1 Noninvasive prenatal test of methylmalonic academia cblC type through targeted

2 sequencing of cell-free DNA in maternal plasma

- 3 Lianshu Han^{*}, Chao Chen^{†,‡}, Fengyu Guo^{†,‡}, Jun Ye^{*}, Zhiyu Peng[§], Wenjuan Qiu^{*},
- 4 Yaoshen Wang[†], Wei Li[§], Huiwen Zhang^{*}, Lili Liang^{*}, Yu Wang^{*}, Huanhuan Wang^{*},
- 5 Xing Ji^{*}, Jun Sun^{†,[‡]}, Xuefan Gu^{*}
- 6 *Xinhua Hospital, Shanghai Institute for Pediatric Research, Shanghai Jiao Tong
- 7 University School of Medicine, Shanghai 200092, China;
- 8 [†]Tianjin Medical Laboratory, BGI-Tianjin, BGI-Shenzhen, Tianjin 300308, China;
- 9 [‡]Wuhan BGI Clinical Laboratory Co., Ltd, BGI-Wuhan, BGI-Shenzhen, Wuhan
- 10 430074, China;
- [§]BGI Genomics, BGI-Shenzhen, Shenzhen 518083, China;
- 12 The first two authors contributed equally to this work.
- 13 **Runing title:** NIPT of MMA cblC type
- 14 Keywords: methylmalonic academia; MMACHC; noninvasive prenatal test; targeted
- 15 sequencing; cell-free DNA
- 16 Corresponding author: Xuefan Gu and Jun Sun
- 17 guxuefan@xinhuamed.com.cn: Xinhua Hospital, Shanghai Institute for Pediatric
- 18 Research, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine.
- 19 1665Kongjiang Road, Shanghai 200092, China.
- 20 Phone number: 86-21-25076453
- 21 sunjun@genomics.cn: Tianjin Medical Laboratory, E3 Building, Airport Economics
- 22 Zone, Tianjin 300308, China
- 23 Phone number: +86 02259096488

24 Abstract:

Methylmalonic acidemia (MMA) cblC type is the most frequent inborn error of 25 intracellular cobalamin metabolism which is caused by mutations of MMACHC gene. 26 27 Non-invasive test of MMA for pregnant women facilitates safe and timely prenatal 28 diagnosis of the disease. In our study, we aimed to design and validate a 29 haplotype-based noninvasive prenatal test (NIPT) method for cbIC type of MMA. Targeted capture sequencing using customized hybridization was performed utilizing 30 31 gDNA (genomic DNA) of trios including parents and an affected proband to 32 determine parental haplotypes associated with the mutant and wild allele. The fetal 33 haplotype was inferred later based on the high depth sequencing data of maternal 34 plasma as well as haplotype linkage analysis. The fetal genotypes deduced by NIPT were further validated by amniocentesis. Haplotype-based NIPT was successfully 35 performed in 21 families. The results of NIPT of 21 families were all consistent with 36 37 invasive prenatal diagnosis, which was interpreted in a blinded fashion. Three fetuses 38 were identified as compound heterozygosity of MMACHC, 9 fetuses were carriers of MMACHC variant, and 9 fetuses were normal. These results indicated that the 39 40 haplotype-based NIPT for MMA through small target capture region sequencing is technically accurate and feasible. 41

42

0

43 Introduction

Methylmalonic acidemia (MMA) is caused by a deficiency of methylmalonyl-coA 44 mutase or coenzyme adenosylcobalamin (AdoCbl). The cblC type combined with 45 methylmalonic acidemia and homocystinuria is a kind of autosomal recessive 46 hereditary disease and the incidence was found to be in 1 in 48,000 to 1 in 250,000 47 worldwide (Carrillo-Carrasco et al. 2012; Wang et al. 2010). Newborn screening for 48 MMA in Shandong province of China showed an estimated prevalence of 1 in 3920 49 50 during birth (Han et al. 2016). The MMA cbIC type caused by mutations in the 51 MMACHC gene (NM_015506.2) located on chromosome 1p34.1 is the most frequent congenital error in intracellular co-amine metabolism. Prenatal diagnosis of MMA 52 53 was essential due to age of onset in neonatal period and serious symptoms such as 54 multiple system damage and lethal possibility. It can not only contribute to early 55 medical management of infants, but also allows treatment of affected foetus as soon 56 as possible to reduce irreversible organ damage associated with metabolic acidosis 57 and high blood ammonia. (Huemer et al. 2005; Trefz et al. 2016).

Recently, several noninvasive prenatal test (NIPT) methods aimed to avoid 58 59 miscarriage or infection risk method have been developed (Evans et al. 2002; Mujezinovic and Alfirevic 2007). Besides large-scale clinical application in fetal 60 61 aneuploidies screening, NIPT for dominant single-gene disorders confined to detect paternally inherited and de novo mutations has also been introduced to clinical trials 62 (Lo et al. 1998; Fan et al. 2008). However, NIPT for recessive single gene disorders 63 are still at laboratory research stage. Our study group has developed a 64 haplotype-based method of NIPT for recessive inherited single gene diseases using 65 66 linkage analysis of trios' members and has been validated in several single gene disorders (Xu et al. 2015; Meng et al. 2014; Lam et al. 2012; Ma et al. 2014; Ye et al. 67

1

68 2018; Chen *et al.* 2017). The feasibility and accuracy of this method depends on the 69 informative SNPs used to construct the haplotype and the selection of the targeted 70 region. NIPT of MMA based on haplotype analysis method has not been reported yet, 71 and so this study has been designed.

In our study, the NIPT of MMA can be accomplished using a 141.39 kb customized probe, including *MMACHC* and 1125 surrounding highly heterozygous SNPs (0.3 < minor allele frequency < 0.5) distributed within the 1 Mb on chromosome (Figure 1). Our study indicated that the haplotype-based NIPT for MMA through small target capture region sequencing is technically accurate and feasible, and also further highlighted the feasibility of NIPT of monogenic diseases.

78

79 Materials and Methods

80 Patient recruitment

Twenty-one at-risk families including singleton pregnant woman, her husband, and proband diagnosed with MMA were enrolled at Shanghai Xin Hua Hospital with genetic counseling and informed consent. The institutional review board (IRB) of BGI and Shanghai Xinhua Hospital approved our study with approval number BGI-IRB NO. FT15195 and XHEC-C-2015-025.

Ten causative mutations in four exons of *MMACHC* gene in probands and their parents were already identified prior to performing NIPT of MMA during pregnancy. Before amniocentesis, blood samples were drawn from each pregnant woman at 16–20 weeks of gestation and her family members was used for NIPT of MMA. The maternal plasma should be separated as soon as possible. Amniotic fluid (AF) samples for routine prenatal diagnosis were obtained at 16–18 weeks of gestation. The data analysis of fetal DNA sample was blinded to NIPT. The AF samples of F01- F06 family were also sent to BGI to evaluate the accuracy of inferred paternal andmaternal specific loci of fetus compared with the AF standard haplotype.

95 **Targeted sequencing**

The extraction of gDNA and maternal plasma DNA was accomplished using the commercial kits from QIAGEN. The NGS library of gDNA was constructed according to the Illumina standard protocol. The construction of cell-free DNA library as a result of its micro inputs nature was performed by the Kapa Biosysterm library preparation kit. The hybrid captures of gDNA and cf-DNA libraries were separately carried out using the same probe. The post-capture libraries were sequenced using PE 101 bp on Illumina platform (Hiseq 2500).

103 Variation calling

The raw data were aligned to the human reference sequence (Hg19, GRCh37) by BWA software (0.7.12) in the paired end mode. After removal of low-quality reads including duplicated reads and multiple aligned reads using Picard Tools, Variation calling was accomplished through GATK software. Only the variations with depth greater than 50x will be analyzed in the next step.

109 Estimation of fetal concentration and plasma sequencing error

The fetal genotype should be heterozygous state with different homozygous genotype of parents according to the Mendel's laws. So, it could be estimated as two times of the percentage of the minor allele depth to the total depth of this allele. The sequencing error could be described as the ratio of the count of different loci reads to total count of this SNP reads when the genotypes of parents are same homozygous.

115 NIPT for MMA

Haplotypes linked with wild and mute allele were constructed using SNPinformation within flanking and coding region of *MMACHC* gene (You et al. 2014).

Hap 0 was defined as the pathogenic haplotype and Hap1 was defined as the wild-type haplotype. The fetal inheritance from father was determined using the set of SNPs that were heterozygous in father but homozygous in mother. SNPs that were heterozygous in mother but homozygous in father were used to determine fetal inheritance from mother. Hidden Markov Model (HMM) and Viterbi algorithm was used to deduce the fetal haplotypes using the target region data of plasma (Ma *et al.* 2017).

125 Accuracy of NIPT for MMA

126 The Sanger sequencing and standard haplotypes of fetal gDNA obtained using 127 amniotic fluid was further operated to validate the uniformity of NIPT result.

128

129 **Results**

130 Sequencing data of recruited families

Sanger sequencing of *MMACHC* was operated to determine the variation of pathogenic mutation (Table 1). The mean depth of gDNA and cf-DNA was about 147.48x (63.41x-348.05x) and 237.97x (89.67x396.23x), respectively. The coverage with more than 20x was approximately 98.14% (90.09-99.68%). The mean capture efficiency and duplicate rate was 50.19% (27.12%-75.23%) and 7.37% (4.98%-44.09%) in all the samples (Table S1).

137 Estimation of fetal concentration and plasma sequencing error

For these twenty-one pregnant women, the cff-DNA concentrations varied from 4.62% to 18.96% during the second trimester (Table 2), showing significant differences between the individuals. The mean sequencing error rate of plasma was 0.41% (0.02–1.18%) (Table 2). The data suggested high experimental quality for next analysis.

143 Construction of Parental haplotype

144 The parental haplotype was constructed by the genotyping information from a 145 trio strategy of father, mother and proband. Clean data with more than 20-fold 146 coverage were about97.88% and about 1041 SNPs on the target region were detected.

147 Noninvasive prenatal diagnosis of fetal MMA

148 The number of SNPs identified ranged from 854 to 1211. The number of informative SNPs which were used to predict the combination of fetal haplotype 149 inherited from mother and father were 122 (20-323) and 113 (24-290). Parental 150 haplotypes were successfully constructed in F01 family. 155 SNPs was used to 151 152 determine that the fetus inherited wild allele from the father and none SNP supported 153 that fetus inherited the pathogenic haplotype. 86 SNPs was used to determine that the fetus inherited wild allele from the mother and none SNP supported that fetus 154 inherited the pathogenic haplotype. So, the fetus of F01 was normal because of the 155 156 F1+M1 haplotype (Table 3and Figure 2). Based on this strategy, nine fetuses were diagnosed as carriers, nine fetuses were normal and three fetuses were affected by 157 cbIC type of MMA due to the compound heterozygous mutation of MMACHC (Table 158 3 and Figure 2). 159

160 Accuracy of NIPT for MMA

161 The Sanger results of fetal DNA were 100% consistent with NIPT result (Table 2) 162 and SNPs deduced using NIPT were 100% consistent with standard haplotypes of 163 fetal gDNA in F01 to F06 (Table S2).

164

165 **Discussion**

166 The cumulative incidence of monogenic disease accounted for 7% of birth defects,167 while the chromosomal abnormalities accounted for 6% according to the March of

Dimes Global Report on Birth Defects 2006. A growing number of birth defects and 168 diseases can be diagnosed prenatally and treated before birth in some cases. With the 169 large-scale clinical application of NIPT for fetal aneuploidies based on massively 170 171 parallel sequencing approach (Benn et al. 2012; Norton et al. 2012; Dar et al. 2014), 172 NIPT of monogenic disease remains the next frontier. In the recent years, NIPT of 173 monogenic disorders has been actively investigated and it has a great clinical application prospect, providing requisite prognostic data for clinical intervention. 174 175 Initially, NIPT of monogenic disorders relied on the detection or exclusion of 176 paternally inherited mutations or de novo mutations by direct detection method based on PCR. PCR-based method such as ddPCR (Lun et al. 2008), QPCR (Guissart et al. 177 178 2017), PCR-RED (Chitty et al. 2015) and cSMART (Chen et al. 2016; Han et al. 2017) have been reported in β thalassemia, cystic fibrosis, thanatophoric dysplasia, Wilson 179 disease and autosomal recessive nonsyndromic hearing loss, respectively. PCR-based 180 181 method involves the advantage of simple operation. However, the design of primer or 182 probe at the mutation site that is confined only to SNP and indel remains difficult. NIPT based on PCR cannot be applied to the major mutation type with copy number 183 184 variance (CNV). The sensitivity and specificity of PCR-based NIPT is affected by fetal DNA fraction and quality of sample. 185

Maternally inherited alleles and alleles shared by both parents were detected by more sophisticated techniques such as haplotype-based strategy called indirect method. Haplotype-based strategy such as relative haplotype dosage (RHDO) (Lam *et al.* 2012) and proband-assisted haplotype phasing have been successfully reported in several recessive monogenic diseases. These historical data were retrospectively analyzed in our study (Table 4). Fifty-seven high risk families who had an affected child were enrolled in the clinical research to validate the accuracy and feasibility of 193 NIPT. All the NIPT results were consistent with invasive prenatal diagnosis. Overall, the data obtained from all the 57 families included in the test have shown sensitivity 194 and specificity rates of 100%, with 0% failure rate. The accuracy of inferred fetal 195 196 maternal alleles and paternal alleles using plasma sequencing data were almost 100% 197 compared with the standard haplotype obtained by the AF data without considering 198 the recombination point. Other experiments were necessary to determine the precise positioning of recombination and whether the proband or fetus involve the 199 200 recombination. Ye et al. (2018) showed that when the plasma sequence depth was 201 200X, the accuracy of fetal inherited maternal haplotype was above 99% and when 202 the fetal fraction was between 5% and 10%, the mean number of SNP was about 20 to 203 reach 99% detection accuracy. Previous data showed that the haplotype-based NIPT can be applied to genes with highly homologous sequences like CYP21A2 and SMN1, 204 205 which is almost impossible to be detected by directly sequencing the pathogenic 206 mutations.

207 MMA is one of the most common disorders of congenital organic acid metabolism. Early prenatal treatment may have an impact on the long-term complications 208 209 associated with cblC disease. Prior studies have evaluated the effects of prenatal HOCbl administration and the results showed a decrease in the maternal metabolites 210 211 (Huemer et al. 2005). Although the haplotype-based strategy was successfully 212 implemented in several autosomal recessive disorders, this has not been applied in 213 MMA till now. The feasibility and accuracy of this method depends on the 214 informative SNPs used to construct the haplotype and the selection of the targeted region, and hence investigation of technical feasibility is necessary for each target 215 216 disease. Our study initially demonstrated the feasibility of haplotype-based NIPT for 217 MMACHC. In our study, the fetal genotype of 21 families was successfully

determined using haplotype-assisted NIPT. The result of this study was consistent 218 219 with the findings of invasive method. Based on these data, the feasibility and accuracy of NIPT of MMA using haplotype strategy has been demonstrated. The sensitivity 220 221 and specificity rates were both 100%, with 0% failure rate. The accuracy of the fetal 222 alleles inherited from parents deduced by haplotype strategy were almost 100% 223 compared with the standard haplotype obtained by the AF data in families from F01 to F06 (Table S2). The other family results showed that the haplotype-based NIPT 224 225 method allowed 100% concordance with the invasive diagnostic approach.

226 In most of the reported cases, the targeted region is always relatively large, and the 227 sequencing cost remained exorbitant, hampering the clinical utility of this technology. 228 In this research, we have demonstrated the feasibility of NIPT of MMA by 229 sequencing a much smaller region. This method requires trio members of the family for constructing the parental haplotype linked to the mutation allele. The sensitivity 230 231 and specificity of this method have been reported to be 100% validated by the 232 invasive result, which is the greatest advantage of haplotype-based strategy NIPT. A fatal flaw of the haplotype-based strategy is that the feasibility is highly depend on the 233 234 availability of proband sample.

Linked reads method like 10xGenomics to specify the individual haplotype 235 236 directly without proband has been recently reported by Dennis Lo in NIPT of 237 monogenic diseases (Hui et al. 2017), but the technology has several limitations. The 238 most important restrictive factor for clinical application was the detection success 239 ratio. In this article, 12 of 13cases were successfully detected and the failed cases 240 were unable to determine the fetal genotype due to insufficient number of informative 241 SNPs. In our research, we used the coding region and highly heterozygous SNPs with 242 1M flanking sequence of MMACHC gene to construct the haplotype, and the number

of informative SNPs were sufficient to build the fetal haplotype based on HMM 243 model. Another limitation was that the phasing block size using 10x Genomics linked 244 reads. The block size was affected by the integrity of input DNA and rigorous 245 246 experimental operation. The phasing block stridden across the target gene and 247 sufficient SNPs surrounding this region coexisted to ensure the success rate. In 248 summary, 10x Genomics linked the reads have solved the problem of not relying on the precursor, but the success rate, high cost and complex operation restricted its 249 250 clinical application. Further study is needed to develop cost-effective and simplified 251 technology for NIPT of monogenic disease.

In conclusion, we demonstrated the feasibility of haplotype-based NIPT of MMA 252 253 by sequencing a much smaller region. The sequencing depth of plasma and the number of informative SNPs were 200x and 20x, respectively. The proposition 254 255 couples who have been diagnosed as monogenic carriers and have an affected child, our method is applicable to assess the repregnant fetal genotype to clinical 256 257 intervention. We here provided the evidence that the same approach can be applied to other autosomal-recessive disorders, and the overall sensitivity and specificity was 258 100% on 78 patients tested from the previous and our study. 259

260

261 Acknowledgments

We thank the patient families and physicians for cooperation during this study. This study was supported by Major Technical Innovation Project of Hubei Province (2017ACA097).

265

266 Competing financial interests

267 The authors declare no conflict of interest.

268

269 Author Contributions

- 270 L.H., J.Y., W.Q., H.Z., L.L., and F.G, obtained patient materials; Y.W., H.W., and
- 271 X.J. conducted gene analysis in blood or amniotic fluid cell DNA; C.C., J.S. and Z.P.
- 272 designed the study and drafted the paper. Y.W., F.G. and W.L analyzed the data,
- 273 interpreted the data and wrote a part of the paper.

274 Data Availability

- 275 The authors affirm that all data necessary for confirming the conclusions of the article
- are present within the article, figures, and tables. Supplemental materials reported in
- this study are also available in the CNGB Nucleotide Sequence Archive (CNSA,
- 278 ftp://ftp.cngb.org/pub/CNSA/CNP0000164/Supplementation/)

279

.

280 **References**

- Carrillo-Carrasco, N., R. J. Chandler and C. P. Venditti, 2012 Combined methylmalonic acidemia and homocystinuria, cblC type. I. Clinical presentations, diagnosis and management. J Inherit Metab Dis 35: 91-102.
- Wang, F., L. Han, Y. Yang, X. Gu, J. Ye *et al.*, 2010 Clinical, biochemical, and
 molecular analysis of combined methylmalonic acidemia and
 hyperhomocysteinemia (cblC type) in China. J Inherit Metab Dis 33 Suppl 3:
 S435-442.
- 3. Han, B., Z. Cao, L. Tian, H. Zou, L. Yang *et al.*, 2016 Clinical presentation, gene
 analysis and outcomes in young patients with early-treated combined
 methylmalonic acidemia and homocysteinemia (cbIC type) in Shandong province,
 China. Brain Dev 38: 491-497.
- 4. Evans, M. I., E. L. Krivchenia, R. J. Wapner and R. Depp, 3rd, 2002 Principles of
 screening. Clin Obstet Gynecol 45: 657-660; discussion 730-652.
- 5. Mujezinovic, F., and Z. Alfirevic, 2007 Procedure-related complications of
 amniocentesis and chorionic villous sampling: a systematic review. Obstet
 Gynecol 110: 687-694.
- 297 6. Lo, Y. M., M. S. Tein, T. K. Lau, C. J. Haines, T. N. Leung *et al.*, 1998
 298 Quantitative analysis of fetal DNA in maternal plasma and serum: implications
 299 for noninvasive prenatal diagnosis. Am J Hum Genet 62: 768-775.
- Fan, H. C., Y. J. Blumenfeld, U. Chitkara, L. Hudgins and S. R. Quake, 2008
 Noninvasive diagnosis of fetal aneuploidy by shotgun sequencing DNA from
 maternal blood. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A 105: 16266-16271.
- 303 8. Xu, Y., X. Li, H. J. Ge, B. Xiao, Y. Y. Zhang *et al.*, 2015 Haplotype-based
 304 approach for noninvasive prenatal tests of Duchenne muscular dystrophy using

- 305 cell-free fetal DNA in maternal plasma. Genet Med 17: 889-896.
- 306 9. Meng, M., X. Li, H. Ge, F. Chen, M. Han et al., 2014 Noninvasive prenatal
- testing for autosomal recessive conditions by maternal plasma sequencing in a
 case of congenital deafness. Genet Med 16: 972-976.
- 10. Lam, K. W., P. Jiang, G. J. Liao, K. C. Chan, T. Y. Leung *et al.*, 2012 Noninvasive
 prenatal diagnosis of monogenic diseases by targeted massively parallel
 sequencing of maternal plasma: application to beta-thalassemia. Clin Chem 58:
 1467-1475.
- Ma, D., H. Ge, X. Li, T. Jiang, F. Chen *et al.*, 2014 Haplotype-based approach for
 noninvasive prenatal diagnosis of congenital adrenal hyperplasia by maternal
 plasma DNA sequencing. Gene 544: 252-258.
- 316 12. Ye, J., C. Chen, Y. Yuan, L. Han, Y. Wang *et al.*, 2018 Haplotype-based
 317 Noninvasive Prenatal Diagnosis of Hyperphenylalaninemia through Targeted
 318 Sequencing of Maternal Plasma. Sci Rep 8: 161.
- 319 13. You, Y., Y. Sun, X. Li, Y. Li, X. Wei *et al.*, 2014 Integration of targeted
 320 sequencing and NIPT into clinical practice in a Chinese family with maple syrup
 321 urine disease. Genet Med 16: 594-600.
- 14. Chen, M., S. Lu, Z. F. Lai, C. Chen, K. Luo *et al.*, 2017 Targeted sequencing of
 maternal plasma for haplotype-based non-invasive prenatal testing of spinal
 muscular atrophy. Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol 49: 799-802.
- Ma, D., Y. Yuan, C. Luo, Y. Wang, T. Jiang *et al.*, 2017 Noninvasive prenatal
 diagnosis of 21-Hydroxylase deficiency using target capture sequencing of
 maternal plasma DNA. Sci Rep 7: 7427.
- 328 16. Benn, P., H. Cuckle and E. Pergament, 2012 Genome-wide fetal aneuploidy
 329 detection by maternal plasma DNA sequencing. Obstet Gynecol 119: 1270;

author reply 1270-1271.

- 17. Norton, M. E., H. Brar, J. Weiss, A. Karimi, L. C. Laurent *et al.*, 2012
 Non-Invasive Chromosomal Evaluation (NICE) Study: results of a multicenter
 prospective cohort study for detection of fetal trisomy 21 and trisomy 18. Am J
 Obstet Gynecol 207: 137 e131-138.
- 18. Dar, P., K. J. Curnow, S. J. Gross, M. P. Hall, M. Stosic *et al.*, 2014 Clinical
 experience and follow-up with large scale single-nucleotide polymorphism-based
 noninvasive prenatal aneuploidy testing. Am J Obstet Gynecol 211: 527 e521-527
 e517.
- 19. Lun, F. M., N. B. Tsui, K. C. Chan, T. Y. Leung, T. K. Lau *et al.*, 2008
 Noninvasive prenatal diagnosis of monogenic diseases by digital size selection
 and relative mutation dosage on DNA in maternal plasma. Proc Natl Acad Sci U
 S A 105: 19920-19925.
- 343 20. Guissart, C., C. Dubucs, C. Raynal, A. Girardet, F. Tran Mau Them *et al.*, 2017
 344 Non-invasive prenatal diagnosis (NIPD) of cystic fibrosis: an optimized protocol
 345 using MEMO fluorescent PCR to detect the p.Phe508del mutation. J Cyst Fibros
 346 16: 198-206.
- 21. Chitty, L. S., S. Mason, A. N. Barrett, F. McKay, N. Lench *et al.*, 2015
 Non-invasive prenatal diagnosis of achondroplasia and thanatophoric dysplasia:
 next-generation sequencing allows for a safer, more accurate, and comprehensive
 approach. Prenat Diagn 35: 656-662.
- 22. Chen, Y., Y. Liu, B. Wang, J. Mao, T. Wang *et al.*, 2016 Development and
 validation of a fetal genotyping assay with potential for noninvasive prenatal
 diagnosis of hereditary hearing loss. Prenat Diagn 36: 1233-1241.
- 23. Han, M., Z. Li, W. Wang, S. Huang, Y. Lu et al., 2017 A quantitative cSMART

355	assay for noninvasive prenatal screening of autosomal recessive nonsyndromic									
356	hearing loss caused by GJB2 and SLC26A4 mutations. Genet Med 19:									
357	1309-1316.									
358	24. Hui, W. W., P. Jiang, Y. K. Tong, W. S. Lee, Y. K. Cheng et al., 2017 Universal									

- Haplotype-Based Noninvasive Prenatal Testing for Single Gene Diseases. Clin
 Chem 63: 513-524.
- 361 25. Huemer, M., B. Simma, B. Fowler, T. Suormala, O. A. Bodamer et al., 2005
 362 Prenatal and postnatal treatment in cobalamin C defect. J Pediatr 147: 469-472.
- 363 26. Trefz, F. K., D. Scheible, G. Frauendienst-egger, M. Huemer, T. Suomala et al.,
- 364 2016 Successful intrauterine treatment of a patient with cobalamin C defect. Mol
- 365 Genet Metab Rep 6: 55-59.

366

367

368 Figures Legends

369 Figure 1 Target region of *MMACHC* gene and SNPs used for haplotyping.

370 Custom NimbleGen probes within the 141.39 kb region was designed including the

- 371 MMACHC gene coding region and 1125 surrounding highly heterozygous SNPs
- 372 distributed within 1 Mb region.

373 Figure 2 Fetal Haplotype Prediction.

X-axis represents the locus on target region; Y-axis represents the logarithm of the ratios of different fetal haplotype combinations. The black lines above zero (cyan lines) indicate that the fetus inherited the pathogenic haplotype (Hap0), and the black lines below zero indicate that the fetus inherited the normal haplotype (Hap1). Two purple vertical lines represent the region of the *MMACHC* gene. Left chart and right chart represents the results of fetal-inherited paternal haplotype and maternal haplotype, respectively.

Table 1. Molecular Diagnosis Results in 21 Families.

		Mutation Type					
Family	Gene	Father	Mother	Proband	- GW ^b		
F01	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.658_660de1AAG/N ^a	c.609G>A/c.658_660delAAG			
F02	C MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.567dupT/N	c.567dupT/c.609G>A			
F03	MMACH	c.441TG[2]/N	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/c.441TG[2]	17		
F04	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.80A>G/N	c.80A>G/c.609G>A	17		
F05	MMACH	c.441TG[2]/N	c.609G>A/N	c.441TG[2]/c.609G>A	17		
F06	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.80A>G/N	c.80A>G/c.609G>A	18		
F07	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/ c.609G>A	18		
F08	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.217C>T/N	c.217C>T/c.609G>A	17		
F09	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.315 C>G/N	N c.609G>A/c.315 C>G			
F10	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/ c.609G>A	18		
F11	MMACH	c.658_660delAAG/N	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/c.658_660delAAG	17		
F12	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/ c.609G>A	18		
F13	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.80A>G/N	c.609G>A/c.80A>G	17		
F14	MMACH	c.658_660delAAG/N	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/ c.658_660delAAG	17		
F15	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/ c.609G>A	19		
F16	MMACH	c.609G>A/N	c.656_658delAGA/N	c.656_658delAGA/c.609G>A	18		
F17	MMACH	c.658_660delAAG/N	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/c.658_660delAAG	16		
F18	MMACH	c.445_446delTG/N	c.609G>A/N	c.609G>A/c.445_446delTG	17		
F19	MMACH	c.394C>T/N	c.656_658delA GA/N	c.394C>T/c.656_658de1A GA	17		
F20	MMACH	c.609G>A /N	c.609G>A /N	c.609G>A/ c.609G>A	17+5		
F21	MMACH	c.445_446delTG/N	c.482G>A/N	c.482G>A/c.445_446delTG	17		

Abbreviations: N^{*a*}, normal; GW^{*b*}, gestational weeks.

Pedigree	Type 1S NP ^a	Type 2 SNP ^b	Error Rate	Fetal DNA fraction
01	86	5	0.0200%	7.64%
F02	104	463	1.1788%	11.45%
F03	79	430	0.1936%	16.23%
F04	107	215	0.2437%	9.07%
F05	85	14	0.3360%	7.66%
F06	99	43	1.0153%	18.96%
F07	125	1	0.1631%	14.89%
F08	66	421	0.7156%	10.93%
F09	80	23	0.0941%	4.62%
F10	110	61	0.4655%	11.41%
F11	115	4	0.2434%	17.84%
F12	82	149	0.3810%	6.85%
F13	329	39	0.2170%	11.70%
F14	64	24	0.4847%	9.86%
F15	66	7	0.5687%	11.66%
F16	70	165	0.3680%	10.77%
F17	71	441	0.2319%	13.03%
F18	49	166	0.8472%	10.52%
F19	238	141	0.2406%	5.90%
F20	66	23	0.3877%	5.85%
F21	143	8	0.2170%	8.20%

Table 2. Statistics of Error Rate and Fetal DNA Fraction.

SNPs^a that were homozygous with the same type of parents but different bases in the plasma, which were used to calculate the sequencing error rate of plasma; SNPs^b that were homozygous in both parents but different types, which were used to calculate fetal DNA fractions.

Family	Gene	SNPs For F0 ^a	SNPs For F1 ^a	SNPs For M0 ^a	SNPs For M1 ^a	Fetal Haplotype	Fetal Genotype	NIPT Results	Invasive Test Results	Consistency ^k
F01	MMACHC	0	155	0	86	F1+M1	Ν	Normal	Ν	Y ^c
F02	MMACHC	37	0	0	86	F0+M1	c.609G>A/N	Carrier	c.609G>A/N	Y
F03	MMACHC	0	60	73	0	F1+M0	c.609G>A/N	Carrier	c.609G>A/N	Y
F04	MMACHC	0	42	94	0	F1+M0	c.80A>G/N	Carrier	c.80A>G/N	Y
F05	MMACHC	109	0	122	0	F0+M0	c.441TG[2]/c.609G>A	affected	c.441TG[2]/c.609G>A	Y
F06	MMACHC	0	325	20	0	F1+M0	c.80A>G/N	Carrier	c.80A>G/N	Y
F07	MMACHC	0	140	0	91	F1+M1	Ν	Normal	Ν	Y
F08	MMACHC	129	0	42	0	F0+M0	c.217C>T/c.609G>A	affected	c.217C>T/c.609G>A	Y
F09	MMACHC	0	160	77	0	F1+M0	c.315 C>G/N	Carrier	c.315 C>G/N	Y
F10	MMACHC	0	24	0	273	F1+M1	Ν	Normal	Ν	Y
F11	MMACHC	0	81	0	149	F1+M1	Ν	Normal	Ν	Y
F12	MMACHC	0	43	203	0	F1+M0	c.609G>A/N	Carrier	c.609G>A/N	Y
F13	MMACHC	0	26	0	117	F1+M1	Ν	Normal	Ν	Y
F14	MMACHC	220	0	96	0	F0+M0	c.609G>A/c.658-660delAAG	affected	c.609G>A/c.658-660delAAG	Y
F15	MMACHC	0	27	86	0	F1+M0	c.609G>A/N	Carrier	c.609G>A/N	Y
F16	MMACHC	290	0	0	111	F0+M1	c.609G>A/N	Carrier	c.609G>A/N	Y
F17	MMACHC	0	109	0	84	F1+M1	Ν	Normal	Ν	Y
F18	MMACHC	0	54	0	323	F1+M1	Ν	Normal	Ν	Y
F19	MMACHC	108	0	0	128	F0+M1	c.394C>T/N	Carrier	c.394C>T/N	Y
F20	MMACHC	0	27	0	230	F1+M1	Ν	Normal	Ν	Y
F21	MMACHC	0	274	0	73	F1+M1	Ν	Normal	Ν	Y

Table 3. The NIPT Results of 21 Studied Families.

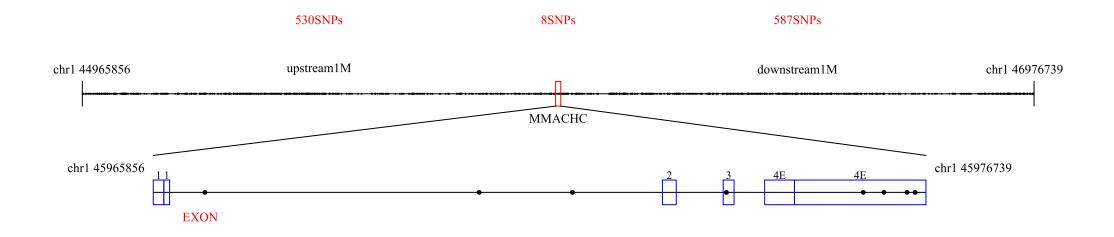
^aSNPs for F/M represent the number of SNP supporting the inheritance of fetal haplotype from parents. F0/M0, fetal-inherited mutant haplotype; F1/M1, fetal-inherited normal haplotype; ^bConsistency represents the comparison of NIPT results with invasive testing results; ^C Y, yes; N, normal.

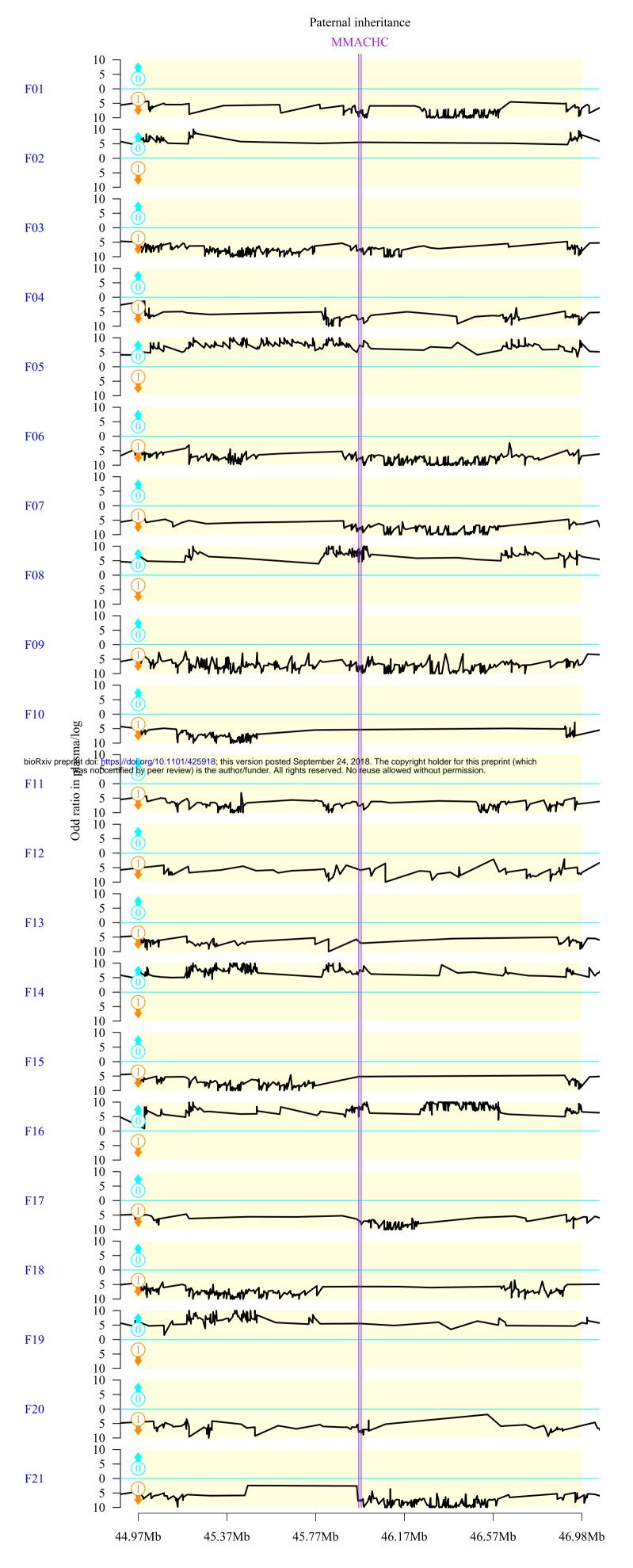
Author	Method	Disease	Case No.	NIPT Results	Consistence	Accuracy of	Accuracy of
Aumor				nir i kesuits	Consistency	maternal alleles	paternal alleles
Dennis Lo	RHDO	β-thalassemia	2	2 Carriers	Y	-	-
Dennis Lo	RHDO	САН	14	5 Carriers+2 Normal+7 affected	Y	-	-
Yanqin You	PAHP	MSUD	1	affected	Y	-	-
Zhengfeng Xu	PAHP	САН	1	Carriers	Y	96.41%	97.81%
Meng Meng	PAHP	GJB2	1	Carriers	Y	-	-
Yan Xu	PAHP	DMD	8	1 Carriers+2 Normal+5 affected	Y	99.98%	-
Min Chen	PAHP	SMA	5	2 Carriers+2 Normal+1 affected	Y	-	-
Zhengfeng Xu	PAHP	САН	12	6 Carriers+6 affected	Y	100%	100%
Xuefan Gu	PAHP	PKU	13	4 Carriers+4 Normal+5 affected	Y	100%	100%
Total	-	-	57	22 Carriers+10 Normal+25 affected	Y		

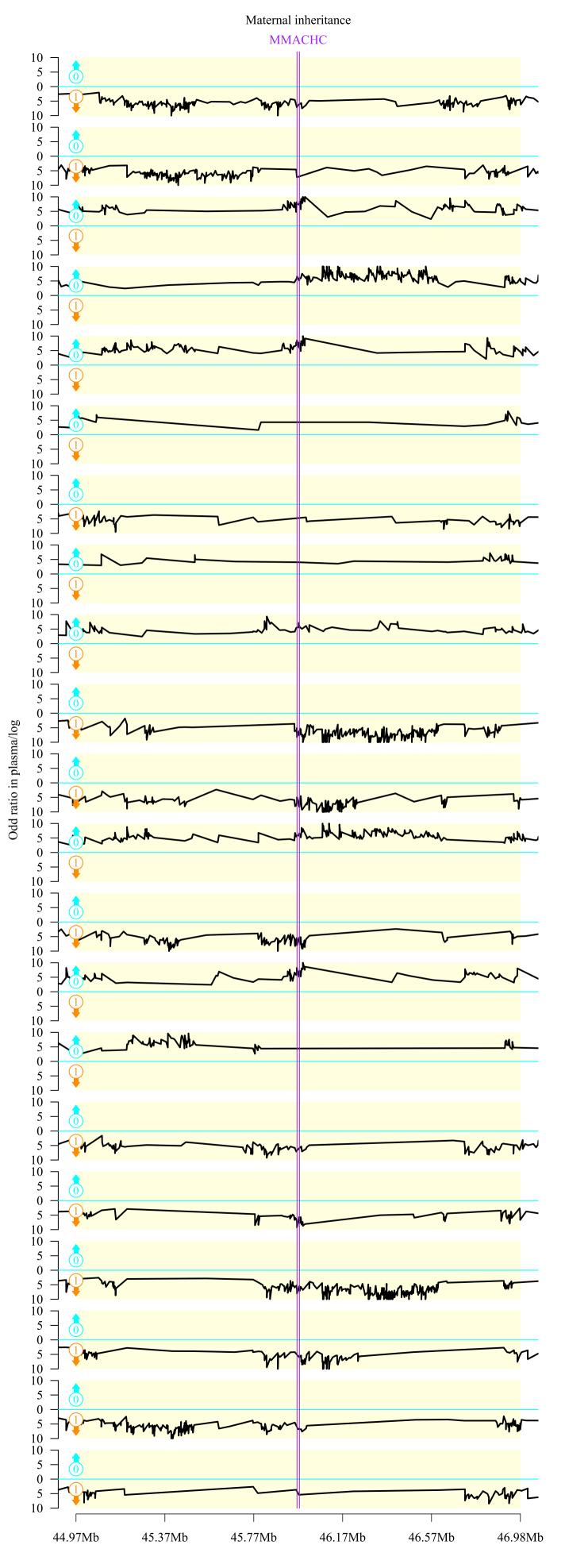
Table 4. Studies Reporting on NIPT of Monogenic Disease.

RHDO, relative haplotype dosage; PAHP, proband assisted haplotype phasing; consistency means whether the NIPT result was consistent with the invasive prenatal testing, Y represents yes.

Figure 1







Position (chromosome 1)

Position (chromosome 1)