin clone to the size of the correspondent G1-derived clones. Therefore, all the G1-derived clones will have an average area of 1 and the twin clones an average area that is a fraction of 1 (see Figure R4G). For simplicity purposes, in the following Figures where the impact of segmental monosomies and trisomies on cellular fitness is analyzed, we will plot the normalized area of monosomies and trisomies but not of euploid controls, whose area is plotted, not normalized, in Figure R15B to show variability.

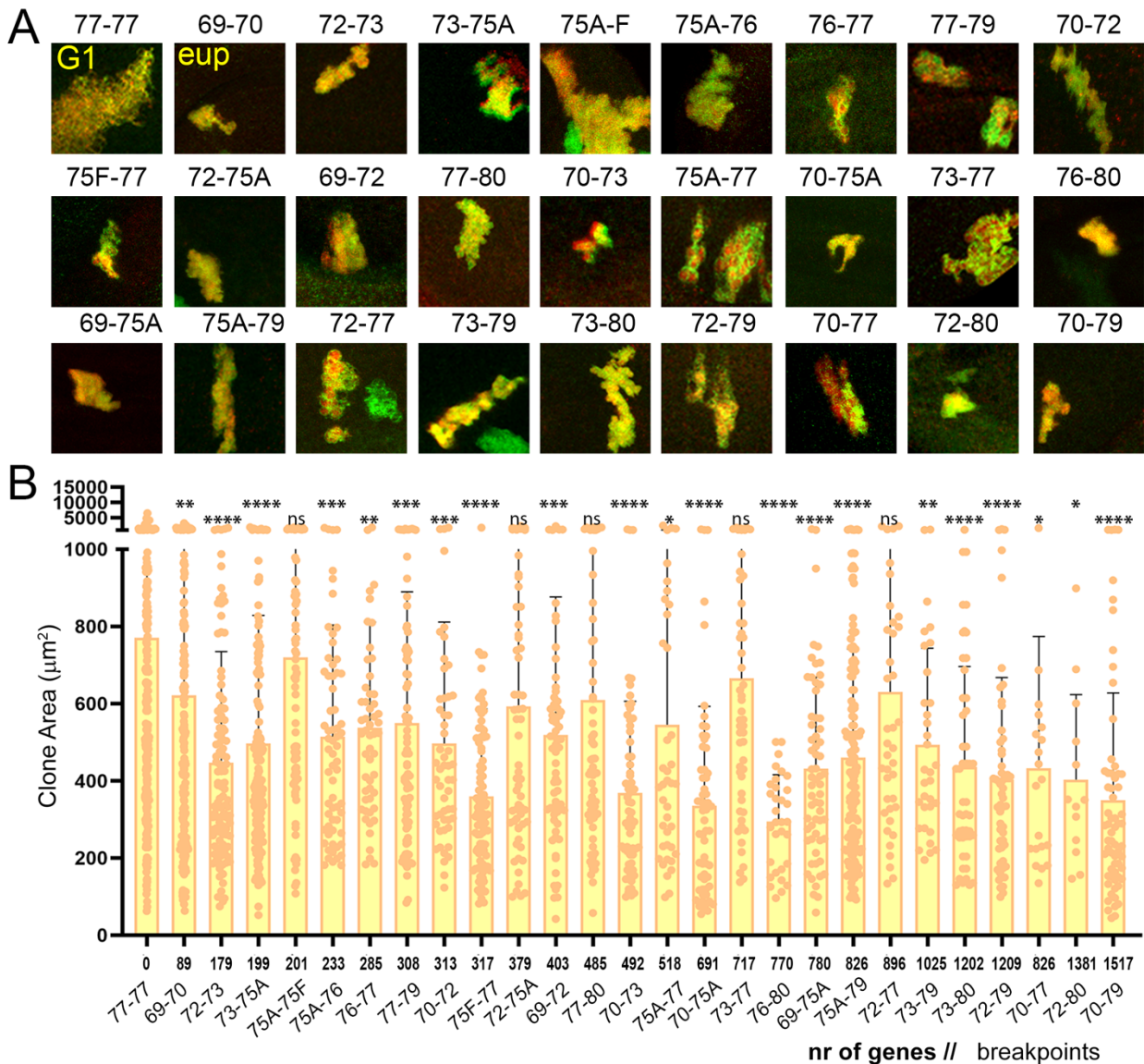


Figure R15. Recombination between distal FRTs induces growth defects in euploid controls. (A) Magnification of euploid clones in wing primordia. Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 5-7 minutes for the control and of 1h for the other combinations. Each image is 50x50 μm . (B) Plot representing the impact on clone size (in μm^2) of the size (in number of protein-encoding genes) of the euploid translocation. Genomic breakpoints of these translocations are indicated. Mean and SD are shown. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed. ns, not significant ($p > 0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$.

3.3. Size of segmental monosomies causes a non-linear impact on growth

We analyzed the size of each type of clone (euploid, monosomy, trisomy) for the 27 different combinations (Figure R14) with respect to the number of genes included between the two TSG-FRTs.

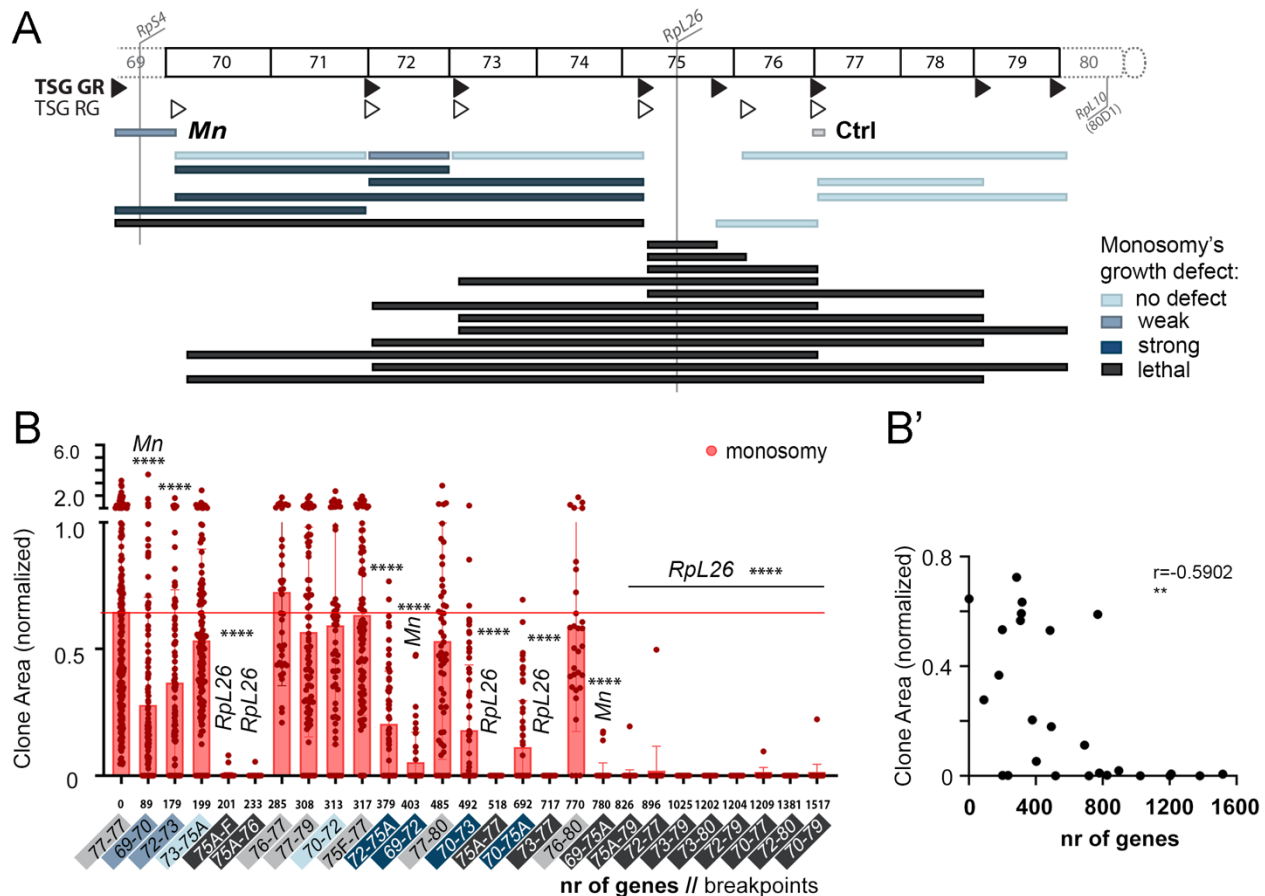


Figure R16. Growth of the segmental monosomies induced with TSG-FRTs in trans is impacted by region-specific effects more than the size of the monosomy. (A) Map of the monosomies analyzed color coded according to their growth defect compared to the control. Light blue=no difference with control. Blue=weak growth defect, comparable to the 60-70 (including the *Mn* gene *RpS4*). Dark blue=strong, stronger than the 69-70. Dark grey=lethal, when almost no monosomies were recovered. Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 5-7 minutes for the control and of 1h for the other combinations. (B) Plots representing the impact on clone size (normalized to the size of euploid clones) of the size (in number of protein-encoding genes) of the segmental monosomy. Mean and SD are shown. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed. ns, not significant ($p > 0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$. (B') Correlation analysis of clone size and number of genes included in the monosomies. Correlation test performed with r indicating negative correlation (ns $p > 0.05$; * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$).

Regarding segmental monosomies, as observed with clones bearing segmental monosomies in the adult eye (Figure R7A,B), the negative impact of the size (in number of genes) of the monosomy on clonal growth was very strong but not linear (Figure R16 B,B'). In fact, despite presenting a significant negative correlation of -0.5902, it is clear how specific regions present growth defects that do not correlate with the number of genes. Examples are the monosomy 72-73, including only 89 genes, that grows much worse than the bigger 73-75A, including 199 genes, or the monosomies 75A-F and 75A-76, including respectively 201 and 203 genes, that are clearly eliminated from the tissue despite including a relatively small number of genes. Other examples are the monosomies 72-75A and 69-72 including respectively 379 and 403 genes that grow much worse than the bigger monosomy 77-80 (485 genes), or the 76-80 monosomy which despite including a fairly big number of genes (770) does not show any difference in size with respect to the control. It is interesting to note that, despite presenting few oscillations, the correlation between size of the segmental monosomy and its impact on growth is much higher ($r = -0.8299$, Figure R7B) when segmental monosomies are growing surrounded by wild type

cells, and not side by side with segmental trisomies. This is in accordance with what we will describe later about how the presence of the trisomy can influence the behavior of the monosomy.

Furthermore, as a general observation, it is striking how all the monosomies including the region 75A-75F, where the *Rpl26* gene is located are lethal and cannot be recovered in the tissue.

3.4. Segmental trisomies up to 1500 genes in the region analyzed do not show growth defects

When analyzing the correspondent 27 segmental trisomies with respect to the number of genes included between the two TSG-FRTs, it resulted that they did not have a statistically significant negative impact on the size of the clones up until 1517 genes, with a correlation coefficient of -0.1438 (Figure R17 B,B').

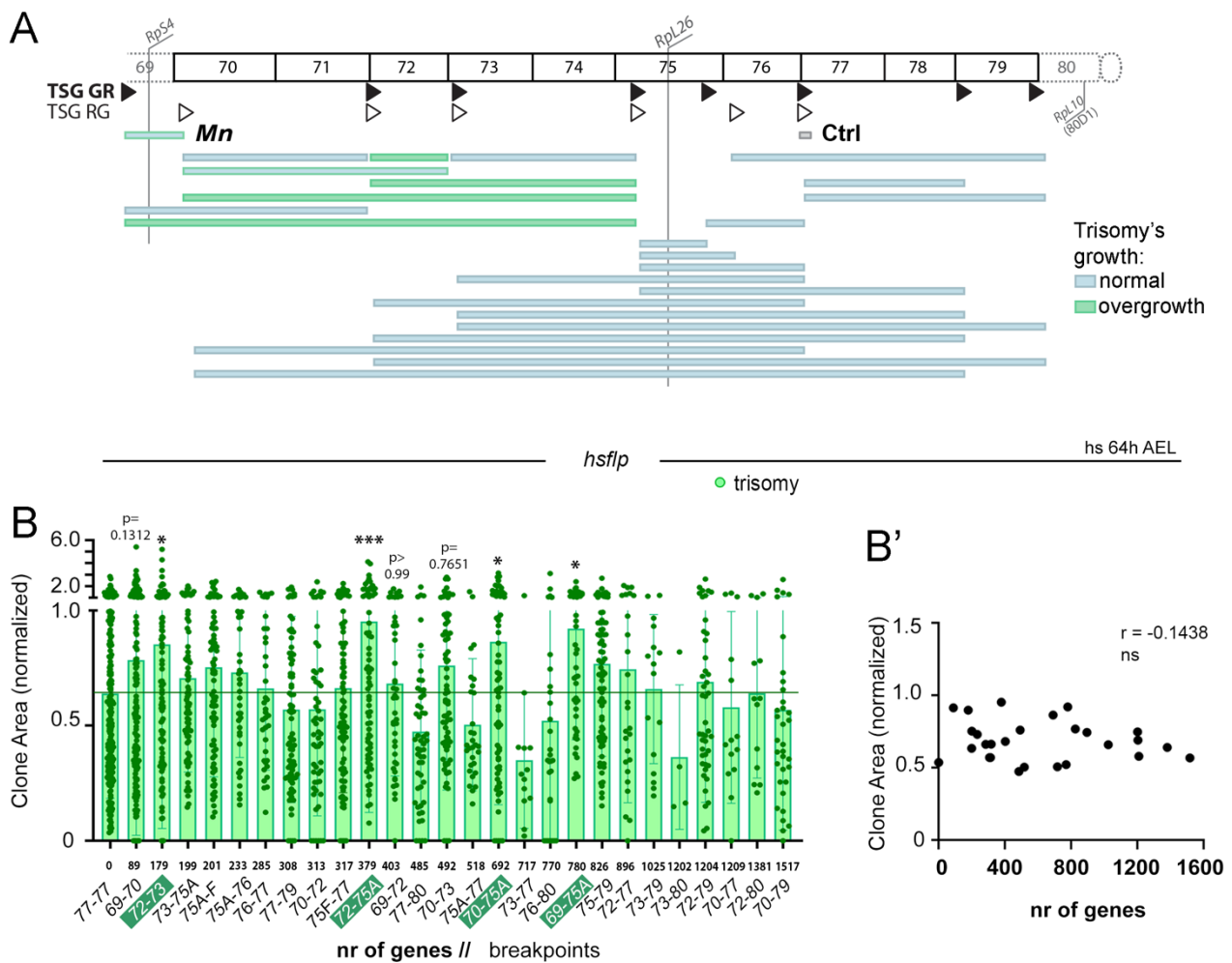


Figure R17. Growth of the segmental trisomies induced with TSG-FRTs in trans is not compromised according to the size of the trisomy. (A) Map of the trisomies analyzed color coded according to their growth capacity compared to the control. Light blue=no difference with control. Green=bigger than control. Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 5-7 minutes for the control and of 1h for the other combinations. (B) Plots representing the impact on clone size (normalized to the size of euploid clones) of the size (in number of protein-encoding genes) of the segmental trisomies. Trisomies significantly bigger than control are highlighted in green. Mean and SD are shown. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed. ns, not significant ($p > 0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$. (B') Correlation analysis of clone size and number of genes included in the monosomies. Correlation test performed with r indicating no correlation (ns $p > 0.05$; * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$).

Indeed, some segmental trisomies (labeled in dark green) had a positive impact on the size of the resulting clones. In particular, the 72-73, 72-75, 70-75 and 69-75 were significantly bigger than the control. All these trisomies include the region between 72-73. The only trisomy which includes the 72-73 region and doesn't show a significant increase in size respect to the control is the 70-73, which could be due to variability. Despite this, four out of five trisomies including the 72-73 region were significantly bigger than the control pointing to a phenomenon of super-competition due to some gene or group of genes included in the 72-73 region. The 69-70 trisomy including the *Mn* gene *RpS4*, which was significantly bigger than the control when comparing *RpS4x1* with *RpS4x3* and *Rps4x2* clones (Figure R12G), doesn't show a significant increase in size in this data set although it shows a clear tendency (Figure R17B, $p=0.1312$). Instead, the 69-72 trisomy, which also includes *RpS4* but a bigger number of genes (403 versus 89 genes), doesn't show an increase in size with respect to the control (Figure R17B, $p>0.99$). Trisomies which didn't show a difference in size with respect to control are shown in light blue in Figure R17A, while trisomies which overgrow are depicted in green. For the reasons discussed above, trisomies 70-73 and 69-70 are represented in light blue with a green stroke to indicate that they probably overgrow despite not presenting a significant difference in this dataset.

As commented in the previous chapter, it is clear for both segmental monosomies and trisomies that the genomic region and the genes that are included in the aneuploidy deeply influence their growth and survival. For this reason and following the observation that all monosomies that include *Rpl26* are eliminated from the tissue, we will analyze growth by dividing the segmental aneuploidies that we induced in the wing disc with the TSG technique into approximately the same three subregions in which we divided the segmental monosomies that we induced in the adult eye (Figure R7C): Region 1, upstream of *Rpl26* from location 69 to 75A (Figure R18A); Region 2, downstream of *Rpl26* from 75F to 80 (Figure R20A); Region 3, all the aneuploidies including *Rpl26* (Figure R22A). As previously discussed, as controls we used clones where G1-derived yellow clones and RFP+ and GFP+ twin clones are genetically identical. Furthermore, we will use the previously described clones bearing different copies of *RpS4* as an example of cell competition and therefore a control of outcompetition and haploinsufficiency. In the next chapters we will analyze how the segmental monosomies and trisomies of Regions 1, 2 and 3 grow, if monosomies and their respective trisomies display a difference in size and survival between each other and with respect to controls, and, in case any growth defect is observed, if it is similar in entity and molecular mechanism to the *Mn- Xrp1*-dependent cell competition described for *Rps4*. Since the majority of trisomies do not present an impact on size respect to control, the aneuploidies of each genomic region will be represented in a color code that describes the impact of the monosomy on clone size: similar in size as control ones (light blue), weak (blue) or strong (dark blue) growth impairment, and lethality (black).

3.5. A case of supercompetition in Region 1

Comparing the effects of monosomies in Region 1 induced by RS-FRTs in the adult eye (monosomies 73D1-75A4, 70E5-72B2, 71E1-73B1, 70E5-72D9, 70C6-72B2, 71E1-73E5, 70C6-73E5, 70C6-75A4 in Figure R8)

with those induced by TSG-FRTs in the wing disc that cover the same genomic regions (70-72, 72-73, 73-75, 70-73, 72-75, 70-75 in Figure R18), we observe that some monosomies exhibit growth defects when induced by TSG-FRTs, which were not present with RS-FRTs. In particular, while the monosomies including the regions 70-72 and 73-75 did not display any growth defect with neither the TSG- nor the RS-FRTs set ups, the monosomy including the region 72-73 displayed a clear growth defect when compared to its complementary trisomy and to the control when induced with the TSG technique that monosomies including the same region did not present when induced with RS-FRTs (70E5-72B2, 71E1-73B1, 70E5-72D9, 70C6-72B2, 71E1-73E5 in light orange in Figure R8). This proves that none of the genes included in this region is haploinsufficient by itself. Most interestingly, as pointed above when analyzing the impact of the size of the trisomy on clonal growth (Figure R17 A,B), almost all clones of cells bearing trisomies for the region 72-73 of Region 1 were significantly larger than controls (Figure R17B, 18C). The regions in which the trisomy presents an overgrowth are represented with a green stroke in Figure R18A. Coherent results are observed when looking at the survival of monosomic clones, measured as presence of both twin clones (blue) versus presence of only the trisomic clone (green, Figure R18). In fact, while for regions 70-72 and 73-75 we observe a small percentage of twin clones that lost the monosomic cells (5.1 and 5.6% respectively), 13.1% of twin clones including the 72-73 region lost the monosomic twin. We can observe in almost all cases a small percentage of twin clones (from 1 to 5.9%) that lost the trisomic clones (represented in red). This is coherent with the fact that recombination events between distal FRTs are per se generally deleterious for the cells (Figure R15), which could result in stochastic loss of either one of the two twin clones. When the frequency of these events stays approximately below 5% and does not correlate with a decrease in clones' size, we can speculate that loss of those clones is something that happens due to recombination and not to an effect of the aneuploidy on cell fitness.

These results taken together point towards a potential case of super-competition caused by the presence of trisomic cells acting as competitive winners towards the monosomic cells. We identified a small genomic region of 179 genes located in 72-73 that is able to reproduce the growth impairment of monosomic clones in all five monosomies analyzed that include this region (72-73, 70-73, 72-75, 70-75, 69-75) and the increase in the size of trisomic clones in four out of five trisomies analyzed (72-73, 72-75, 70-75, 69-75) (Figure R18C). The fact that the same genes when included in monosomies generated with RS-FRTs *in cis* in a wild type context do not show haploinsufficiency, is coherent with a scenario where segmental monosomies including these genes are outcompeted by cells bearing a trisomy for the same genes and not by wild type cells. Similar observations were found in the eye primordium as well by inducing the clones through the *eyflp* construct, ruling out any tissue-dependent effects (Figure R18E).

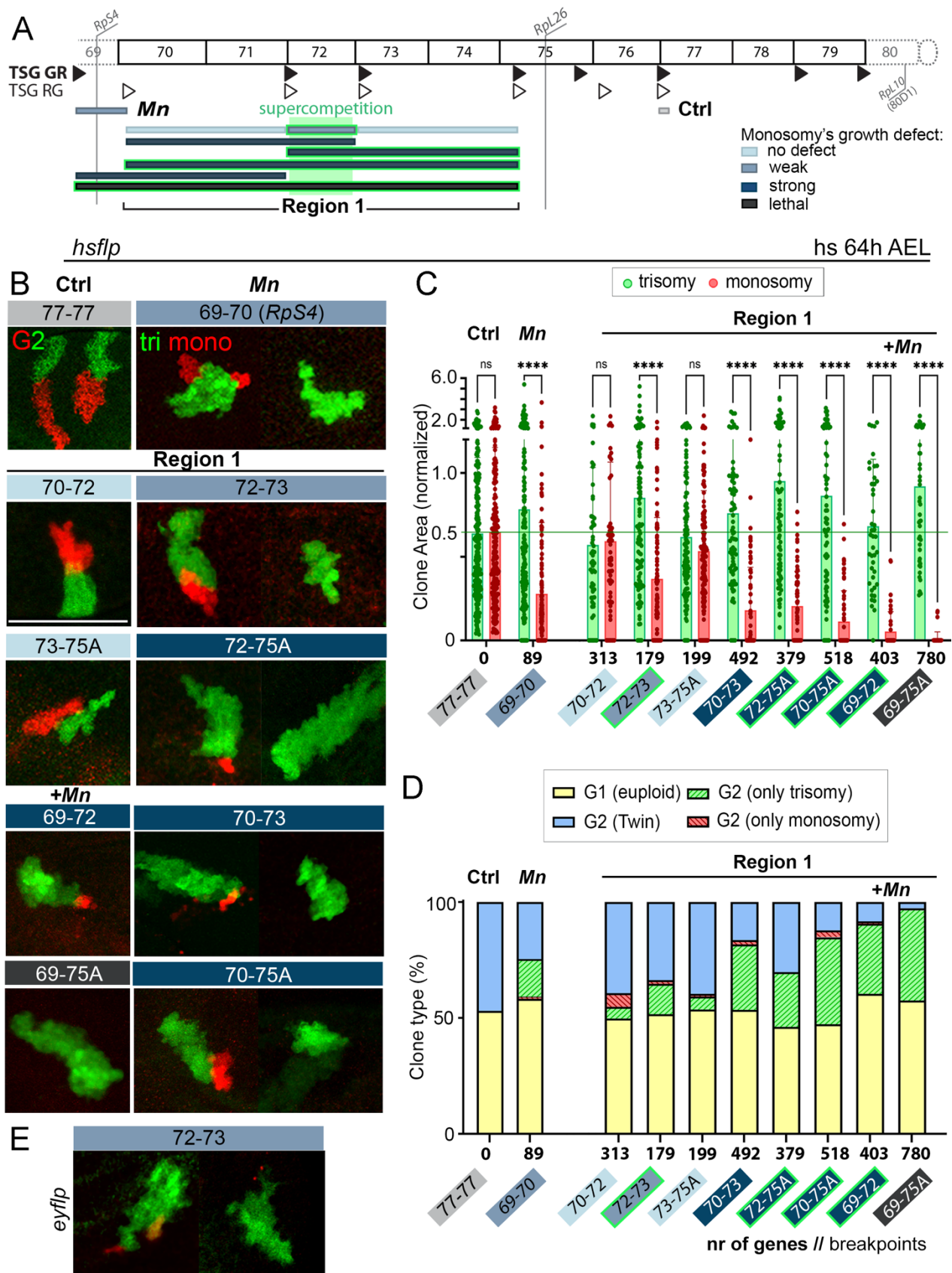


Figure R18. Growth of the segmental monosomies in Region 1 is compromised due to super-competition and cumulative haploinsufficiency. (A) Map of the trisomies and monosomies analyzed color coded according to the growth defect of the monosomy compared to the control. Light blue=no difference with control. Blue=weak growth defect. Dark blue=strong growth defect. Dark grey=lethal. The trisomies that are significantly bigger than the control are highlighted with a green stroke. (B) Magnification of twin clones in the wing primordia. The cytological location of each FRT

insertion is indicated in the same color code used in A. Each image is 50x50 μm . (C, D) Plots representing clone area of monosomies and trisomies of the same region (normalized to the one of euploid cells) (C) and clone type distribution (D). Average (D) and mean and SD (C) are shown. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed in C. Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 5-7 minutes for the control and of 1h for the other combinations. ns, not significant ($p>0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$.

3.6. Cumulative haploinsufficiency enhances super-competition and *Mn*-induced cell competition in Region 1

Furthermore, we noticed that the effects on the size of monosomic clones was stronger when more genes were included in the monosomy, pointing again to a contribution of cumulative haploinsufficiency of neighboring genomic regions on growth. One example is that decrease in clone size and loss of segmental monosomies of region 69-70 including the haploinsufficient genomic region bearing *RpS4* was clearly enhanced when this monosomy was also including the region 70-72 (Figure R18C,D). If we compare the 69-70 and 70-72 monosomies with the 69-72, we see that the size of the monosomy is 0.28, 0.6 and 0.05 respectively and that 15.66%, 5.06% and 30.22% of the clones respectively are twin that lost the monosomic clone. Therefore, by adding to the 69-70 monosomy the 70-72 region, that per se did not present neither decrease in size nor loss of the monosomic clone compared to the control (Figure R18C,D), we are able to enhance 5.6 times the effect on size (from 0.28 to 0.05) and by the double the effect on survival (from 15.66% to 30.22%). A similar example is that decrease in clone size and loss of segmental monosomies observed in the 70-73 region due to super-competition is much higher respect to the 72-73 region alone. The monosomy of the 70-72 region, again, despite not presenting any growth defect, enhances by two times the super-competition of the 72-73 monosomy and reduces clone size from 0.37 to 0.18 and the occurrence of loss of the monosomic twin from 13.1% to 28.2% (Figure R18C,D, compare 70-72 and 72-73 with 70-73). The same happens with the 70-75 monosomy: despite including the region 73-75 which does not present any growth defect, it displays a worse phenotype than the 70-73 monosomy with a clone size of 0.11 and 37.5% of clones that are twin that lost the monosomy (Figure R18C,D, compare 70-73 with 70-75). Furthermore, we can also see how different phenomena of cell competition and cumulative haploinsufficiency have an additive effect in compromising cell fitness of monosomic cells. In fact, the worse effects were observed for the 69-75 monosomy where super-competition of the 72-73 trisomy is added to the *RpS4*-induced cell competition of region 69-70 and cumulative haploinsufficiency of regions 70-72 and 73-75 (Figure R18C,D, compare 69-70 and 70-75 with 69-75). Indeed, this turned to induce cell lethality as almost no clone bearing monosomic cells was recovered, with the average size of the 69-75 monosomy being reduced to only 0.01 and 93,7% of twin clones (39.8% out of a total of 42,48% of twin clones) losing the monosomy.

3.7. Super-competition in Region 1 is *Xrp1*-independent

The previous results unravel a super-competitive behavior of trisomic over monosomic clones and reinforce the effect of cumulative haploinsufficiency in enhancing these behaviors. The observed super-competitive behavior was largely independent of *Xrp1*, as the size of the two types of clones was unaffected by *Xrp1*

depletion (Figure R19 A,B). We can notice how the negative effect on the monosomy and the overgrowth of the trisomy are enhanced in this experiment comparing to previously analyzed clones (0.9 for the trisomy and 0.1 for the monosomy in Figure R19B versus 0.75 and 0.5 in Figure R18C). These experiments were not performed in parallel and even if the protocol of egg laying and clone induction was always maintained unaltered, even slight and unpredictable differences in developmental timing (e.g. due to differences in temperature, humidity, fly food ingredients) will result in a different moment of clones' induction. In this case in the *Xrp1* rescue experiment (Figure R19) the clones were clearly induced earlier therefore giving more time to the trisomic clone to overgrow and to the monosomic clone to be outcompeted. We next searched for the responsible gene or genes.

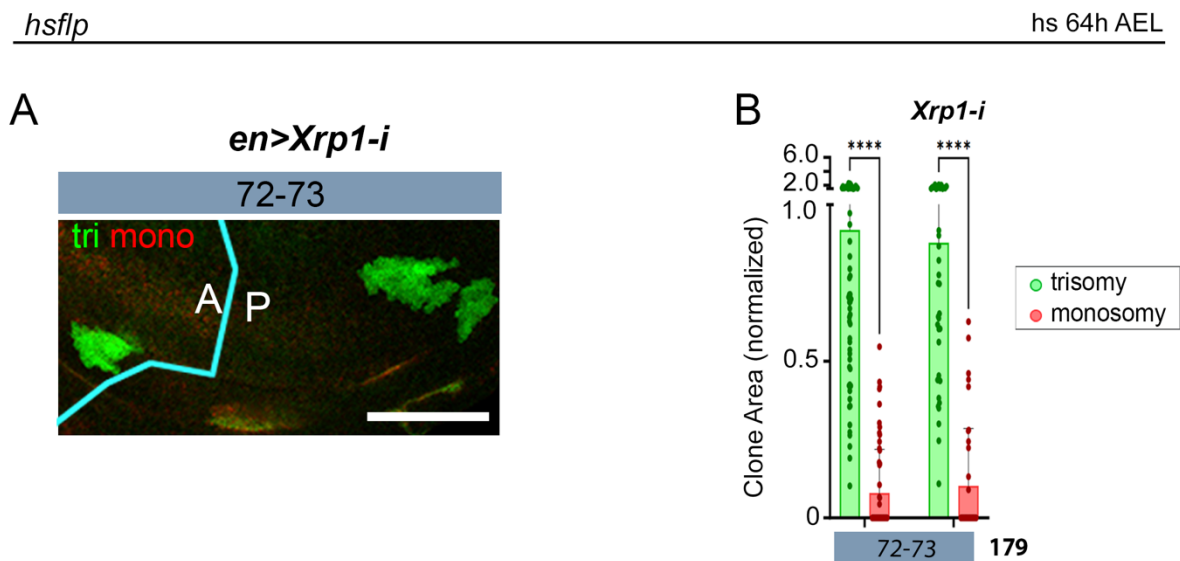


Figure R19. Supercompetition in Region 1 is *Xrp1*-independent. (A) Magnification of clones in wing primordia in tissues that expressed an RNAi form of *Xrp1* in the posterior (P) compartment. Scale bars, 50 μ m. (B) Plot representing clone area (normalized to the one of euploid cells) of monosomies and trisomies in absence (anterior compartment, A), or presence of *Xrp1-i*. Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 1h. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed in B. ns, not significant ($p > 0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$.

3.8. Super-competition in Region 1 is mediated by *flower* and other genes

When looking at the genes comprised between the positions 72A1-73A5 that could have a role in cell-competition, one that caught our attention was *flower*. The gene *flower* (*fwe*, located in 72A1), encodes for a transmembrane protein conserved in multicellular animals and proposed to be a Ca^{2+} channel in neurons (Yao et al., 2009). Interestingly, *flower* has been reported to be upregulated in winner cells in the context of *dMyc*-induced super-competition (Rhiner et al., 2010). In particular, this study proposes a model in which the *fwe^{Lose}* and *fwe^{ubi}* isoforms of the *fwe* gene are differentially expressed in the loser and winner cells respectively, and that cell-to-cell comparison of relative *fwe^{Lose}* and *fwe^{ubi}* levels ultimately determines which cell undergoes apoptosis. Since what we observed is that cells bearing three copies of the region including *fwe*, along with other 178 genes, are capable of overgrowing in the epithelium while inducing outcompetition of the cells including only one copy of the same region (Figure R18), we wondered if differences in copies of *fwe* alone could recapitulate this phenotype. To assess this, we generated twin clones of cells bearing either zero or two

copies of *fwe* in the wing disc epithelia of *fwe*^{+/-} animals by employing the Flp/FRT system as represented in Figure R1A. Induction was performed at 70h AEL. When comparing these clones with control clones bearing either zero or two copies of the *Lac-Z* construct, clones bearing two copies of *fwe* were twice the size while the clones bearing zero copies of *fwe* presented cell death markers and were drastically reduced in size (Figure R20 A,B). Therefore, by generating twin clones bearing two and zero copies of *fwe* in a tissue bearing one copy of *fwe* we could recapitulate the phenotype we observed when we generated twin clones bearing three and one copy of Region 1 (including *fwe*) in a tissue bearing two copies of the same region. This suggests that a difference of one dose respect to the surrounding tissue and two doses respect to the loser twin is enough to trigger super competition.

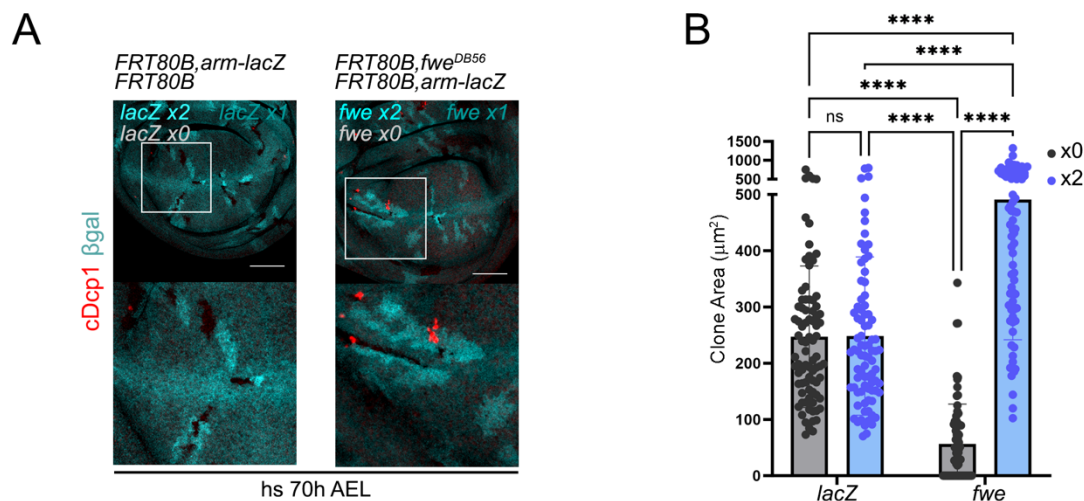


Figure R20. Differences in copies of *fwe* is sufficient to induce super-competition. (A) Magnification of clones in wing primordia where clones of cells bearing one or two copies of either *lacZ* (left) or *fwe* (right) were induced through FRT-mitotic recombination in heterozygous animals. Correspondent genotypes are indicated. β gal staining is in cyan and Dcp1 in red. Scale bars, 50 μ m. (B) Plot representing clone area of the indicated genotype. Clones were induced at 70h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 45'. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed in B. ns, not significant ($p > 0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$.

After seeing that we were able to phenocopy the observed effect of super-competition of Region 1 by confronting cells with two and zero copies of the *fwe* gene (Figure R20 A,B), we tried to rescue super-competition of Region 1 by overexpressing *fwe*. For this purpose, we used the eye primordia and induction through the *eye-Gal4,UAS-Flp* construct (*eye>flp*). We speculate that the huge amplification of gene expression achieved through the Gal4-UAS system will equal the one copy difference in *fwe* levels between the twin clones. The outcompetition of the monosomic clone for Region 1 was not rescued by *fwe* overexpression, neither with the ubi isoform used by Rhiner and colleagues (Rhiner et al., 2010) nor with the A isoform (Yao et al., 2009) (Figure R21). These results suggest that the super-competitive behavior of Region 1 relies on the cumulative effect of two or more genes located in this region. The fact that *fwe* overexpression does not rescue the presence of the monosomic clone, but that juxtaposed cells with different *fwe* copies recapitulate Region 1 supercompetition, suggest that it is still possible that increased *fwe* levels are responsible for the overgrowth of the trisomic clone of Region 1. However, more genes must contribute to the elimination of the monosomic clone of Region 1. Consistent with this proposal, we identified two other genes in this region previously reported to be involved in processes of cell competition, namely Death-associated inhibitor of

apoptosis 1 (Diap1, located in 72D1), and the secreted Wnt inhibitor Notum (located in 72C3, (Vincent et al., 2011)). Whether these two genes or any other located in this region contribute to the supercompetitive behavior of Region 1 remains to be elucidated. Furthermore, it must be taken into account that overexpression of *fwe* through the Gal4-UAS system is not the best technical set up to perform the rescue experiment and that such a huge overexpression of *fwe* could interfere with the expected results by for example exacerbating supercompetition. However, providing just the monosomic clone of Region 1 with an extra copy of *fwe* isn't technically feasible.

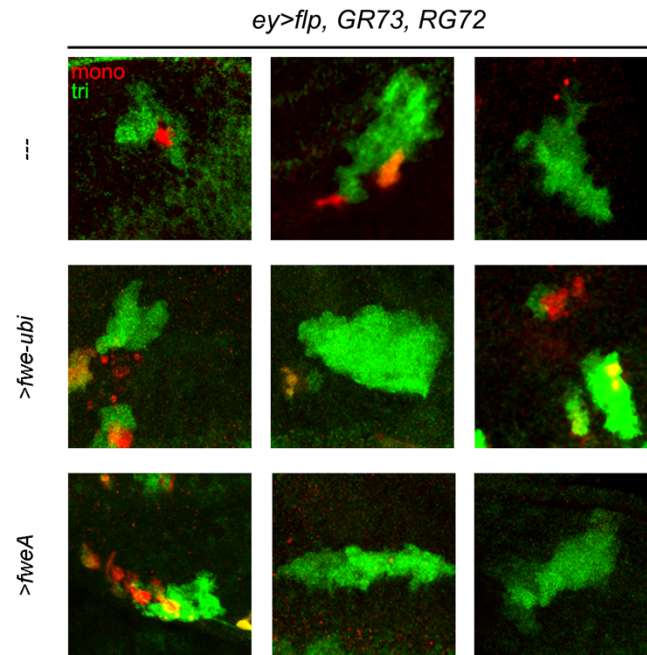


Figure R21. Increasing levels of *fwe* does not rescue super-competition of Region 1. Magnification of clones in eye primordia where clones are induced chronically through the construct *eye>flp*. Correspondent genotypes are indicated. Scale bars, 50 μ m. Each image is 50x50 μ m.

3.9. A case of growth compensation in Region 2

When analyzing clones carrying segmental aneuploidies in the Region 2 (75F7-80), we realized, to our surprise, that clones of monosomic cells did not show any growth defect or sign of out-competition (Figure R22B,C,D). This appears in disagreement with what observed in the same region with segmental monosomies induced with RS-FRTs *in cis* (77E4-79A4, 75F7-77C1, Figure R8) in wild type eye epithelia, where the monosomies including the region 75F7-79A4 already presented a growth defect respect to the control, indicating presence of two or more haploinsufficient genes. The fact that the monosomies in the same region generated through the TSG technique does not present the same growth defect indicates that somehow the presence of the complementary trisomy rescues the growth defect of the monosomy. Similar observations were found in the eye primordium as well (Figure R22G), ruling out any tissue-dependent effects.

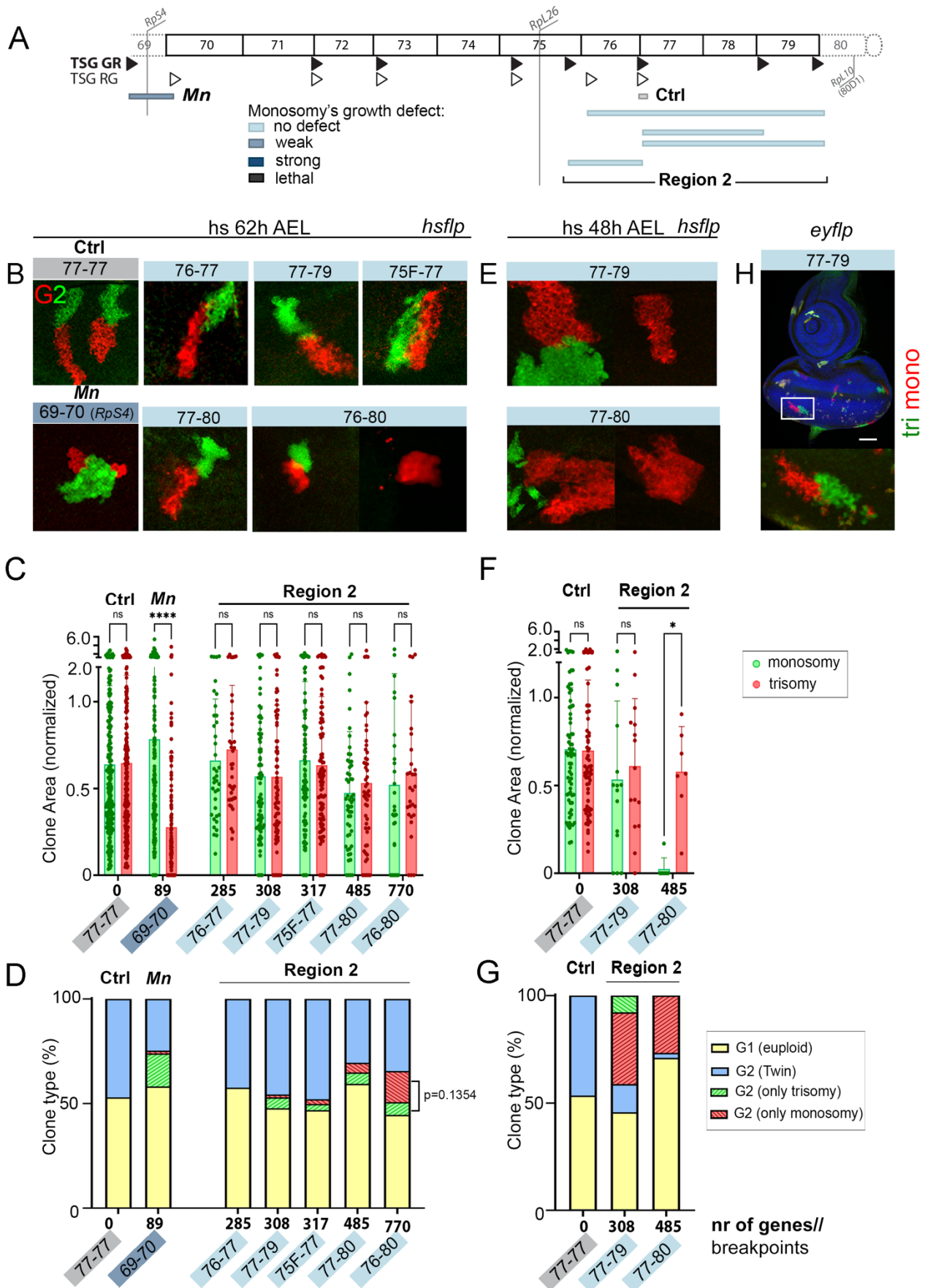


Figure R22. Growth of the monosomies in Region 2 is rescued by the presence of their complementary trisomies.
 (A) Map of the trisomies and monosomies analyzed color coded according to the growth defect of the monosomy

compared to the control. Light blue=no difference with control. Blue=weak growth defect. Dark blue=strong growth defect. Dark grey=lethal. Magnification of twin clones in the wing (**B, E**) and eye (**H**) primordia. The cytological locations of the FRTs is indicated in the same color code used in **A**. Each image is 50x50 μm . Clones were induced at 64h AEL (**B, C, D**) or at 48h AEL (**E, F, G**) with a heat-shock at 38°C of 5-10 minutes for the control and of 1h for the other combinations. (**C, F**) Plots representing clone area of monosomies and trisomies of the same region (normalized to the one of euploid cells) induced at 64h AEL (**C**) and 48h AEL (**F**). Mean and SD are shown. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed. ns, not significant ($p > 0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$. (**D, G**) Plots representing clone type distribution of clones induced at 64h AEL (**D**) and 48h AEL (**G**). Averages are shown. (**G**) Eye primordia where clones are induced chronically through the *eyflp* construct. Scale bar 50 μm .

We noticed that differently to what observed for Region 1, twin clones of regions 77-79, 75F-77 and 77-80 lose in similar grades both the trisomy and the monosomy (5.18% and 1.41%, 2.94% and 2.25%, 5.43% and 4.66% respectively). Interestingly, 14.77% of the clones of region 76-80 are twin that lost the trisomic clone while only 6.14% lost the monosomy (Figure R22D). Although the difference is not statistically significant ($p = 0.1354$) the percentage of twin clones that lost the trisomy it is much higher than what observed for other combinations and may indicate that trisomic clones are being lost from the epithelium.

We have already observed how appropriate timing of the induction is crucial in order to uncover differences in cell fitness. For this reason and in order to investigate if trisomic clones were in fact being lost, we induced clones in Region 2 at earlier developmental stages through a heat shock at 48h AEL. We noticed that trisomic clones tended to be lost from the epithelium (Figure R22D,E,F). This is especially clear when looking at clone size of trisomic clones of region 77-80 (0.02 when induced at 48h versus 0.52 when induced at 64h AEL) and is reflected also by the percentage of twin clones that lose the trisomic clone, 33.33% and 27.14% for 77-79 and 77-80 trisomies respectively. Why the loss of the trisomic twin for the 77-79 region is not reflected in a decreased clone size it is not clear. It could be that the 77-79 trisomy is less deleterious than the 77-80 trisomy and that the trisomies that were able to survive for 72h (the ones whose size is quantified) could cope with whatever stress and decrease in fitness was caused by the trisomy. These results point to a potential non-autonomous role of trisomic clones in supporting growth of nearby monosomic cells. Whether this non-autonomous role of trisomic clones towards monosomic cells relies on stress-induced compensatory proliferation remains to be elucidated.

Similar results were obtained when analyzing the behavior of clones carrying segmental monosomies and trisomies in the genomic region 87-92 in the chromosome 3R, which comprises 1426 genes (Figure R23). Growth of clones of cells bearing segmental monosomies included within 87-89 and 89-92 was compromised (Figure R23C), which did not reflect on the % of twin clones losing the monosomic clones. This may be due to a slower elimination of the monosomic clone compared to what has been observed for Region 1 (Figure R18) so that at the time of the observation, 56h after clone induction, the majority of the monosomic clones are smaller but have not yet been eliminated. For the 87-89 region, the difference between the monosomy and the trisomy is not significant but there is a clear tendency (Figure R23C), which goes in accordance with the observation of pyknotic nuclei in the monosomic clone (Figure R23B) and with the gene *eIF2 γ* in 88E6 being reported as haploinsufficient in a previous report (Ji et al., 2021).

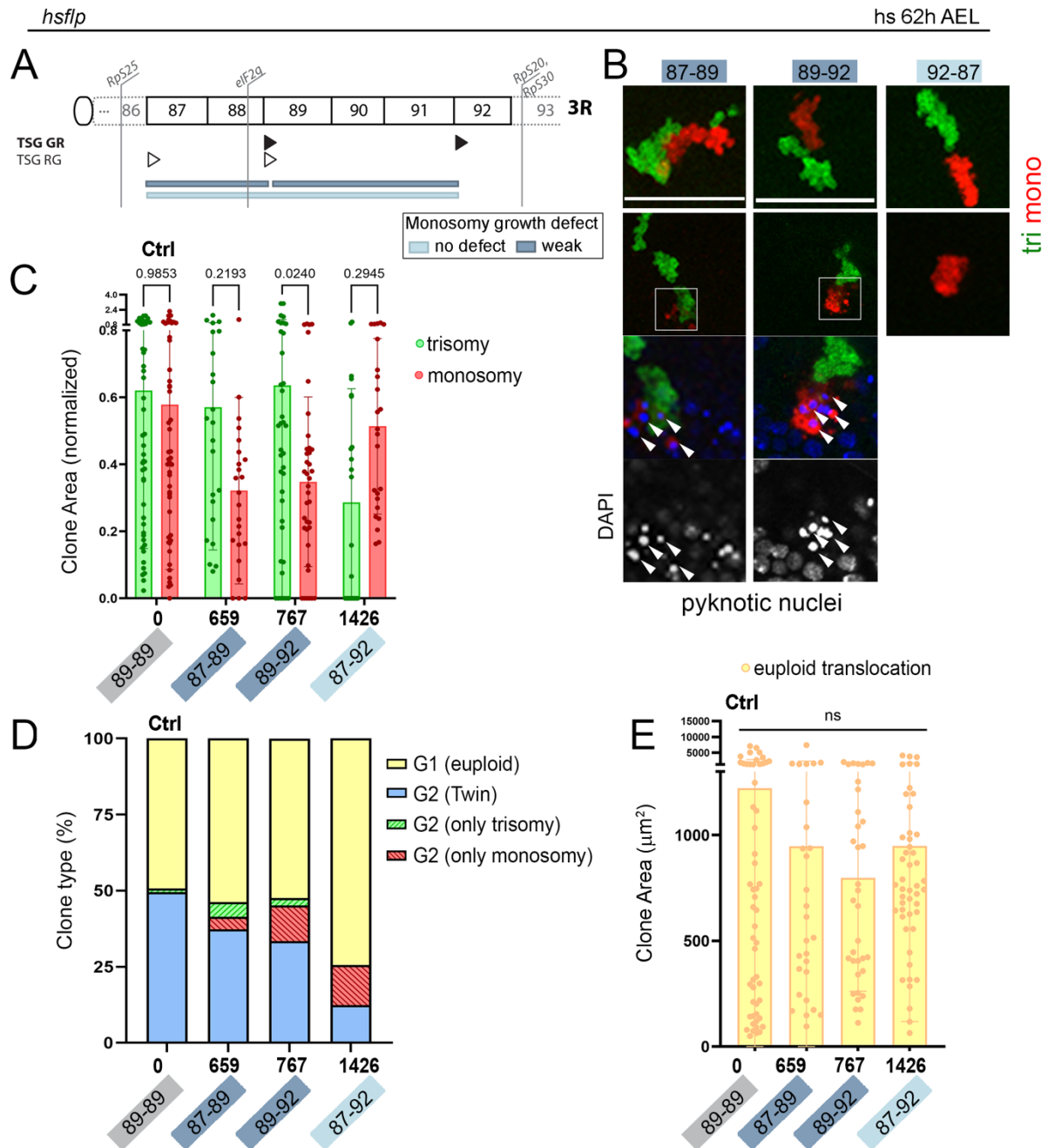


Figure R23. Triplosensitivity of a region in the 3R recues the growth of the monosomy of the same region. (A) Map of the trisomies and monosomies analyzed color coded according to the growth defect of the monosomy compared to the control. Light blue=no difference with control. Blue=weak growth defect. (B) Magnification of twin clones in the wing primordia. The cytological location of each FRT is indicated in the same color code used in A. Each image is 50x50 μm . Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 5-7 minutes for the control and of 1h for the other combinations. Plots representing clone area of monosomies and trisomies of the same region (C) normalized to the one of euploid cells (E) and clone type distribution (D) of clones induced at 64h AEL. Mean (D) and SD (C,D) are shown. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed in C and E. ns, not significant ($p>0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$.

Surprisingly, clones of cells bearing segmental monosomies of the whole region not only did not show a worse growth defect as could be expected due to cumulative haploinsufficiency, but did not show a growth defect at all. This was accompanied by a reduction in the size of trisomic clones (Figure R23C) as well as an increase of the percentage of twin clones that lost the trisomic clone (Figure R23D). This again points to a potential

non-autonomous role of trisomies in compensating growth defects of the monosomies (see more in Discussion).

3.10. *Rpl26* is a *Mn*-like gene that when present in three copies causes lethal cell competition of clones bearing one copy of *Rpl26*

Finally, we verified the negative impact of the haploinsufficient region including the *RpL26* gene on growth and survival.

When monosomies including the *Rpl26* gene were induced by RS-FRTs in a wild type context in the adult eye, they presented a strong growth defect (Figure R10). However, in this case, the presence of the trisomic clones turned this haploinsufficiency to cell lethality as almost no monosomic clone could be recovered when clones were induced at 64h AEL as can be seen both by the Area (Figure R24B,C) and the % of twin clones that lost the monosomy (Figure R24D). The percentage of clones in G1 ranges from a minimum of 48.2% for 75A-75F to 69.3% for 75A-79 and 68.6% for 70-79. These considerable deviations from the expected 50% can be attributed to the loss of both twin clones from the tissue. Overall, these results unravel a role of trisomic cells in enhancing the loser state into lethality. Interestingly, trisomic clones did not show any difference in size compared to controls (Figure R24C), even when they included the 72-73 region, responsible for a phenomenon of supercompetition (Figure R17B, 18B,C). For instance, we notice that the trisomies 72-77, 72-79, 70-77, 72-80, 70-79 do not overgrow compared to controls as did the trisomies 72-73, 72-75, 70-75, 69-75 (Figure R17B, see more in the Discussion).

This process of lethal competition was largely dependent of *Xrp1*, as *Xrp1* depletion in the posterior (P) compartment of the wing disc through the *enGal4-UAS-Xrp1-i* construct rescued the size of monosomic clones (Figure R25 A,A') when clones were induced acutely with the *hsflp* construct and a heat-shock at 64h AEL. In order to see if *Xrp1* depletion rescued bigger monosomies including *RpL26*, we used the chronic induction through the *en>flp* construct (Figure R13) and FRT pair 70-77. By inducing clones chronically, we cannot carefully analyze size since clones are induced at different developmental timings in the same tissue. However, this is not so relevant in this case for different reasons. First, since the monosomic clones of this region are eliminated from the tissue (Figure R24), it will be easy to qualitatively see an effect of *Xrp1* depletion since we expect to rescue the presence of the clones, rather than to detect a difference in Area. Furthermore, this approach allowed us to increase system efficiency, enabling the observation of differences that would have been difficult to detect with acute induction, given the low frequency of clones when the FRTs are widely spaced and that we would have needed a considerable number of twin clones located posteriorly.

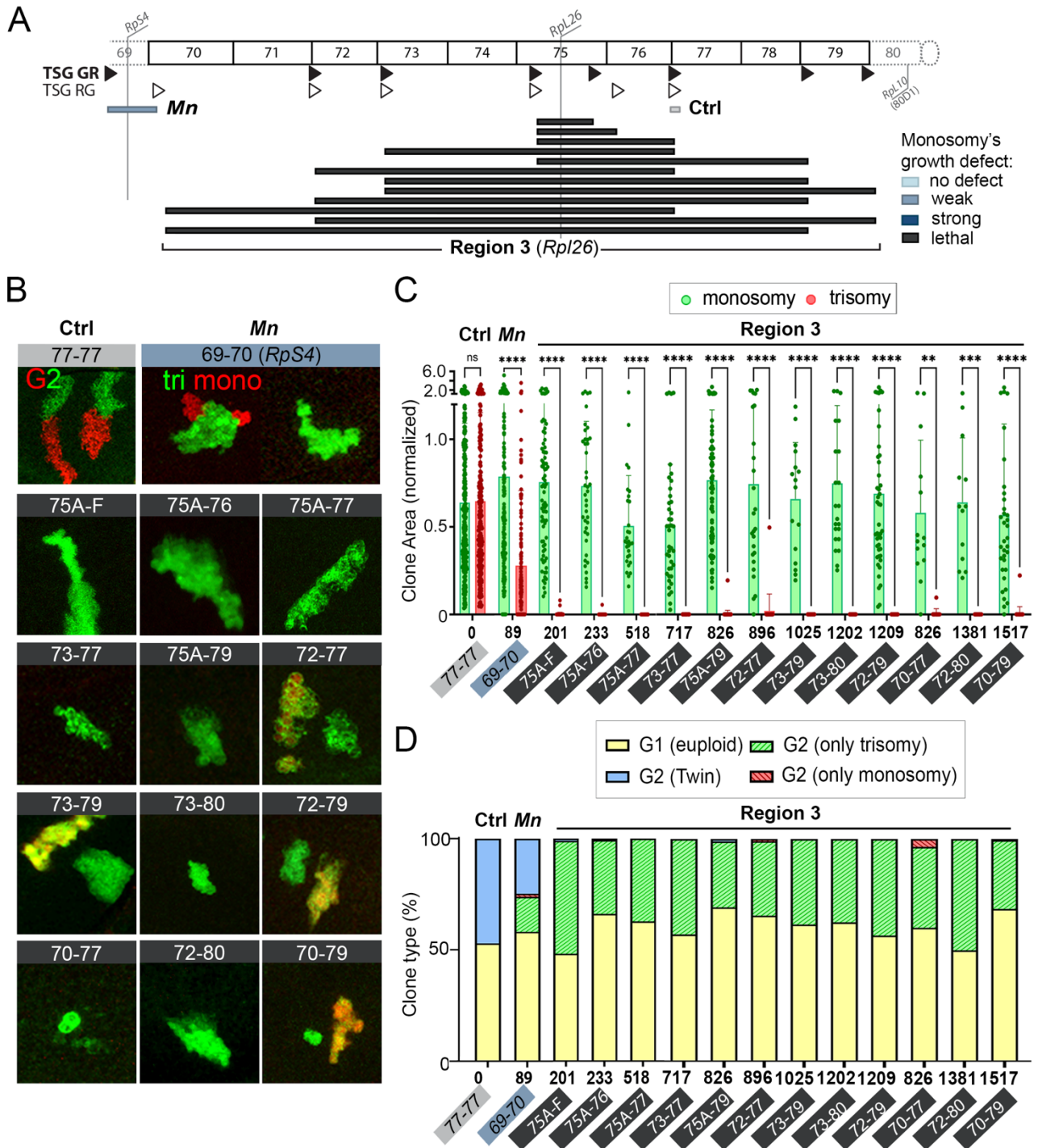


Figure R24. Monosomies including the region 75A-75F suffer lethal cell competition in presence of their complementary trisomy. (A) Map of the trisomies and monosomies analyzed color coded according to the growth defect of the monosomy compared to the control. Light blue=no difference with control. Blue=weak growth defect. Dark blue=strong growth defect. Dark grey=lethal. (B) Magnification of twin clones in the wing primordia. The cytological location of each FRT insertion is indicated in the same color code used in A. Each image is 50x50 μ m. (C, D) Plots representing clone area of monosomies and trisomies of the same region (normalized to the one of euploid cells) (C) and clone type distribution (D). Average (D) and mean and SD (C) are shown. 2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed in C. Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 5-7 minutes for the control and of 1h for the other combinations. ns, not significant ($p > 0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$.

We observe that with the *en>flp* induction system we are able to reproduce the loss of the monosomic clone for both the 75A-77 and the 70-77 combination, which is also rescued when Xrp1 is depleted (Figure R25B). The presence of the twin clones with both the monosomic and trisomic clones is rescued in the epithelium. Interestingly, when we tried to rescue the loss of the monosomic twin through overexpressing a miRNA against the proapoptotic genes *reaper*, *hid* and *grim* (*miRHG*) we did not obtain such a strong rescue. In fact, even if the presence of the monosomic twin is indeed recovered, the trisomic twin still seems to grow better and, in some cases, the monosomic cells are not attached to the main epithelium and have delaminated basally (Figure R25B). Certainly, the strongest mean to avoid this process of lethal cell competition is Xrp1 depletion (more in the Discussion).

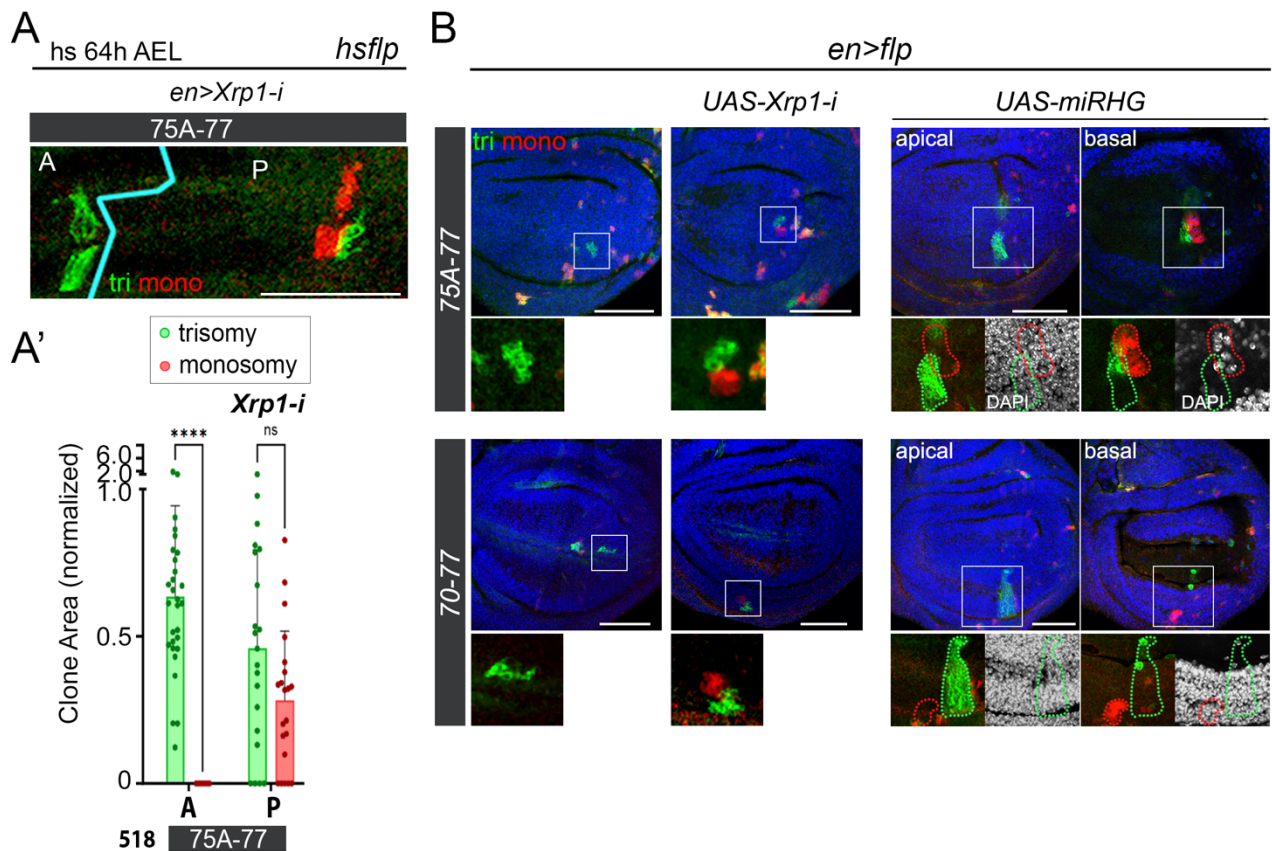


Figure R25. Lethal cell competition relies on Xrp1 induced cell death. (A) Magnification of clones in wing primordia in tissues that expressed an RNAi form of Xrp1 in the posterior (P) compartment. (A') Plot representing clone area (normalized to the one of euploid cells) of monosomies and trisomies in absence (anterior compartment, A), or presence (posterior compartment, P) of *Xrp1-i*. Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 1h. (B) Wing primordia where clones were induced chronically through the *en>flp* construct in combination with an RNAi form of Xrp1 and a miRNA against proapoptotic genes. (A,B) Scale bars, 50 μ m.

Finally, we wanted to prove that *Rpl26* is the gene responsible for haploinsufficiency and haplolethality of the region 75A-77. With this aim, we overexpressed the Rpl26 protein in the eye disc while chronically inducing clones in the same tissue through the *eye>flp* construct (Figure R26). We can observe how the monosomic clones, which are otherwise lost (Figure R26A), are recovered through overexpression of *Rpl26* (Figure R26B). This describes *Rpl26* for the first time as a haploinsufficient *Mn*-like gene which, when present in three copies alongside cells that present one copy, causes *Xrp1*-dependent lethal cell competition.

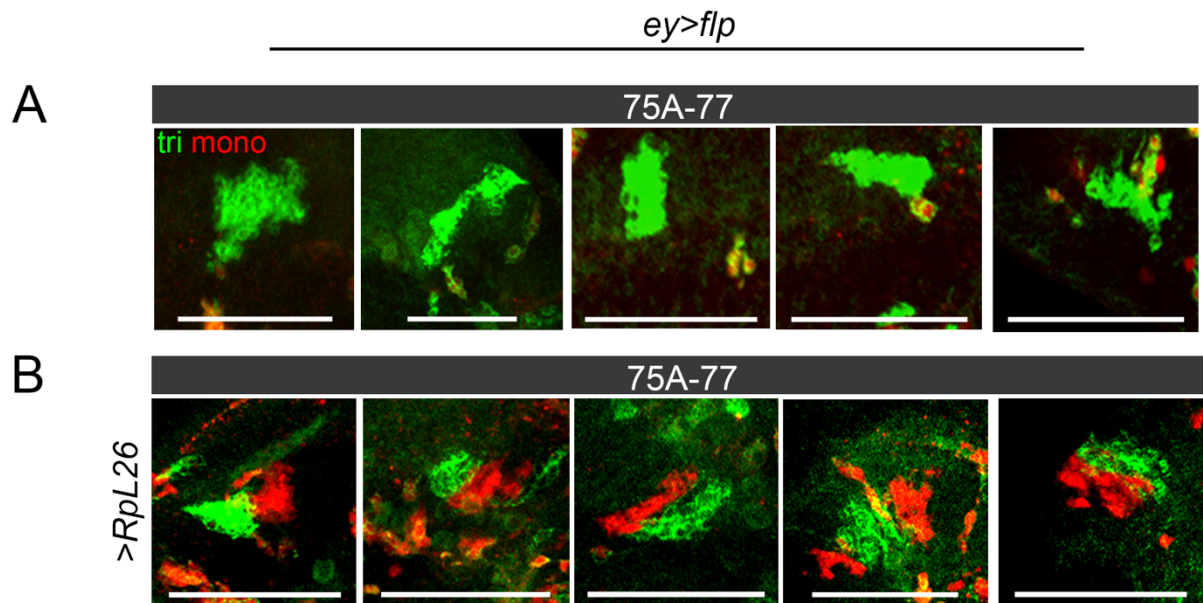


Figure R26. Rpl26 is responsible for haploinsufficiency of the region 75A-77. Magnification of clones in eye primordia in tissues that overexpressed the FLP under the control of the *eye-Gal4* construct (A) and the Rpl26 protein (B). Scale bars, 50 μm.

Discussion

In this work, we developed an innovative system leveraging the Flp-FRT sequence-specific recombination method to generate molecularly defined segmental aneuploidies in epithelial tissues of *Drosophila*. This system allows precise manipulation of chromosomal content, enabling us to model aneuploidy with high specificity. We assessed the efficiency of this approach and implemented two distinct methods for labeling aneuploid cells. In the first approach, segmental monosomies were marked with red pigment in the white wild type adult eye epithelium. In the second, complementary segmental monosomies and trisomies were simultaneously induced and labeled with red and green fluorescence, respectively, allowing visualization in the larval wing or eye primordium through confocal microscopy. Using these methods, we examined cellular behaviors, including clonal growth dynamics and cell death, resulting from segmental aneuploidies.

Our study focused on a collection of 21 segmental monosomies and 25 complementary pairs of segmental monosomies and trisomies within a wild-type tissue. We identified several mechanisms of haploinsufficiency and triplosensitivity in a genomic region devoid of previously described dosage-sensitive loci. Specifically, we characterized two distinct mechanisms driving the elimination of segmental monosomies: *Xrpl-mTor*-dependent *Mn*-induced cell competition and *Xrpl-mTor*-independent cumulative haploinsufficiency-induced cell competition. Additionally, we discovered that trisomies juxtaposed to their complementary monosomies can either exacerbate or mitigate their growth defects. Notably, we observed a phenomenon of supercompetition mediated by *fwe* and other unidentified genes, where cells with additional *fwe* copies overgrow while inducing the elimination of cells with fewer *fwe* copies. Moreover, we found that trisomic cells for a triplosensitive region can rescue the growth capacity of their complementary monosomic clones that would otherwise exhibit growth defects. Overall, our findings reveal that the genome contains numerous dosage-sensitive loci that interact through complex mechanisms and multiple molecular pathways to determine the fate of aneuploid cells.

This section will first examine the different types of cellular behaviors identified in aneuploid cells, that vary depending on the specific chromosome regions involved in the imbalances, and the type of cells interacting with each other, as well as open questions about molecular players underlying the observed behaviors. Then, we will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of our strategies for modeling aneuploidy, highlighting their potential to faithfully recapitulate key aspects of aneuploidy *in vivo* while acknowledging inherent limitations, and exploring possible improvements. Finally, we will address implications for future research.

1. The genome is full of cumulative dosage-sensitive genes

The data presented in this work reveals that the fly genome is populated of dosage sensitive regions either caused by single genes or a combination of genes that significantly influence the behavior of monosomies and trisomies.

1.1. Cumulative haploinsufficiency

Drosophila has perhaps the most comprehensive inventory of haploinsufficient genes affecting organismal and cellular growth and survival of any multicellular organism, thanks to the creation over the last fifty years of a large collection of fly strains with chromosomal deletions covering extensive genomic regions and breakpoint subdivisions (Cook et al., 2012; Lindsley et al., 1972; Marygold et al., 2007). Up to 66 loci in the fly genome, mostly genes encoding for ribosomal proteins (RPs) or translation initiation factors, have been reported to compromise organismal growth and survival when heterozygously deleted. Despite focusing on a region devoid of these genes, we have uncovered two haploinsufficient regions (Regions 1 and 2 in Figure R8) and one *Mn*-like haploinsufficient gene (*Rpl26* in Figure R10 and R24), suggesting that most if not all regions of the genome are dosage-sensitive. Whenever single loci did not impair growth, multiple loci depleted together showed to be haploinsufficient by cumulative haploinsufficiency, where the observed phenotype is not due to a single gene. We did not identify any haploinsufficient tumor suppressor genes, as none of the deletions led to overgrowth phenotypes (Figure R8 and R10). However, similar to observations with *scribble* mutants (Bilder et al., 2000), it is possible that haploinsufficient tumor suppressor genes may require mutations across the entire tissue to manifest overgrowth. In such cases, cells with these mutations could be outcompeted by wild-type cells as part of a tissue homeostasis maintenance mechanism.

Consistently with these data and the proposal that many regions across the genome are dosage-sensitive, many genes were reported to be haploinsufficient in different organisms. About 60% of 1,112 essential genes in yeast have been reported to be haploinsufficient under optimal growth conditions and an additional 16% showed a phenotype under severe growth conditions (Ohnuki & Ohya, 2018). An analysis on 90 mutant mice lines revealed that 42% of them presented haploinsufficient phenotypes (White et al., 2013). In humans, a study identified 300 haploinsufficient genes using a systematic search of PubMed and OMIM databases (Dang et al., 2008). These genes predominantly encode transcription factors and are involved in critical processes such as development, the cell cycle, and nucleic acid metabolism, reinforcing the idea that haploinsufficiency is widely spread across essential genes. A study that compared haploinsufficient with haploinsufficient genes assessed that haploinsufficient genes exhibit higher levels of expression during early development and greater tissue specificity, as well as more interaction partners and greater network proximity to other known haploinsufficient genes (N. Huang et al., 2010). An analysis on epigenomic patterns at the level of haploinsufficient genes showed significantly broader H3K4me3 peaks at promoters, which are associated with reduced transcriptional noise and precise dosage control, broader peaks of the repressive marker H3K27me3 and enrichment of active marks like H3K9ac and H2A.Z, indicating a complex interplay between activation and repression. These genes also show an increased number of enhancer-promoter interactions, highlighting their regulatory complexity

and the need for spatiotemporal fine-tuning of expression (Han et al., 2018). Prediction models of haploinsufficiency estimate a much higher number of haploinsufficient genes than the ones described (N. Huang et al., 2010; Steinberg et al., 2015), up until 2,987 haploinsufficient genes predicted in a recent analysis (Collins et al., 2022). Accordingly, a recent study in embryonic stem cells identified over 650 essential haploinsufficiency genes in human embryonic stem cells (Sarel-Gallily et al., 2022). These genes are enriched in dosage-sensitive pathways, including WNT and TGF- β signaling, and are often associated with extracellular matrix and membrane components.

The widespread occurrence of haploinsufficiency across the genome aligns with the observation that RP genes are relatively few per chromosome in humans (Uechi et al., 2001). In *Drosophila*, it has been suggested that *Mn* genes, which are so prevalent that most segmental aneuploidies would deplete at least one, serve as guardians of ploidy status (Kiparaki et al., 2022). However, this mechanism would not be feasible in humans, at least for segmental monosomies. Consequently, it is logical that many other haploinsufficient genes may fulfill this role.

All these screens for haploinsufficient genes depend on selecting the appropriate complexity of phenotypic outputs, and because they often focus on mutations in single genes, they tend to underestimate the effects of cumulative haploinsufficiency. The *wupA* locus in *Drosophila* provides a compelling example of cumulative haploinsufficiency, where the additive effects of multiple Troponin I isoforms encoded by the gene are critical for organismal viability. This locus exhibits haplolethality, but overexpression of individual isoforms cannot rescue the haplolethal phenotype, highlighting the necessity of quantitative balance among all transcripts (Casas-Tintó & Ferrús, 2021).

In this work, we have provided multiple evidence that cumulative haploinsufficiency acts as a key element in the growth defects and elimination of monosomic cells. For instance, the segmental monosomies induced by the RS-FRTs in the adult eye covering Region 1 and Region 2 presented growth defects due to cumulative haploinsufficiency (Figure R8). Interestingly, despite presenting signs of outcompetition, they were not caused by the Xrp1-mTor axis that was instead responsible for *Mn*-induced cell competition (Figure R9). Supporting the idea that cumulative haploinsufficiency contributes to Xrp1-mTor-independent growth defects and outcompetition, larger monosomies including Rpl26 were less effectively rescued by Xrp1 depletion compared to smaller monosomies including Rpl26 (Figure R11B). This indicates that additional haploinsufficient genes contribute to the growth defects observed in larger monosomies independently of Xrp1. Interestingly, cumulative haploinsufficiency can act in an additive way to worsen the growth defect provoked by other mechanisms such as *Mn*-dependent cell competition and supercompetition (Figure R18). An elegant way to further show this by making use of the TSG technique would be to show until what point Xrp1-i would rescue growth of the 70-77 monosomy, that is compromised by Xrp1-dependent *Rpl26*-induced lethality, cumulative haploinsufficiency and supercompetition of the 72-73 region.

As highlighted in the introduction, cancer genomes often harbor deletions of regions enriched with multiple tumor suppressor genes, strongly suggesting that cumulative haploinsufficiency plays a critical role in cancer development (Solimini et al., 2012).

1.2. Cumulative triplosensitivity

The data presented in this study points to the existence of triplosensitive loci in the fly genome. In Region 2 of the chromosome 3L (Figure R22) trisomies are more frequently lost than monosomies. Surprisingly, this does not consistently correlate with a growth defect (compare Figure R22C,F with D,F), suggesting that this triplosensitive region induces elimination of trisomic cells from the tissue but if cells can survive, they do not present any growth defect. This differs significantly from what observed for haploinsufficient loci that show growth defects. It is to note that the frequency at which the trisomies disappear increases when they include bigger regions (76-80 and 77-80 in Figure R22), suggesting a cumulative effect rather than a single gene responsible for the triplosensitivity. In Region 3R, a phenomenon resembling cumulative triplosensitivity was also observed. Clones of cells with segmental monosomies restricted to subregions (87-89 and 89-92) displayed compromised growth, whereas clones of cells with segmental monosomies spanning the entire region showed normal growth. This normalization of growth was accompanied by a reduction in the size of trisomic clones. A previous study provided consistent findings, where monosomies spanning the region 87B8-93A2 showed normal growth, while those restricted to 87B8-89E5 exhibited impaired growth (Ji et al., 2021). Together, these observations suggest that two or more genes, which are haploinsufficient when deleted individually within the 87-89 and 89-92 regions, collectively rescue growth defects when deleted together. This, together with the growth defect observed in the 89-92 trisomy, suggests that this region contains a group of genes that act as growth suppressors. These genes impair cellular growth when present in three copies and mitigate the growth defects of individually haploinsufficient loci when deleted together. What genes these might be remains as an open question. These findings collectively underscore the complex interplay between haploinsufficient and triplosensitive genes in regulating growth.

In humans, only 15 triplosensitive loci have been described (Riggs et al., 2018). In *Drosophila* there is only one region that is reported to be triplosensitive, the triplo-lethal region (Tpl) located in chromosomal region 83D-E. Tpl is a unique locus that is lethal when present in either one or three copies (Denell, 1976). The locus is resistant to point mutations indicating that Tpl may operate differently from typical protein-coding genes, and its associated lethality cannot be attributed to a single structural gene but is likely linked to a broader regulatory function or structure (Keppy & Denell, 1979; Dorer et al., 1995). Cytogenetic evidence shows that the dose-sensitive behavior of the Tpl locus is independent of its genomic position, emphasizing the intrinsic importance of the locus itself. A later study identified within the Tpl locus a cluster of 20 genes known as the Osiris gene family, which is highly conserved across insect species but absent in non-insect species (Dorer et al., 2003). These genes exhibit unique dosage sensitivity, consistent with the triplo- and haplo-lethal characteristics of the Tpl locus. Osiris proteins are membrane-associated, containing signal peptides, transmembrane domains, conserved cysteine motifs, and intracellular tyrosine motifs, suggesting roles in redox sensing, signaling, or membrane protein interactions (Dorer et al., 2003). Lethality of the Tpl locus up to date was only rescued by mutation in a closely linked locus named Suppressor of Triplo-lethal (Su(Tpl)) within the cytological region 76B-76D (Dorer et al., 1995). Su(Tpl) mutations are recessive lethal and, in heterozygosis, they suppress the lethal effects of Tpl triplication but not of Tpl deletion (Dorer et al., 1995). Su(Tpl) was

identified as encoding the RNA polymerase II elongation factor dELL (76D3-D4), which enhances transcription elongation by RNA polymerase II by suppressing its transient pausing. It is particularly important for large gene transcription and, in triplolethal contexts, Su(Tpl) mutations suppress lethality, suggesting that reduced transcriptional elongation limits gene expression from the three copies of Tpl, bringing it closer to normal levels (Eissenberg et al., 2002).

Interestingly, Su(Tpl) is located within the Region 2 of chromosome 3R, that we have shown to be haploinsufficient when deleted in heterozygosis with RS FRTs (75F7-77C1 monosomy in Figure R8) and triplosensitive when trisomies are induced together with their complementary monosomies by the TSG (Figure R22). The non-autonomous effects on the monosomy will be discussed in the next chapter. Su(Tpl) was reported to be homozygous lethal but not haploinsufficient, at least at the organismal level (Dorer et al., 1995). Whether the phenotypes we observed for Region 2 are related to an undescribed role or a complex interaction between Su(Tpl) haploinsufficiency in a clonal context and triplosensitivity is an interesting scenario that remains to be assessed. Furthermore, whether the genes responsible for haploinsufficiency and triplosensitivity of Region 2 are the same, remains an open question. We do not have any experimental indication that this is the case, but a recent analysis on haploinsufficient and triplosensitive loci related to genomic disorders in humans present this at least as a compelling possibility (Collins et al., 2022). This study developed a prediction model where probability of haploinsufficiency and triplosensitivity were moderately correlated per gene (Pearson $R^2 = 0.30$; $p < 10^{-100}$), and that bidirectionally dosage-sensitive genes were defined by their evolutionary conservation (Collins et al., 2022). Additionally, they identified distinct characteristics differentiating primarily haploinsufficient genes from primarily triplosensitive ones. Haploinsufficient genes were typically larger, located further from neighboring genes, and associated with a higher number of cis-regulatory enhancers, features indicative of precise regulation and developmental importance (Ovcharenko et al., 2005). This observation aligns with findings that most essential genes in mice and yeast exhibit haploinsufficiency. In contrast, triplosensitive genes were generally shorter, G/C-rich, and situated in gene-dense, highly active regions, consistent with the role of stoichiometric imbalances in driving trisomy-related defects.

Contrary to what has been reported in the literature for whole-chromosome trisomies (Williams et al., 2008; Torres et al., 2007; Stingle et al., 2012), none of the segmental trisomies on 3L analyzed in this study showed significant growth defects compared to controls, nor was there any tendency for larger trisomies to exhibit reduced growth potential (Figure R17). This may be attributed to gene-specific effects, suggesting that the 1,517 genes within this particular 3L subregion may not be sensitive to stoichiometric variations. To observe growth defects driven by proteostasis alterations, it may be necessary to generate whole-chromosome or more complex trisomies (Joy et al., 2021). The observation that these cells exhibit normal growth capacity does not necessarily indicate the absence of stress but rather suggests that they are capable of managing it effectively. While we have not directly assessed proteostasis in these trisomic cells, it is reasonable to assume that if their growth capacity is unaffected, these pathways are functioning correctly. However, it might be interesting to see if these trisomic cells respond worse than wild type cells to increasing the proteotoxic stress. This could

be done for instance by overexpression of the Htt25Q, a fusion protein consisting of human Huntingtin and a fluorescent protein that does not form aggregates on its own in wild type cells but, in presence of preformed protein aggregates in the cell, is polymerized in foci (Ramdhan et al., 2017). Another option that explains why we might not be able to see growth defects in the trisomic cells is that growth rate of these cells is influenced non-autonomously by the presence of the monosomy. Unfortunately, we are unable to induce only segmental trisomies in a wild type tissue and therefore we lack the means to further address this point experimentally. We will discuss this possibility in the next chapter.

2. How cell-to-cell interactions between complementary aneuploidies shape their behavior in the tissue

In this work, by disposing of two different methods of inducing segmental aneuploidies in a wild type tissue, one that generates segmental monosomies and one that generate segmental monosomies juxtaposed to their complementary trisomies, we could uncover non-autonomous effect between monosomies and their complementary trisomies which are summarized in Figure D1.

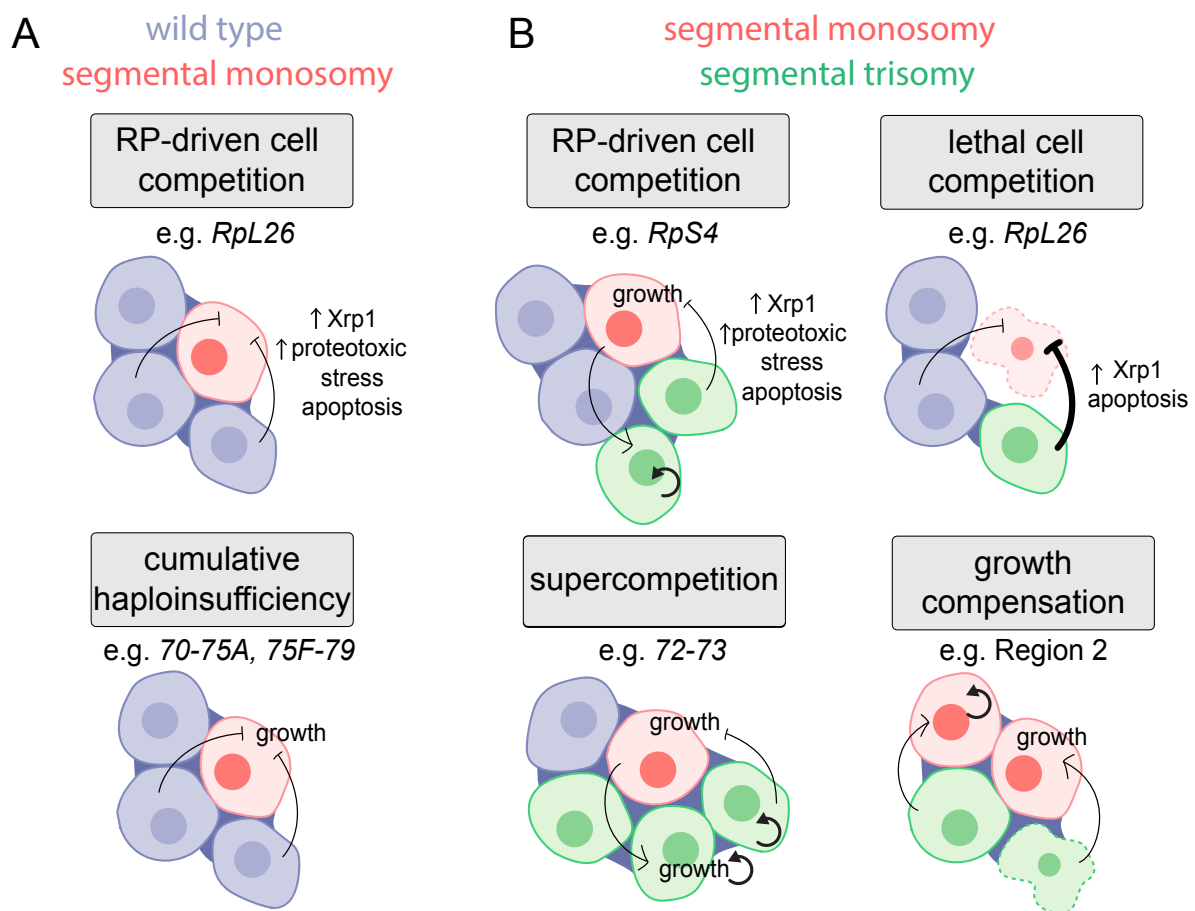


Figure D1. Model of the uncovered cell-to-cell interactions that influence the fate of aneuploid cells in *Drosophila* epithelia. (A) Xrp1-dependent and -independent processes of cell competition between segmental monosomies and wild type cells. (B) Cell interactions between complementary segmental monosomies and trisomies.

One example is the case of the supercompetition of the region 72-73. Monosomies for this region in fact are not outcompeted if generated alone in a wild type tissue (Figure R8), but are outcompeted in the presence of their complementary trisomy (Figure R18), which presents overgrowth respect to the control (Figure R17-18). This region includes *Fwe*, a protein involved in the elimination of wild type cells during *dMyc*-supercompetition (Rhiner et al., 2010). In particular, it was proposed that different *fwe* isoforms specifically marked cells expressing differential levels of dMyc as “winners” and “losers”. Our data reveal that different doses of the *fwe* gene are enough to trigger a supercompetitive behavior between the clone that bears more copies of *fwe*, which overgrows, and the clone bearing less copies, which undergoes apoptosis (Figure R20). Furthermore, we couldn’t detect differential expression of *fwe* isoforms between winner (trisomic) and loser (monosomic) cells in of region 72-73 (data not shown). While elimination of *fwe* mutant clones had already been described (Rhiner et al., 2010), overgrowth of clones with increased doses of *fwe* is a newly described phenotype. Interestingly, it seems that a precise difference in doses between the winner and the loser is able to trigger this type of supercompetition. In fact, a difference of two doses of *fwe* was present between winner and loser cells both in the case of clones bearing different copies of *fwe* alone (Figure R20, in which case winners had 2 copies and losers 0), and in clones bearing different doses of 179 genes including *fwe* (Figure R18, in which case winners had 3 copies of the region and losers 1). However, overexpression of *fwe* was not able to rescue the elimination of the loser clone, suggesting that other genes collaborate to the elimination of the monosomic clone. However, it is possible that overexpression of *fwe* is not the right tool to assess this, since it could further exacerbate competitive advantage of the winner against the loser. Consistently, we observed huge 72-73 trisomic clones when overexpressing *flower* that we did not observe in controls (Figure D2).

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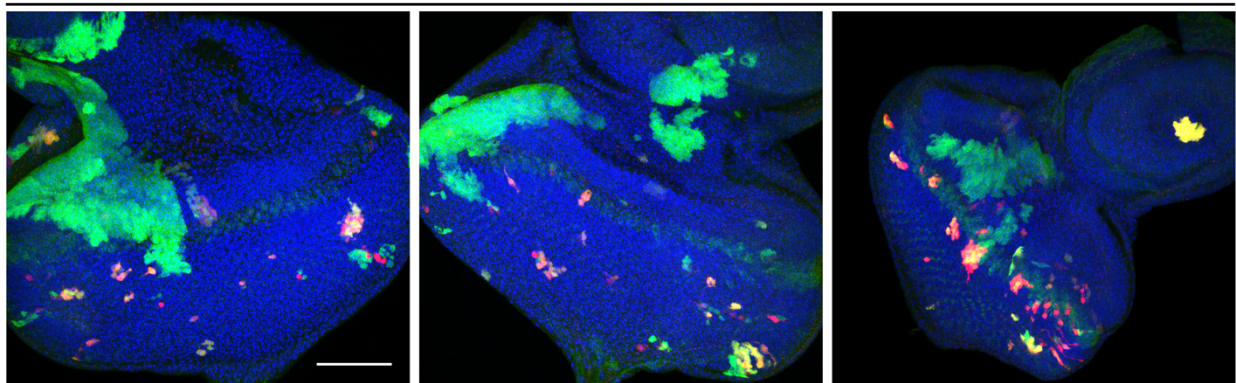


Figure D2. Overgrowth of 72-73 trisomic cells upon *fwe* overexpression. GFP marks trisomic cells for the 72-73 region. RFP the twin monosomy. Scale bar, 50 μ m.

For genetic reasons, we were not able to perform overexpression of *fwe* while inducing clones acutely, which would allow for synchronization of all clones and thorough control of clonal growth. Since manipulation of *fwe* alone perfectly phenocopies the 72-73 supercompetition (Figure R20), we speculate that *fwe* is the main gene underlying the overgrowth of the trisomic clone. This would be answered by assessing whether overgrowth of the trisomic clone is rescued upon knockdown of *fwe* with acute clone induction. In the case of the 72-73 region-induced supercompetition (Figure R18), by making use of a transgene that tags with different

epitopes the different *fwe* isoforms, we did not observe differential expression of *fwe* isoforms in winners and losers (data not shown), indicating that in this case doses rather than isoforms trigger the competitive behavior. Interestingly, none of the segmental trisomies including *fwe* and *Rpl26* showed overgrowth (Figure R17,22). This could be to the fact that monosomies including *Rpl26* are haplolethal when produced together with their complementary trisomies. This suggests that the effect of overgrowth observed in the trisomies including the region 72-73 is not cell-autonomous, differently to *dMyc*-induced supercompetition, and instead relies on specific signaling between loser and winner cells. If loser cells were eliminated too fast, in this case due to *Rpl26*-induced haplolethality, the signaling from the loser to the winner would not have time to occur and therefore the winner would not overproliferate. Accordingly, when inducing clones bearing different copies of the *fwe* gene, clones bearing two copies of *fwe* do not induce cell death of cells bearing one copy of *fwe*, but only of cells bearing zero copies. This points to the fact that signaling between the loser and the winner cells depends on specific difference in the levels of *fwe*. It would be interesting to find a way to rescue the monosomic clone including the 72-73 region without altering the doses of genes included in this region, for example by inhibiting cell death. If the trisomic clone still overgrew, this would indicate that signaling between monosomic and trisomic cells is enough to trigger overgrowth of the trisomic. An analogous phenomenon has been described for Crumbs (Crb), also a transmembrane protein. When cells with different levels of Crb are juxtaposed, the relative levels influence cell survival, in this case the cells expressing higher levels of Crumbs being the losers (Hafezi et al., 2012). The paper proposes that Crb itself may function as a comparison factor to regulate cell survival non-autonomously. This is supported by the fact that Crb's extracellular domain (ECD) is necessary to establish non-autonomous effect on cell survival, indicating that it could mediate intercellular interactions that designate “winner” and “loser” cells at the boundaries (Hafezi et al., 2012).

Another non-autonomous effect that may influence the growth of the trisomic clone when the monosomic clone is eliminated is compensatory proliferation. Cell death in the proliferating wing disc and eye disc is known to trigger compensatory proliferation (Fan & Bergmann, 2008). This could explain the slight overgrowth observed in the 69-70 trisomy, which grows alongside the 69-70 monosomy that includes the *Mn* gene *RpS4*. Notably, the 69-72 trisomy does not exhibit overgrowth, despite growing adjacent to a monosomy that is being outcompeted. This could be because the 69-72 monosomy is eliminated more rapidly by the tissue, as suggested by the fewer twin clones recovered at the time of observation (Figure R18D). This faster elimination would generate compensatory proliferation signals for a shorter period, resulting in normal growth of the adjacent trisomic clone. In this sense, this overgrowth effect wouldn't be different to the one induced by outcompeted *Mn* mutant cells in adjacent wild type cells. However, the inability to perform clonal analysis on adjacent wild type cells prevented this phenotype from being identified before. Coherently with the idea that this overgrowth effect is a result of compensatory proliferation induced by outcompeted cells, overgrowth is rescued when outcompetition is rescued by *Xrp1-i* (Figure R12G).

Interestingly, the 69-75 trisomy, despite its complementary monosomy being nearly haplolethal with only 6.3% of twin clones retaining the monosomy, still shows overgrowth. This suggests that the key driver of 69-75 trisomy overgrowth is not compensatory proliferation but rather specific signaling dependent on a gene within

the 72-73 region, likely *five*. This is further supported by the observation that overgrowth of trisomies including the 72-73 region is suppressed only when no twin clone with the monosomy is recovered (Figure R24D). This points to an intriguing scenario where even brief contact between trisomic and monosomic cells within the 72-73 region is enough to establish them as winners and losers, respectively, and to sustain the winner status of the trisomy, along with its proliferative capacity, over time, even after the monosomy, the source of the signaling, is eliminated.

Overall, these findings suggest that the duration of interaction between loser and winner cells is critical for non-autonomous effects to occur. Furthermore, they indicate that different non-autonomous effects require varying levels and durations of interaction. For example, compensatory proliferation may require more prolonged exposure, while signaling-driven effects can be triggered by briefer contacts. In order to further prove this point, it would be interesting to remove haplolethality of the 72-77 monosomy, for instance by overexpressing *Rpl26*, and see if the 70-77 trisomy presents overgrowth and the monosomy is still being outcompeted due to supercompetition of the 72-73 region.

Regarding the regions where the presence of the trisomy rescued the growth capacity of an otherwise haploinsufficient monosomy, this correlated with growth defects of the trisomic clone (Region 2, R22). Therefore, we speculate that rescue of the monosomic clone is induced by compensatory proliferation. Alternatively, an altered signaling between monosomies and trisomies could mark the monosomic cells as winners therefore rescuing their growth defect. The mechanism underlying rescue of otherwise haploinsufficient monosomies by their complementary trisomies remains as an open question.

Regarding the case of the 3R (Figure R23), the mechanism underlying the rescue of the bigger monosomy compared to the smaller ones seems to be a complex interaction between different genes involved in growth control more than non-autonomous interaction between the monosomy and the trisomy. In fact, a similar behavior was observed when only monosomies were induced (Ji et al., 2021). While compensatory proliferation effects could contribute to the phenotype observed, I interpret the fact that the trisomy presents a growth defect more as an indication of the types of genes included in the region.

Work in the *Drosophila* gut show that JNK and JNK-dependent JAK-STAT signaling are responsible for compensatory proliferation during competitive interactions either in *Mn*-induced cell competition (Kolahgar et al., 2015) or supercompetition of APC^{-/-}-induced intestinal adenomas (Suijkerbuijk et al., 2016). Furthermore, apoptosis in different contexts than cell competition was reported to induce compensatory proliferation through JNK (Ryoo et al., 2004) and JAK-STAT (Herz et al., 2006). Given these data, it would be interesting to address the role of JNK and JAK-STAT in the non-autonomous effects on growth and survival described in this work.

Cell autonomous and non-autonomous effects collaborate to determine the fate of aneuploid cells in epithelial tissues. We have presented several evidence that non-autonomous effects and especially cell competition mechanisms lead to the elimination of segmentally aneuploid cells. However, it is clear the cell autonomous effects also contribute to the deleterious effects of aneuploidy. In addition to the several evidence presented by *in vitro* models and thoroughly reviewed in the Introduction, interesting insights also come from a CIN-induced

aneuploidy model of tumorigenesis in *Drosophila* wing discs. In this model, aneuploid cells delaminate from the main epithelium and die through JNK-dependent apoptosis. When apoptosis is inhibited, aneuploid cells enter senescence and mediate tumorigenic effects through JNK-dependent SASP (Joy et al., 2021). Since CIN induces random events of missegregation, it is fair to say that upon CIN the tissue becomes a mosaic of euploid and aneuploid cells. In this context, aneuploid cells delamination and cell death could be mediated by cell competition.

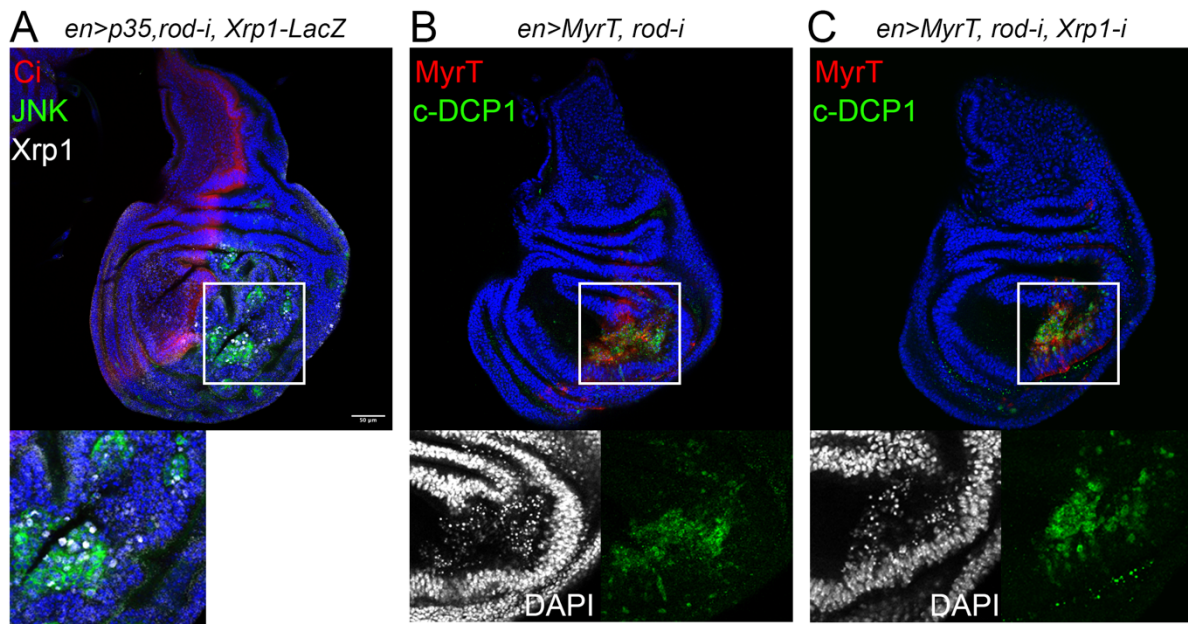


Figure D3. Xrp1 does not rescue CIN-induced cell death in wing discs epithelia. (A) Xrp1 activation shown with β-gal staining in CIN-induced tumors. (B,C) CIN-induced cell death showed by pyknosis with DAPI and c-DCP1 stainings without (A) and with (B) Xrp1 depletion. Scale bar, 50 μm.

However, despite Xrp1 being activated upon CIN-induced tumorigenesis (Figure D3A), Xrp1 depletion does not rescue CIN-induced cell death (Figure D3B,C). This indicates that CIN-induced aneuploidies, which have been reported to be mainly gains in this model (Dekanty et al., 2021), are eliminated through cell-autonomous Xrp1-independent processes. This is coherent with the reported cell-autonomous deleterious effects of trisomies that rely on stoichiometry alterations. Overall, these findings suggest that the mechanisms driving the elimination of aneuploid cells depend on the type and magnitude of the chromosomal imbalance. For example, CIN-induced aneuploidies, primarily characterized by large-scale gains, appear to trigger cell-autonomous elimination processes independent of Xrp1. This aligns with the notion that stoichiometric imbalances in gene expression, which are more pronounced in CIN-induced aneuploidies, drive cell-autonomous deleterious effects. Conversely, the segmental trisomies analyzed in this work did not exhibit growth defects linked to global stoichiometric disruptions. Instead, their growth defects were associated with triplosensitivity of specific loci. These observations suggest that cell-autonomous effects become predominant when aneuploidies involve drastic stoichiometric alterations, as seen with CIN-induced aneuploidies. In contrast, smaller dosage imbalances may reveal haploinsufficient or triplosensitive loci that may exert their effects through non-cell autonomous mechanisms.

3. *Rpl26* is a peculiar *Mn*-like gene

In this work, we uncovered a new *Mn*-like gene: *Rpl26*. Certain features of this gene make it similar to other *Mn* genes such as *RpS4*, which we analyzed in this work, but other emerge as peculiarities. In the context of monosomies including *Rpl26*, they suffer similar growth impairment as monosomies including other *Mn* genes (Figure R10). The underlying mechanisms behind this growth defects have been identified in the *Xrp1-mTor* axis. While monosomies including *Rpl26* and induced acutely by *hsflp* are clearly rescued by both *Xrp1*, mTor and apoptotic genes depletion, the monosomy including the other *Mn* genes is rescued only by *Xrp1* depletion when induced with *hsflp*. This is probably a consequence of the fact that this monosomy includes not one but three *Mn* genes making it more difficult to alleviate growth defects. In fact, monosomies including only *RpS4* generated by TSG and induced acutely are rescued by mTor depletion (Figure D4A-C). Interestingly, we can again observe how rescuing the monosomic clone rescues the slight overgrow observed in the trisomic clone due to compensatory proliferation (Figure D4B).

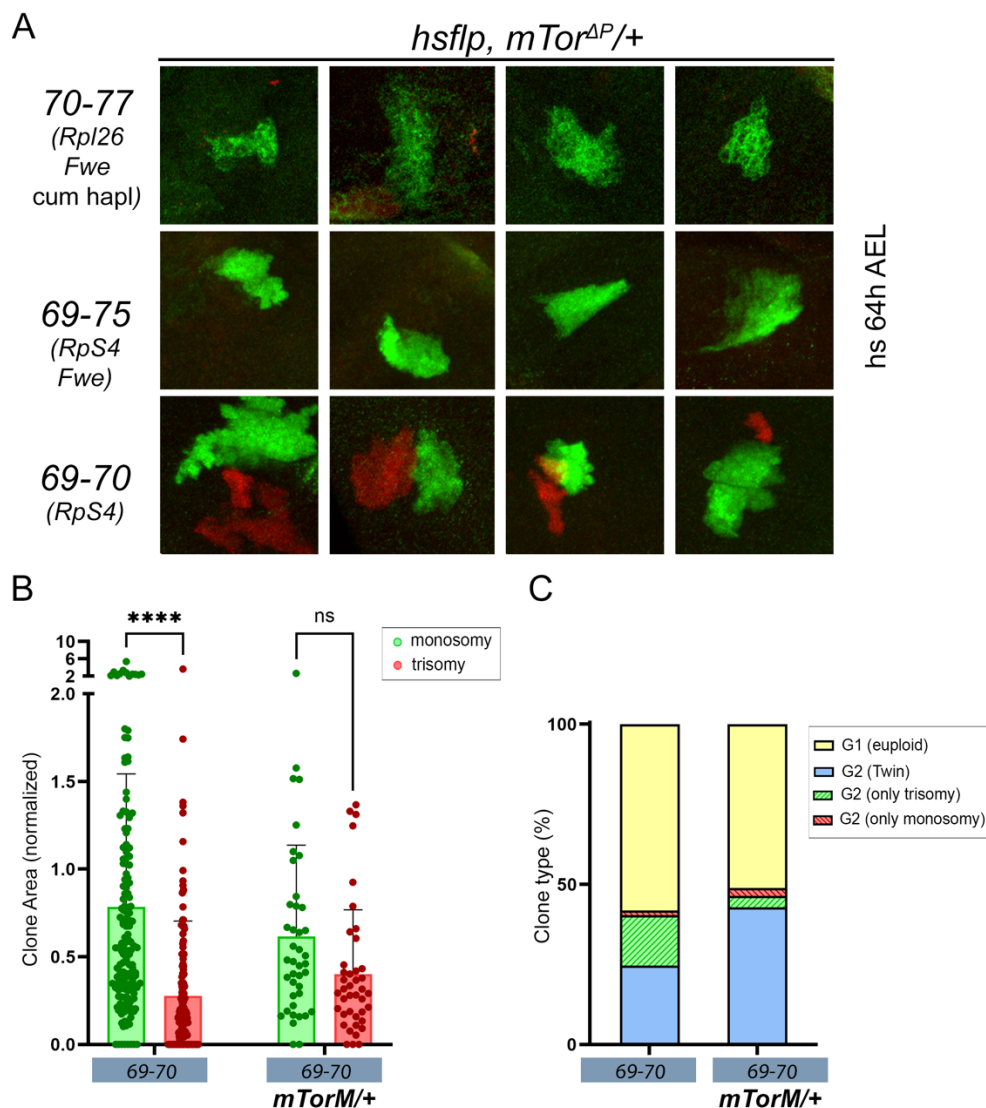


Figure D4. mTor depletion ameliorates *Mn*-induced cell competition but not *Rpl26*-dependent lethal cell competition, 72-73 supercompetition and cumulative haploinsufficiency. (A) Magnification of twin clones in the wing primordia. Each image is 50x50 μm . (B) Plots representing clone area of monosomies and trisomies of the same region (normalized to the one of euploid cells) and clone type distribution (C). Average (C) and mean and SD (B) are shown.

2way ANOVA with Šidák correction for multiple comparisons test was performed in C. Clones were induced at 64h AEL with a heat-shock at 38°C of 5-7 minutes for the control and of 1h for the other combinations. ns, not significant ($p > 0.05$); * $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p \leq 0.01$; *** $p \leq 0.001$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$.

When inducing monosomies including *Rpl26* through the TSG technique alongside their complementary trisomy, a process of Xrp1-dependent lethal cell competition emerges that does not emerge for monosomies and trisomies bearing different copies of *RpS4*. This process largely relies on *Rpl26* since specific overexpression of this gene rescues lethality of the monosomy (Figure R26). Interestingly and unlikely *RpS4*-induced cell competition, this process is not rescued by mTor depletion (Figure D4A). Interestingly, the 69-75 monosomy, where *RpS4* haploinsufficiency, supercompetition of the 72-73 region, and cumulative haploinsufficiency collaborate to induce a nearly lethal phenotype, is not rescued by *mTor* depletion, coherently with the observation that *Mn*-independent cumulative haploinsufficiency is mTor-independent (Figure R9). Overall, this suggests that mTor depletion has a role in alleviating growth defects of monosomies including haploinsufficient Rp-genes in wild type tissues, but that the observed process of lethal cell competition relies on the presence of clones bearing three copies of *Rpl26* that induce Xrp1-dependent elimination of clones bearing one *Rpl26* copy.

This is probably due to particular functions of Rpl26. In human cells, Rpl26 is the principal target of UFMylation by UFM1 (Walczak et al., 2019), a process that releases ribosome transcriptional stalling at the ER. Impaired UFMylation and in particular impaired Rpl26 UFMylation led to ER stress (Scavone et al., 2023; Walczak et al., 2019). The association of UFMylation genes with abnormal brain development in both humans (Muona et al., 2016) and *Drosophila* (Duan et al., 2016) suggests a role for UFMylation in tissue development. Accordingly, alteration in UFMylation in *Drosophila* (L. Wang et al., 2023), mice (Egunsola et al., 2017) and humans (Di Rocco et al., 2018) is associated with pathological conditions with impaired cell-cell and cell-matrix interactions. The role of Rpl26 in *Drosophila*'s processes of UFMylation and ER stress is largely unaddressed. Whether the process of lethal cell competition induced by extra copies of *Rpl26* is related to a possible role of Rpl26 in eliciting ER stress remains as an open question.

4. Cell competition and aneuploidy: autophagy or translation?

Several works support the idea that autophagy is an essential regulator of cell competition. Autophagy mediates elimination of aneuploid cells in embryo mosaics (Singla et al., 2020). Coherently, in Bmp defective and tetraploid-diploid embryo mosaics, p53-mediated mTor downregulation, which would upregulate autophagy, is responsible for loser cells elimination (Bowling et al., 2018). In a *Drosophila* model of the RNA helicase *Hel25E*-induced cell competition, winner cells activate autophagy in prospective loser cells (Nagata et al., 2019). Expression of lysosome markers has been observed in the loser cells (Lolo et al., 2012; Rhiner et al., 2010), supporting the view that autophagy happens within the loser cells. Autophagy-mediated cell competition may also drive tumor expansion as it happens in *Ras^{V12}; scrib^{-/-}* eye disc tumors, where non-autonomous autophagy (NAA) was shown to depend on the JNK signaling in the tumor and the autocrine activation of JAK-STAT through the Upd cytokines (Katheder et al., 2017).

Autophagy has been shown to be upregulated upon mutations of Rp genes, in *Drosophila* (Kiparaki et al., 2022; Langton et al., 2021), *Zebrafish* (Boglev et al., 2013) and human cells (Heijnen et al., 2014). In humans, defects in ribosome biogenesis are associated with a group of diseases called ribosomopathies, of which Diamond-Blackfan anemia (DBA) is the most studied and is caused by one of several ribosomal proteins. Animal models reflect similar phenotypes, including developmental delays, hematopoietic defects, and structural abnormalities (Danilova et al., 2011; Keel et al., 2012; Marygold et al., 2007). Interestingly, a common feature among several ribosomopathies is p53 activation (Elghetany & Alter, 2002), as it is in Rp-induced cell competition in mammals. In the data presented in this study however, depletion of mTor, which should increase autophagy (J. Kim et al., 2011; Y. C. Kim & Guan, 2015), alleviates Rp-induced cell competition, both for *RpS4* and *Rpl26*. This is coherent with a report where *Mn*-induced cell competition is dampened by treatment with Rapamycin, which inhibits mTor activity (Recasens-Alvarez et al., 2021). Accordingly, increasing autophagy has been proposed as a therapeutic strategy for DBA (Doulatov et al., 2017). This might seem in disagreement with the observation that autophagy is increased in DBA patients and models. However, this observation might point to a defect in autophagy turnover that is ameliorated by increasing autophagic flux. Also, autophagy deficient ESC cells are eliminated by wild type cells by cell competition in a p53-dependent way (Sancho et al., 2013) highlighting that a defective autophagic flux or pathway is underlying defects in RP-mutant cells.

Furthermore, the interplay between autophagy and apoptosis is context-dependent and while in certain context a dysregulation of autophagy may enhance apoptosis, in other context it can exert pro-survival roles (Gump & Thorburn, 2011). For instance, in neurodegenerative disease, mTor inhibition leading to increased autophagy enhances the ability of cells to clear aggregated proteins improving the health and functioning of neurons (Ravikumar et al., 2004; Sarkar et al., 2007). Another example which is particularly intriguing is the interaction between caspase-8 and p62, a cargo receptor in autophagy. While p62 is crucial for the efficient activation of caspase-8 (Jin et al., 2009), caspase-8 has been shown recently to be degraded by autophagy (Hou et al., 2010). Until now, we have showed that aneuploid cells in embryo mosaics are eliminated through autophagy-mediated apoptosis (Singla et al., 2020). On the other hand, upon RP mutations, autophagy is upregulated and increasing autophagy ameliorates RP mutant phenotypes. We can explain this in terms of context-dependent role of autophagy in inducing or preventing apoptosis. Alternatively, we can propose that since aneuploid cells in the cited study are generated by CIN and cannot be monitored, and that the RP mutant phenotype would be relevant only in case of monosomies, autophagy has different roles in inducing aneuploid cells elimination depending on the type of aneuploidy.

Alternatively, it cannot be excluded that the role that we have observed from mTor in mediating *Mn*-induced cell competition could be mediated by its effect on translation (Ma & Blenis, 2009). Differences in translation levels between winner and loser cells is a key element in *Mn* induced cell competition (Kiparaki et al., 2022) and *dMyc*-induced super competition (de la Cova et al., 2004). Notably, RP genes downregulation has been identified as a signature for loser cells in natural cell competition occurring in the developing mouse skin (Ellis et al., 2019). Intuitively, winner cells with more proliferative capacity will need higher level of translation than

slowly proliferating loser cells. Whether the reduction in translation observed in *Mn*-induced cell competition is a consequence of defective ribosome assembly and proteotoxic stress or a consequence of specific transcriptional programs has been object of debate. On one side, defective ribosome assembly has been observed in *Mn*^{+/-} cells, even if variable depending on the specific *Mn* gene (Kiparaki et al., 2022). Especially, it has been reported a differential change between small and large subunits of the ribosome, where small subunits are preferentially downregulated (Baumgartner et al., 2021; Langton et al., 2021; Recasens-Alvarez et al., 2021). Ribosome biogenesis defects might lead to the aggregation of orphan Rp and hence to proteotoxic stress that then contributes to cell competition (Tye et al., 2019). On the other side, it was shown that eIF2 α is phosphorylated by Xrp1 and PERK to decrease translation in *Mn*^{+/-} cells, but that this reduced translation is not the mechanism through which loser cells are outcompeted (Kiparaki et al., 2022). Similarly in mice, it is suggested that reduced translation in *RpS6*^{+/-} cells depends on the transcription factor p53 (Tiu et al., 2021). Coherently, monosomic cells in humans, which would bear RPG heterozygous mutations, present impaired ribosome assembly and translation and are eliminated through p53-dependent apoptosis (Chunduri et al., 2021). However, the fact that monosomies bear RPG mutations, and that RPG mutations have been linked with increased proteotoxic stress and increased UPR genes expression, means that monosomies should also suffer from proteotoxic stress and increased autophagy. Nevertheless, monosomic human cells were not associated with UPR and proteotoxic stress. This could be for differences between *in vitro* and *in vivo* contexts or differences in the number of mutations. While mutation of single RPGs could be able to elicit proteotoxic stress, monosomy for an entire chromosome could trigger a different response. Coherently, depletion of mTor in our study did not rescue bigger monosomies such as 70-77 or 69-75 where multiple genes collaborate to impair the growth of the monosomy (Figure D4).

The role of mTor in controlling translation, and the evident role of translation in cell competition, raises the question if the effect we observed in mTorM on *Mn*-induced cell competition are due to effects on translation. Decreased levels of mTor have been shown both in mice (Bowling et al., 2018) and *Drosophila* (Sanaki et al., 2020) in loser cells during cell competition. One possibility is that by downregulating levels of Tor systemically using the mTor heterozygous mutant, we are decreasing translation levels of wild type cells therefore alleviating the difference in translation levels and growth capacity between aneuploid cells and wild type cells, similarly to when cell competition induced by a specific *Mn* gene in clones is rescued by making its environment as “loser” as the *Mn*^{+/-} cells, using a heterozygous mutant background for another *Mn* gene (Ji et al., 2021). In order to unravel these interactions, it would be interesting to assess autophagy and proteotoxic stress contributions in the different types of cell competition described.

Interestingly, as for the so-called aneuploidy paradox (Vasudevan et al., 2021), in spite of the fact that in cellular models ribosomal insufficiency leads to a reduced proliferation rate, patients affected by ribosomopathies present a paradoxical increase in cancer incidence (D’Andrea et al., 2024; De Keersmaecker et al., 2015). While it seems unlikely that the oncogenic potential of ribosome loss is a cell-autonomous effect, modern views on cancer that have shifted the focus from the cancer cell to the tumor microenvironment may provide useful insights to this topic. Immune cells are particularly sensitive to the functionality of the

translational apparatus with levels of proteins crucial to both innate and adaptive immunity being regulated at the level of translation, with the strong contribution of the mTor kinase pathway (Piccirillo et al., 2014). In ribosomopathies, deficiency of the specific translation of some mRNAs impairs the immune response (Bohlen et al., 2023). This opens up the scenario in which increase of cancer in an organism with impaired ribosomal proteins is not necessarily due to the fact that abnormal ribosomes lead to cancer by altering the prospective cancer cell. It is possible that a reduction in the efficiency of the immune response, favors the emergence of weak, otherwise-depleted, ribosome-deficient cancer cells. An example is the Schwachman–Diamond Syndrome (SDS), a ribosomopathy characterized by mutation in the SBDS gene and increased risk for acute myeloid leukemia, among pancreatic insufficiency and growth deficits (Woloszynek et al., 2004). It has been shown that the ribosomopathy mutation in SDS is not oncogenic in a cell-autonomous fashion but rather tumor suppressive, therefore suggesting that alteration of the surrounding environment underlies increased cancer in SDS patients (Calamita et al., 2017). Another possibility is that hematopoietic stem cells carrying certain mutations are positively selected in the context of ribosomopathies. For instance, in SDS patients, it has been shown clonal expansion of cells bearing mutations in the translation initiation factor eIF6 in the myeloid lineage (Kennedy et al., 2021). Possibly, eIF6 mutated cells present improved translational efficiency. Consistently, the prognosis of patients with eIF6 mutations is generally favorable, indicating again that the loss of ribosomal components, if anything, decreases cancer malignancy (Kennedy et al., 2021). Other SDS patients present mutations of p53, in which case the prognosis is negative (Reilly & Shimamura, 2023). One explanation for these studies could be that SBDS-deficient cells are less prone to transformation in a cell-autonomous fashion, but the state of prolonged stress that they are suffering leads to either maladaptive or adaptive mutations, respectively, p53 and eIF6. Finally, cytoreductive chemotherapy for leukemia in SDS failed to prevent relapse and was unsuccessful due to high toxicity (Myers et al., 2020), suggesting that the therapeutic outcome of SDS patients does not correlate with reducing the malignancy of tumor cells but with the effect of ribosomal mutations in the host microenvironment.

These considerations overall highlight the importance of cell-to-cell interactions in the interplay between ribosome defective biogenesis, autophagy, cell competition and aneuploidy.

5. Strengths and limitations of the model

5.1. Types of aneuploidies simulated by the model

We have discussed in the Introduction the implications of using a *Drosophila* model to address key questions regarding the emergence of aneuploidy in mammals. Furthermore, it is important to consider that the system developed in this work specifically models segmental aneuploidies. As described in the Introduction, segmental aneuploidies typically arise from lagging chromosomes, DNA bridges, DNA damage, and improper repair, whereas whole-chromosome aneuploidies often result from events such as non-disjunction or defects in SAC genes. This distinction is critical, as cellular responses to segmental aneuploidies may differ from those triggered by whole-chromosome aneuploidies, requiring careful consideration of the specific phenomenon

being modeled. On one side, what happens in our system, where a DNA sequence is intentionally cut and recombined with a distal region on its homologous chromosome rather than being properly repaired, pretty much mirrors what happens *in vivo*, where DNA breaks are often improperly repaired, leading to deletions or amplifications. On the other side, experimental outcomes could be influenced by additional factors such as prolonged mitotic time or chromosomal distortions caused by recombination between distal FRTs. Whether these factors are relevant or not depends on the specific focus of the study, whether it is to investigate the effects of segmental aneuploidies, including potential DNA damage-related consequences, or solely the effects of chromosomal imbalances.

Using the *in trans* strategy, we didn't observe any increase in markers of DNA damage (data not shown), likely because observations were made at 120h AEL, 56 hours after aneuploid cell induction, by which time any initial DNA damage may have already been resolved. Nonetheless, characterizing the immediate impact of such recombination events could be valuable, as this is, to our knowledge, the first instance of recombining distant FRT sites *in trans*. Although we did not specifically analyze the effects on replication stress or DNA damage, the use of the Twin Spot Generator technique provided critical insights by allowing us to monitor growth rate as an indicator of fitness of euploid clones bearing translocations. Interestingly, these cells exhibited growth defects compared to controls in most cases after 56 hours of induction, indicating the presence of additional persistent stresses (Figure R15). We can find support to these data if we look at the clones induced *in trans* with RS FRTs, where both euploid rearrangements and duplications were marked in red in the adult eye of *Drosophila* (Figure R3). We can notice that Eye Coverage decreases at lower distances respect to Population Coverage, and this is particularly evident when looking at clones induced with *eyflp* (compare Figure R3B and C). On one side, this could be because, when efficiency decreases with increasing distance, we may observe less fused clones which would be reflected in a smaller Eye Coverage, but still the same Population Coverage. However, thanks to analysis of the clonal growth of euploid translocation induced through the TSG, we know that this could also be due to a decrease in fitness of the products of the recombination.

While such euploid rearranged cells may not be useful for studying aneuploidy directly, their characterization could provide significant insights both for technical reasons, to help refine the knowledge about this model, and to characterize additional cellular behaviors. In fact, studying the underlying mechanisms to the growth defect of cells bearing euploid translocations could help identify stress markers relevant to aneuploidy in real biological scenarios. Importantly, these markers may not originate from chromosomal imbalances themselves but rather from other etiological factors such as lagging chromosomes, DNA bridges, DNA breaks, improper repair and mitotic recombination. The smaller size of euploid translocation clones can likely be attributed to several factors. One possibility is a cell-autonomous effect of recombination-induced stress, which slows their proliferation compared to wild-type cells. Whether these slower-proliferating cells are actively eliminated by wild-type cells through a process similar to cell competition remains unclear. However, slower proliferation rates alone are insufficient to trigger cell competition (Potter et al., 2010). Another possibility is that cells unable to cope with recombination-induced stresses are removed from the tissue, while those that successfully

repair the damage continue to proliferate. The initial loss of stressed cells could explain the observed size difference compared to controls. This idea is supported by the percentage of clones in G1 observed across the different FRT pairs tested. The % of clones in G1 varies from a minimum of 48.2% for 75A-75F to 69.3% for 75A-79 and 68.6% for 70-79 (Figure R24D). Such considerable deviations from the expected 50% suggest that both twin clones are sometimes lost from the tissue. This aligns with the observation that a small fraction of clones consistently loses their twin, regardless of whether it is a monosomy or a trisomy (Figures R18D, 20D, 21D). Altogether, these data suggest that recombination itself induces damage and stress, which can stochastically lead to cell death if the damage is not adequately repaired. A key advantage of this system is that, by normalizing the size of monosomies and trisomies to that of the euploid rearrangements, we can distinguish the effects of recombination-induced stress from those caused by gene dosage imbalances.

This advantage is not present in the strategy of inducing segmental monosomies with RS FRTs. In this setup, the recombination event that creates the aneuploidy involves the excision of a large fragment of DNA, which means we cannot generate an internal control where the same recombination event occurs without causing a gene dosage imbalance. We are therefore limited to observe the growth capacity of a cell that not only is heterozygous for various genes, but also underwent a stressful recombination event where a large fragment of DNA was excised into a large circular DNA. Although studying the effects of circular DNA was not the goal of this project, it is worth noting that extrachromosomal circular DNA (ecDNA) is generated in chromosomally unstable cells through mechanisms closely linked to the emergence of segmental aneuploidies. For example, during breakage-fusion-bridge (BFB) cycles, chromosome ends without telomeres fuse to form dicentric chromosomes that break during segregation, creating segments that can eventually loop out to form ecDNA. (Toledo et al., 1993; Singer et al., 2000). Similarly, during chromothripsis, a catastrophic event where entire chromosomes are shattered, some fragments can circularize into ecDNA (Stephens et al., 2011; C.-Z. Zhang et al., 2015). Another possibility is that during translocation events, segments near the translocation site are either amplified or deleted, leading to the formation of ecDNA (Röijer et al., 2002). Therefore, the fact that a segmental monosomy and ecDNA are generated together in this model closely reflects real biological contexts. Unfortunately, using RS FRTs *in cis*, we are unable to monitor the fate of the ecDNA while simultaneously marking the chromosome carrying the segmental monosomies, as the system relies on reconstructing a single marker, the *white* gene. As a result, the ecDNA remains “invisible”, and we cannot determine whether it is retained in dividing cells, whether it is transcriptionally active, whether it contributes to the observed proliferation defects, or whether it leads to micronuclei formation or DNA damage. The literature suggests that ecDNA might be entrapped in micronuclei to reduce their deleterious effect as free cytoplasmic DNA (Von Hoff et al., 1992; Valent et al., 2001). Relevantly, micronuclei containing ecDNA have been shown to be transcriptionally active (Utani et al., 2007), although gene expression is reduced (Papathanasiou et al., 2023). This means that cells undergoing the excision event, if they retain the ecDNA, despite being marked in red, might not be fully monosomic at the transcriptional level for the excised genes. As a result, the effects of genome imbalance could be partially mitigated. This possibility introduces interesting scenarios. If the excision occurs in G1, a single micronucleated cell would give rise to the clone, requiring consideration of the various

possible fates of the micronuclei, including extrusion, reincorporation, degradation, persistence, chromothripsis, or elimination through apoptosis (reviewed in Hintzsche et al., 2017). If the excision occurs in G2 on only one chromatid, and the ecDNA is incorporated into a micronucleus, two daughter cells would result: one micronucleated with a deleted chromosome in the main nucleus and one carrying only the deletion. Consequently, half of the cells in the analyzed clone would experience the effects of the monosomy alone, while the other half would be impacted also by the presence of the micronucleus. Differences in the growth capacity between the micronucleated monosomic cell and the monosomic cell would not be distinguishable, as the growth effects are measured collectively for all red-labeled cells. Furthermore, while the mononucleated cells might be capable of dampening the deleterious effects of the dosage-imbalance, they will suffer from the consequences of having micronuclei. However, regardless of whether red clones originate from a single micronucleated cell or a pair comprising a monosomic and a micronucleated cell, it is unlikely that micronuclei are retained through all the mitotic events occurring in the eye primordium during the 72-hour period from clone induction to the end of tissue proliferation. Micronuclei are prone to rupture due to defects in the nuclear membrane, exposing the DNA to the cytoplasm. The catastrophic events that follow are likely to result in either a cessation of cell proliferation or cell death (Crasta et al., 2012; Hatch et al., 2013). This aligns with a model of centrosome inactivation and subsequent chromosome loss, where acentric fragments are gradually lost over successive rounds of cell division following their formation (Ly et al., 2017). Interestingly, we unintentionally generated a line with *in cis* FRTs at 75F and 79 where the *white* gene was reconstructed on the excised ecDNA (Figure D5A). To our surprise, we found a unique phenotype characterized by single red ommatidia scattered throughout the eye (Figure D5B). This observation aligns with the hypothesis that ecDNA is likely incorporated into micronuclei and remains transcriptionally active for a few rounds of cell division, leading to the formation of a limited number of red cells. However, cells harboring this transcriptionally active ecDNA are eventually lost, either due to stop in proliferation or cell death.

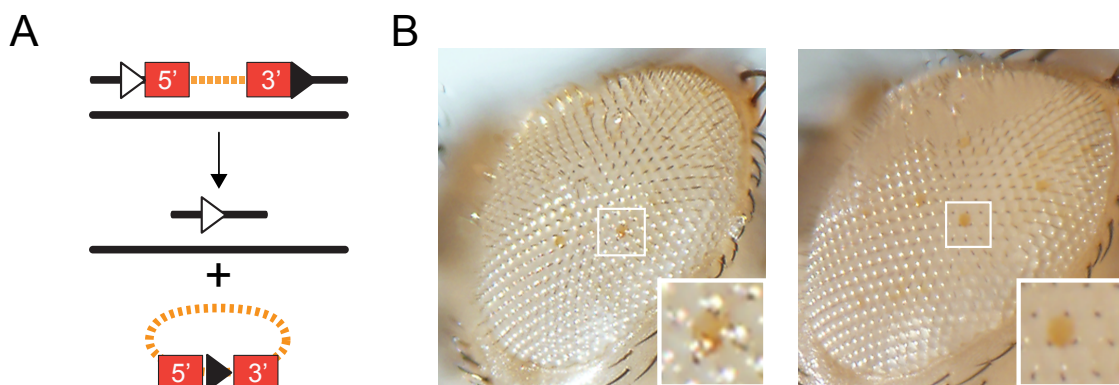


Figure D5. ecDNA is transcriptionally active for few rounds of cell divisions. Cartoon depicting how ecDNA is generated bearing the reconstructed *white* gene (A) and images of the eye epithelia with magnification of red cells bearing the ecDNA (B).

Overall, these findings reinforce the idea that generating segmental aneuploidies through recombination effectively mimics the real biological processes underlying the emergence of segmental aneuploidies.

Furthermore, our model offers the technical capability to differentiate between stresses caused by recombination events and those resulting from gene-dosage imbalances. On one hand, we have demonstrated compelling evidence that ecDNA generated in monosomic cells via RS FRT excision in the eye is not significantly retained within the clone. On the other hand, the stress induced by recombination *in trans* between distal TSG FRTs can be systematically assessed by comparing aneuploid clones with control clones bearing euploid rearrangements.

To sum up, with the proposed systems we can either induce segmental monosomies in a wild type epithelium (*in cis*), or complementary segmental monosomies and trisomies in a wild type epithelium (*in trans*).

The *in trans* strategy using the TSG technique is particularly valuable for studying twins of monosomic and trisomic cells. Missegregation events in tissues, whether in embryos or adult somatic tissues, consistently result in twin daughter cells with complementary chromosomal losses and gains. This is especially true for whole-chromosome aneuploidies. Although our model generates segmental aneuploidies through recombination—which, as discussed previously, may involve different stresses compared to whole-chromosome aneuploidies—we can argue that this is still a valid strategy for modeling twin whole-chromosome aneuploidies with two key points. First, in CIN-induced models of whole-chromosome aneuploidies events such as micronuclei formation and ecDNA have been reported (Crasta et al., 2012; Bakhoun et al., 2018). However, this might be slightly different since in the case of segmental aneuploidies, aneuploidy arises as a result of chromosome breakage, whereas in whole-chromosome aneuploidies, chromosome breakage occurs as a consequence of aneuploidy and CIN. Second and most importantly, the TSG technique allows us to exclude recombination-induced effects specific to segmental aneuploidies by comparing aneuploid clones to euploid rearrangements. Therefore, we can reasonably conclude that any observed behavior resulting from a segmental aneuploidy in this model would likely be comparable to that of a whole-chromosome aneuploidy, provided the chromosome in question contains the same set of genes as the segmental aneuploidy. It is a safe comparison to make if we think that the segmental aneuploidies that we analyzed in *Drosophila* are comparable in size to whole-chromosome aneuploidies in mammals. We analyzed aneuploidies including from 89 to 1517 genes, with an average of 639 genes per aneuploidy. The shorter human chromosomes include 64, 235, 269 and 321 genes (the Y, 21, 18, 13, respectively), while the bigger 2056, 1472, 1320 and 1300 (the 1, 19, 11, 2, respectively) with an average of 849 genes per chromosome.

Furthermore, a report detected frequent segmental deletions and duplications that were reciprocal in sister blastomeres in embryo (Vanneste et al., 2009), indicating that events leading to segmental aneuploidies such as BFB-cycles and chromosome lagging can give rise to reciprocal twin clones. Given the high prevalence of segmental aneuploidies in mosaic embryos and in both healthy and unhealthy adult somatic tissues (Jacobs et al., 2014; Shao et al., 2019; Vanneste et al., 2009), it is highly relevant to dispose of models of segmental aneuploidies. While events leading to segmental aneuploidies might initially generate reciprocally aneuploid daughter cells, during further cell divisions one of the products might be lost. For instance, following chromosome bridges and BFB-cycles, some segments could undergo chromothripsis or DNA included in the micronuclei could be reincorporated in the nucleus. Therefore, only one of the segmentally aneuploid

daughters would remain in the tissue. The *in cis* model is able to reproduce a situation where a DNA segment has been excised leaving a segmentally monosomic cell in a wild type tissue. However, we lack the ability to model the complementary situation. In fact, we cannot induce by sequence-specific recombination methods a cell bearing a segmental trisomies in a wild type tissue. This has important limitations in the context of dissecting the consequences of gaining an extra copy of a chromosome segment. In fact, as we will further discuss later, the behavior of segmental trisomies is influenced by the presence of complementary monosomic cells. Disposing of a model where the same segmental trisomies could be induced in a wild type tissue with and without their monosomic twin, would allow us to distinguish the effects on trisomic cells that derive from the interaction with the monosomic cells and with the wild type cells.

5.2. Transferability of the strategy to mammalian models

Differently than previous models based on the induction of chromosomal instability, the emergence of aneuploid cells in our model is a consequence of sequence-specific mitotic recombination events. This is possible in *Drosophila* since somatic tissues in all Diptera experience homologous pairing. Homologous pairing in *Drosophila* is evident from the mitotic cycle 13 of embryogenesis, before cellularization, and is persistent from this point onwards (Csink & Henikoff, 1998; Hiraoka, 1993). In mammals, complete pairing of homologous chromosome is not reported outside of the germline in the context of meiotic pairing for homologous recombination. Normally, mammalian chromosomes are organized in specific territories where homologous are kept apart (Spector, 2003). However, homologous chromosome pairing can occur in somatic cells in specific chromosome segments in tightly regulated developmental contexts, to facilitate precise gene regulation and coordination during development. One example is during X chromosome inactivation in females, where transient pairing at the X inactivation center enables proper counting and choice of the inactive X chromosome (Augui et al., 2007; Bacher et al., 2006). Additionally, pairing occurs at certain loci like imprinted regions, where the copy from one parent has been silenced and therefore the region is monoallelic expressed. Pairing of imprinted regions seems necessary in order to silence one of the alleles (T. Li et al., 2008; Ling et al., 2006). The pairing seems crucial for proper development since its disruption is associated with developmental abnormalities (Lalande, 1996; Thatcher et al., 2005). In *Drosophila*, homologous pairing throughout the cell cycle facilitates similar gene regulation mechanisms such as transvection, that are not regulated through simple contact (Geyer et al., 1990). In budding yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, evidence for homolog pairing in somatic cells is contradictory with some studies reporting some levels of pairing at several loci (Loidl et al., 1994) and others failing to detect significant pairing (Guacci et al., 1994). Fission yeast, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, seems to be, together with Diptera, an exception among eukaryotes, with consistent pairing in somatic cells (Scherthan et al., 1994).

If applicability of our strategy to other model organisms strictly relies on mitotic pairing of homologous chromosome, the fact that only fission yeast seems to display similar pairing level, looks like a great limitation of the model. Nevertheless, this might be overcome by the high conservation of relevant behaviors and

molecular mechanisms activated upon aneuploidy observed between *Drosophila* and other models. Leveraging the peculiarities of *Drosophila* genetics to obtain transferable information could be a winning approach. However, let's consider the possibility of applying this strategy to mammalian models using the Cre/lox system, a similar sequence-specific recombination system widely used to generate conditional knock outs in mice and human cell lines, but also to induce chromosomal rearrangements. If homologous pairing is a requirement for recombination between distal lox sequences, implementing a recombination-based strategy to induce segmental aneuploidies would be possible mainly in meiotic cells, which experience homologous pairing. In this regard, an elegant *in vivo* system based on meiotic Cre recombination was developed: targeted meiotic recombination (TAMERE) (Hérault et al., 1998). This approach is based on the use of males expressing Cre in primary spermatocytes and engineered with two distant loxP sites in the same orientation on homologous chromosomes. In the germline of such trans-loxing males, Cre will catalyze recombination of *in trans* loxP sites, resulting in gametes carrying the reciprocal products of this rearrangement, the deletion and duplication of the chromosomal region comprehended between the loxP site breakpoints. By breeding this male to wild type females, paternal heterozygous progeny carrying the deletion and duplication allele can be recovered and used to establish the new mutant line. This strategy was used to generate reciprocal deletions and duplications at the HoxD locus (3-43 kb), which were recovered in 5-20% of the progeny (Hérault et al., 1998; Tarchini et al., 2005), and at a region of distal Chr 7 (~280 kb), which were recovered in approximately 17% of the progeny from trans-loxing males (Lefebvre et al., 2009). In the examples cited, laborious crosses are necessary to establish the lines carrying the mutant alleles. By implementing a system analogous to the TSG technique with split N- and C-termini of fluorescent markers at both sides of the lox loci, it would be possible to visualize recombinant embryos and follow their development. It is true that in the TAMERE examples reported the loxP loci were not placed at a great distance. However, given the fair efficiency of recombination in cells with homologous pairing for even large distances between FRTs that we have shown in this work, I speculate that increasing the distance between the loxP sites would still produce recombination product at a workable efficiency. Furthermore, implementing the system to fluorescently mark recombinant progeny, would avoid laborious mouse work and would allow to analyze the effect of organismal segmental aneuploidies, both monosomies and trisomies, in early development and, in case of embryo viability, in the health of the organism. To our knowledge, a systematic analysis on gene-dosage effects of segments of the genome on organismal viability and development in mice is still missing. Furthermore, it would be possible to obtain from these embryos individual blastomeres bearing specific segmental aneuploidies and reaggregate them into chimeras, similarly to what was done to generate chimeric embryos of euploid-aneuploid cells (Bolton et al., 2016). What we have shown in our studies is that juxtaposition of cells bearing certain segmental aneuploidies significantly impacts the fate of aneuploid cells in an epithelial tissue. The possibility described above to generate chimeric embryo bearing differentially marked segmental aneuploidies opens up interesting scenarios in which different combination of segmental trisomies and monosomies, either complementary or not, or in combination with euploid cells, could be studied in the developing embryo.

In the view of extending these strategies to induce aneuploidies to somatic cells, some works suggest that absence of homologous pairing would not preclude recombination between *loxP* insertions. If that was the case, a similar strategy to the FRT *in trans* that we have developed in this work could be implemented in mammalian somatic cells allowing for the study of aneuploid mosaics, whose relevance we have largely highlighted throughout this elaborate. In this direction, different studies showed that *loxP* sites inserted in the same chromosomal position in ES cells gave Cre-induced mitotic recombination products at a frequency of 4.2×10^{-5} to 7.0×10^{-3} despite absence of mitotic pairing (Liu et al., 2002). *In vivo* strategies, while less efficient and more challenging to implement, offer the advantage of utilizing widely available tissue-targeted Cre expression systems. In this regard, a technique called MADM (mosaic analysis with double marker), that similarly to the TSG relies on *loxP* sites flanked by N- or C- termini of GFP or RFP, was implemented in mice (Zong et al., 2005). In this work, interchromosomal recombination was induced efficiently in both mitotic and postmitotic cells for conditional knockouts and cell lineage analysis in neural cells (Zong et al., 2005). However, in this study, *loxP* sites were inserted at the same genomic location, leaving open the question of whether distant *loxP* sites would recombine *in vivo*. Interestingly, a similar strategy to Flp-FRT *in cis* recombination was tested with the Cre-lox system both in ES cells and in mice cardiac cells. In this work they first show an efficiency of approximately 10% both *in vitro* and *in vivo* in generating a deletion of a 2 cM (4 Mb) segment on chromosome 11 (Zheng et al., 2000). Then, they tested the efficiency of the system in generating larger chromosomal deletions in ES cells with *in cis* *loxP* sites in chromosome 11 at increasing distances and respectively at 2, 22, 24, 30, 60 cM. Coherently to what we showed in this work, recombination efficiency decreased with distance until a 0.01% for the largest segment tried and lethality was shown for bigger deletions (Zheng et al., 2000). Notably, they observed that while for closer *loxP* sites recombination *in cis* along the same chromosome was more efficient than *in trans* recombination, for *loxP* sites at larger distances recombination *in cis* and G2-recombination *in trans* between *loxP* sites located on sister chromatids were equally efficient and generated chromosomes with complementary deletions and duplications (Zheng et al., 2000). This indicates that distant *loxP* sites at least until 60 cM can recombine *in vivo* in mice. It is possible that the absence of mitotic pairing significantly impairs recombination between elements located at the same genomic location, but that for elements located at a greater distance, pairing is not a crucial factor. Overall, the data presented suggest that implementing Cre-lox-based strategies to induce and fluorescently label specific aneuploidies both at the organismal level, in embryo mosaics and in somatic tissues *in vivo* is indeed possible and constitutes an appealing application of the method developed in this study.

5.3. Cellular behaviors and molecular pathways: beyond growth and cell death and epistatic interactions?

5.3.1. Extrusion of aneuploid cells

In the present work, we have focused on analyzing the impact of segmental aneuploidies on growth and cell death. A key advantage of our rationale was that we could differentiate the two parameters by separately

analyzing frequency and size of single cells-derived clones (details on quantification in Materials and Methods). While extremely relevant phenotypic outputs, indeed we could expand the characterization of specific-aneuploidies-induced cellular behavior.

One example of aneuploidy-induced cellular behavior that we didn't specifically address is extrusion from the epithelium. As mentioned multiple times during this elaborate, aneuploid cells are shown to be extruded from epithelial tissues in a variety of models. Indeed, we were also able to observe delamination of monosomic cells comprehending the gene *Rpl26* (Figure R25B) when blocking cell death through overexpression of the *miRHG* miRNA against proapoptotic genes. The presence of the monosomic clone was recovered but only basally, differently to what happens with *Xrp1* knockdown (Figure R25B), indicating that cell delamination is an early event in the elimination of monosomic cells that depends on *Xrp1* activation, and that cell death blockage is unable to retain monosomic cells in the epithelium. This is different to what is observed for monosomic cells including the *Rps4* gene which are rescued in the epithelium upon blockage of cell death (Figure R13B). This difference correlates with the strength of the phenotype of the two monosomies, where *Rpl26*-including monosomies are completely absent from the discs indicating rapid cell death while *Rps4*-including monosomies, though presenting a growth defect, can still be recovered. This opens up the interesting possibility that the capacity of rescuing delamination by blockage of cell death depends somehow on the levels and speed at which pathways responsible for initiating apoptosis are activated. Alternatively, the mechanisms controlling cell delamination could differ depending on the specific haploinsufficient genes involved and therefore suggesting different mechanisms of haploinsufficiency triggering cell elimination. This goes accordingly with the observation that the growth defect of the 66E1-70D1 monosomy including not one, but three *Mn* genes, and induced through RS-FRTs *in cis* was not rescued by blocking apoptosis (Figure R11A). Interestingly, growth appears to be partially rescued with the chronic induction with *eyflp* (Figure R11B). It is possible that heterozygosity for the proapoptotic rescues survival of certain monosomic cells allowing to observe a difference when they are produced chronically but that, similarly to what happens for *Rpl26* monosomic cells, they are not rescued in the main epithelia and therefore their growth potential is still compromised.

Notably, delaminated *Rpl26*-including monosomies have visibly enlarged nuclei (Figure R25B). This resembles what happens in CIN-induced aneuploidy in wing discs, where aneuploid cells delaminate before entering apoptosis (Dekanty et al., 2012). When apoptosis is blocked they remain in the tissue as delaminated senescent cells (one of whose prominent features is in fact enlarged nuclei) and cause malignant overgrowth of the tissue (Joy et al., 2021). Interestingly, a key feature of loser cells in cell competition is also extrusion from the tissue. In the context of cell competition and tumor, specific receptors that sense the polarity status between epithelial cells are responsible for elimination of potentially oncogenic cells. Both in a *Drosophila* model of polarity-loss-induced cell competition and in a pancreas model of oncogenic RAS mosaics, if this sensing is altered, potentially malignant cells are not properly extruded and eliminated leading to formation of tumors (Yamamoto et al., 2017; Hill et al., 2021). Overall, this evidence together suggests that extrusion of unhealthy cells is a fundamental process for maintaining tissue homeostasis and again establishes an interesting link between aneuploidy and cell competition.

In the context of both *Mn*-induced cell competition and *dMyc*-induced supercompetition in *Drosophila*, several works propose that extrusion of loser cells is fundamental for their elimination as it renders them accessible to immune cells clearance (Lolo et al., 2012; Casas-Tintó et al., 2015). These works challenge the previously proposed idea that engulfment of loser cells is performed by epithelial cells (W. Li & Baker, 2007). The fact that loser cells elimination depends on components of the innate immune system such as the Toll-related receptors (TRRs) and NFκB signaling pathways (Meyer et al., 2014) creates an interesting parallel with NFκB-dependent elimination of human aneuploid cells by natural killer cells *in vitro* (R. W. Wang et al., 2021). Interestingly, we observed cells that both for nuclear size and basal location in the wing disc resembled the hemocytes, the macrophages in *Drosophila*, marked in red in presence of an RFP-marked *Rpl26*-including monosomy (Figure D6).

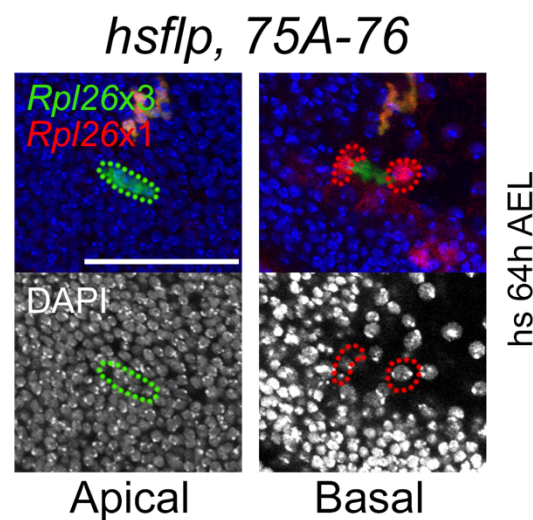


Figure D6. Hemocytes-like cells are RFP-positive in the presence of an eliminated RFP marked monosomy including *Rpl26*. Confocal images of apical and basal planes of wing discs where indicated aneuploidies were induced. Scale bar, 50 μm.

While we haven't check if these cells are in fact hemocytes, the fact that monosomic cells including *Rpl26* are consistently eliminated from the tissue (Figure R24) and the fact that there was not any additional mutation that could prevent monosomic cells' death, together with the fact that these nuclei are not pyknotic, present pretty convincing evidence that these are hemocytes that phagocyted the RFP-marked monosomic cells retaining their fluorescence.

Overall, these considerations present the technique developed in this study as a promising tool to investigate unaddressed issues such as the succession of events in aneuploidy-induced extrusion, the role of Xrp1 in the process of delamination, and the role of the immune system in clearance of aneuploid cells.

5.3.2. Application of molecular techniques

In the present study, we have focused on characterizing aneuploidy-induced behaviors by macroscopy and confocal microscopy and we have investigated molecular mechanisms underlying the observed growth and

survival phenotypes by epistatic interactions. In this section, I will discuss limitations of this approach and propose different application of the tools.

By using the RS FRTs to induce red segmental monosomies in the adult eye, the type of analysis that we could perform were limited by one main technical problem: almost all Gal4 and RNA-i transgenes in *Drosophila* bear a sequence of the *white* gene, as a way to positively select animals that successfully incorporated the transgene (Pirrotta, 1988). By using these tools, the entire eye would be red and therefore segmental aneuploid clones would not be visible. For this reason, to perform epistatic analysis, we have made use of mutants in a *white* mutant genetic background. Additionally, no anti-White antibody is available therefore not allowing for clonal analysis of aneuploid cells in larval tissue by confocal microscopy. A few laboratories had developed an anti-White antibody (Mackenzie et al., 2000; Borycz et al., 2008) but unfortunately had no remaining aliquots. Furthermore, the White protein is a trans-membrane transporter and highly sensitive antibody are hard to obtain. Producing anti-White antibody was beyond the scope of this work, but it would be a way to expand the analysis that we could make on segmental monosomies induced through RS-FRTs. Applying molecular techniques such as RNA extraction and sequencing to this set up would be extremely complicated since cells that underwent recombination and are therefore aneuploid cannot be specifically isolated.

The TSG technique *in trans* allows for more flexibility. In fact, isolation of fluorescently labeled cells from larval tissues by FACS is a widely diffused technique (Khan et al., 2016). Once isolated, qPCR or transcriptome analysis could be performed allowing to broaden candidates underlying the observed defects. However, to visualize the fluorescent markers in this work, we had to use anti-GFP and -RFP antibodies. It is possible that the fluorescence would be detected by the cell sorter, which has a much higher sensitivity, making this approach feasible. Otherwise, single-cell sequencing approaches should be implemented, and the GFP and RFP transcripts would serve as markers of the trisomic and monosomic populations in the UMAP plot (Everetts et al., 2021).

6. Future directions

In the future, the system developed in this study could be applied to studying segmental aneuploidies potentially across all fly genome and, as previously discussed, could be implemented in mice or human cells to assess haploinsufficiency, triplosensitivity, and their interaction for all chromosome segments.

In the present study, we focused on epithelial tissues. In the future, segmental aneuploidies in other tissues of *Drosophila* could be studied such as stem cells (neural stem cells, intestinal stem cells, germinal stem cells) or immune cells.

Alternatively, by engineering the system with inverted FRTs, we could generate dicentric chromosome for the study of chromosome bridges and micronuclei *in vivo*.

Conclusions

1. The Flp/FRT system can be efficiently used *in cis* to induce clones of cells carrying segmental monosomies of different sizes and ranges of overlap and characterize their impact on growth and survival
2. The Flp/FRT system can be efficiently used *in trans* to simultaneously induce clones of cells carrying complementary monosomies and trisomies of different sizes and ranges of overlap and characterize their impact on growth and survival, as well as unravel the role of cell interactions in shaping clonal behavior.
3. The genome is populated by dosage sensitive loci that act through different haploinsufficiency and triplosensitivity mechanisms to lead to the elimination of aneuploid cells.
 - 3.1. Segmental monosomies in a wild type tissue are either eliminated through *Xrpl-mTor* dependent cell competition when they include *Mn* genes or through *Xrpl-mTor* independent cumulative haploinsufficiency-dependent mechanisms.
 - 3.2. *Rpl26* is identified as a *Mn*-like haploinsufficient gene that when present in three copies induces *Xrpl*-dependent lethality in its monosomic twin.
 - 3.3. In the region 72-73, *fwe* and other unidentified genes are responsible for the supercompetitive behavior of 72-73 trisomies that overgrow at the expense of their monosomic twin, which is outcompeted, in a *Xrpl*-independent process.
 - 3.4. Cumulative haploinsufficiency acts in an additive manner to worsen other types of cell competition.
 - 3.5. The region 76-80 of the 3L and the region 87-92 of the 3R are identified as triplosensitive loci.
4. Interactions between trisomic and monosomic cells as well as their interaction with wild type cells determines elimination or survival of aneuploid cells.

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Annex I

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