Supplementary materials

Methods

Sample collection, gDNA extraction and sample preparation

 gDNA from patients genetically diagnosed with a chromosomal aneuploidy were purchased from Coriell Institute (Table S5). Control gDNA from healthy subjects was extracted from swab samples using Genomic Micro AX Swab Gravity Plus (A&A Biotechnology, Gdansk, Poland, 105-100P) according to the manufacturer's instructions. All gDNA samples were quantified 8 using Oubit[®] 1X dsDNA HS Assay Kit on Qubit Fluorometer (Life Technologies, CA, USA). They were then normalized to approximately 1 ng/µL in UV-treated milli-q water and stored 10 at 5° C prior to analysis. Sample stocks were stored at -80° C. The DNA extraction step is estimated to take between 2,5 to 3h for up to 24 samples.

¹² Detection of five chromosomal aneuploidies using two-step PCR system

 A two-step PCR system targets six chromosomes and incorporates patient specific barcodes. PCR₁ includes a multiplex setup of primers targeting six chromosomes containing overhangs for the second PCR (Table S6). Six specific primer pairs were designed to target chromosomes associated with the most common chromosomal aneuploidies, namely chromosomes 13, 18, 21, X, and Y. These primer pairs were optimized for high specificity to their target chromosomes while minimizing the potential for self- and hetero-dimerization. In the multiplex setup, the 19 average sequence similarity between the generated amplicons was 37% (max = 47% , min = $20\,$ 32%, SD = 4%), ensuring high specificity in sequence classification. Chromosome 15 was 21 used as a reference in the assay. The PCR_1 reaction mix contained 12 μ L PCRBIO UltaMix (PCR Biosystems Ltd, PA, USA PB10.32-05), 2µL of each primer set (5µM each), 1µL of DNA $23 \sim$ (~ 5ng/μL), and nuclease-free water to a total volume of 25μL. The PCR₁ thermal conditions ²⁴ were optimized as follows: denaturation at 95 \degree C for 5 min; 15 cycles at 95 \degree C for 30 sec, 63 \degree C ²⁵ for 30 sec, and 72^oC for 45 sec, followed by the final elongation at 72^oC for 5 min using a 26 thermocycler (PCRmax[™]Alpha Cycler 1, UK). PCR₁-product was cleaned using AMPure XP ²⁷ Beads (Beckman Coulter Genomic, Brea, CA, USA) following manufacturer's instructions to 28 remove excess of primers and resuspended in $11 \mu L$ of nuclease-free water. The PCR₂ reaction 29 mix included 10 μ L of the clean PCR₁-product, 12 μ L of PCRBIO UltraMix (PCR Biosystems ³⁰ Ltd, PA, USA PB10.32-05) and 2µL of barcode primer (10µM). The sequence of the barcodes 31 used in PCR₂ is given in Table S7. The PCR₂ thermal conditions were as follows: 95^oC for ³² 2 min, followed by 30 cycles of 95°C for 20 sec, 55°C for 20 sec, and 72°C for 40 sec. The final ³³ extension was set to 72°C for 4 min using thermocycler (PCRmax™Alpha Cycler 1, UK). The $_{34}$ quality control of the PCR₂-product was evaluated with gel electrophoresis on a 1,5% agarose ³⁵ gel stained with Midori Green (Nippon Genetics Co., Ltd., MG04, Tokyo, Japan). The two-step 36 PCR protocol is estimated to take 2 to 2.5 h for up to 24 samples in four technical replicates.

37 Sequencing Libraries Preparation

38 PCR₂-products were pooled within each plate and cleaned with AMPure XP Beads (Beckman 39 Coulter Genomic, Brea, CA, USA) using 250μ L of the pooled PCR₂ product and 80μ L of beads. The motor protein ligation was performed for each four pools individually using ligation proto- col SQK-LSK110 by Oxford Nanopore Technologies (version: ACDE 9110 v110 revE 10Nov2020). The libraries were sequenced on GridION (Oxford Nanopore Technologies, Oxford, UK) using four R9.4.1 Flow Cells. The ligation protocol takes approximately 2.5 to 3 hours.

44 Second level Multiplexing and Sequencing with Oxford Nanopore Tech-⁴⁵ nologies

⁴⁶ To test the performance of the analysis with second-level multiplexing, the four pooled li-47 braries were subjected to barcoding using the native barcoding kit SQK-NBD112.24 by Oxford Nanopore Technologies (version: NBA 9135 v112 revJ 01Dec2021). The final pool of 384 samples/replicates was sequenced together on a single R9.4.1 Flow Cell. The basecalling and first level demultiplexing (NBD112.24) was performed live on GridIONx5 (Oxford Nanopre Technologies, Oxford, United Kingdom) using MinKNOW GUI (version 23.03.3). The native barcoding protocol is optional when loading more than 24 samples on a single GridION flow cell and is estimated to take 3 to 3.5 hours.

54 Basecalling, DNA reads processing and sample and chromosome classifica-tion

 The basecalling is performed using Guppy, the production basecaller integrated within Min- KNOW. The signal stored within the FAST5 files is processed in real time during the run and the FASTQ files are generated one by one. Once a FASTQ file is generated, a quality check and filtering (as a first processing step) of the reads that belong to that particular FASTQ file is initiated.

 Every read from the FASTQ file (one FASTQ file contains 4000 sequences) must meet certain quality criteria. The length of the sequence must be between 900 and 1200 characters and its average Phred quality score has to be higher than 8 (88% of base call accuracy). The quality score is calculated based on the average quality values of each base. If the sequence is longer than 1700 characters, the sequence is split and treated as two separate sequences. The barcode assigned to the particular sample is used as a splitting point. If the barcode is not found 67 in the middle of the sequence (between the 100th character from left and the 100th character from right of the middle character), then the sequence is rejected and it is not used for further processing.

 The processing of the qualified DNA reads continues with barcode classification or demul-tiplexing of the DNA sequences. In particular, the barcode that encodes the information about the person to which the sequence read is associated should be identified. The proposed algo- rithm uses Levenshtein distance to find the location of the spacer (15 characters) and linker (15 characters) first, and then to identify the barcode (24 characters) located between the spacer and the linker.

 The algorithm performs the search on the first and the last 150 characters of the sequence. First, we find the spacer/linker (Figure S1) by comparing a sliding window (with size 15 and stride 1) to the known values with Levenshtein Distance less than 5. The barcode should follow directly after the spacer and before the linker. Once the start and the end of the barcode are ⁸⁰ identified we find the most similar barcode from the database and perform the sample classi-81 fication. The barcode search is performed using a sliding window technique with size 24 and 82 stride 1. The distance between the window and the barcode is defined using the Levenshtein distance and it should be less than 5. This phase has low computational complexity and can be performed in real-time.

Figure S1: Correct barcode

 Sometimes, the spacer or the linker could be corrupted (Figure S2), so the start and the end of the barcode could not be identified precisely. In that case we take the 24 characters that ⁸⁷ follow the spacer and try to match with the barcodes in the database. The same procedure is ⁸⁸ repeated for the 24 characters that precede the linker. The sequence that has lower Levenshtein 89 Distance with the barcodes in the database is used for the sample classification. Again, the maximum Levenshtein Distance which is acceptable for person classification is less than 5.

 To identify the end of the human DNA sequence we use the same approach. We perform the search on the last 150 characters taking into account that the linker is in opposite order with the

CGGCACAAAGACACCGACAACTTTCTTGTCTCGTGGGCTCGGGTCTCGTCCGCTCGGCACAAAGACACCGAC incorrect spacer incorrect barcode incorrect barcode correct barcode found correct linker

Figure S2: Corrupted barcode

93 replacement of characters T and G with A and C due to the reverse-complement representation. After the demultiplexing of the sequences (sample classification), the process continues with the chromosome classification phase. In this phase, similarity scores between each demul- tiplexed sequence and the reference chromosome sequences are computed using the BLAST alignment method. The used scoring system awards 2 points for a base match, while penaliz- ing 3 points for a mismatch, 3 points for extending a gap, and 5 points for opening a gap. A sequence is classified as belonging to a specific chromosome only if its final alignment score with that chromosome exceeds 250. If multiple chromosomes have alignment scores higher than 250, the sequence is assigned to the chromosome with the highest score. Sequences with alignment scores below 250 for all chromosomes are rejected and not classified. Chromosome sequences and their number grouped by barcode and chromosome are the output of this phase.

Statistical analysis

 To assess whether the difference between the samples' representations from the healthy donors and the different chromosomal aneuploidies are statistically significant, a Hotelling's t-squared 107 statistic (t^2) was performed on first three principal components. P-values showed a signifi- cant difference for all samples. Hotelling's t-squared statistic is a generalization of Student's t-statistic that is used in multivariate hypothesis testing. It tests the differences between the (multivariate) means of different populations. The test is applied on the reads proportions ob- tained for each barcoded sample normalized using the means and standard deviation of the controls in the one vs the rest setup (measures the difference between the population of one disease and the combined populations from the rest of the diseases).

Performance for KS decision-supporting tool (EU IVD certification)

 EU IVD certification was performed solely on the Klinefelter syndrome. The machine learning model that was built to discriminate against Klinefelter is a binary SVM classification model. First, the model was trained and tuned on a separate set of samples that included healthy, Kline- felter, Angleman (AMS), Prader–Willi syndromes (PWS) and trisomies (13, 18, and 21). After the training and the tuning phase, the model was tested and evaluated on a different set of test samples that also included cases from Klinefelter, healthy, trisomy, AMS and PWS. Details about the training and evaluation phases are given in the following subsections.

Model training and parameter tuning

 In this phase, we trained a classification model and performed parameter tuning by cross vali- dation using 278 technical replicates representing respective aneuploidy or healthy subjects (68 KS, 198 healthy, 4 trisomy syndrome, 4 AMS and 4 PWS). All the samples were obtained from 10 different individuals, generated in 5 individual runs on the Oxford Nanopore Technologies GridION x5 device. All the samples that did not meet the minimal number of reads per chromo- some (100 reads per chromosome) from the 5 individual runs were filtered out and not used for training the model. In each individual run we introduced 4 male and 4 female healthy control samples, which are used to estimate the quality of the run and the variance between the different runs. All Klinefelter syndrome samples (68 technical replicates from two patients) were labeled as positive and all the other samples (including healthy and non Klinefelter syndrome samples) as negative (210). The parameter tuning of the classifier was performed using stratified 5 fold cross validation, where 80% of the data were used for training and the other 20% of the data for classifier validation. In this experiment, SVM with RBF kernel was used as a classifier. Support Vector Machine is a natural binary classifier that works well with small to moderately sized datasets where the relationship between features and the target is not overly complex, achieving high accuracy. SVMs can handle both linear and non-linear classification tasks (by applying kernel functions like RBF, polynomial, and sigmoid, allowing it to transform the original data into a higher-dimensional space where a linear separation is possible), while avoiding the risk of overfitting, especially in scenarios with fewer data points. SVM focuses on finding the decision hyperplane that maximizes the margin between the classes, which leads to better generalization to unseen data. We have experimented with multiple different classification techniques, but the best results were achieved using the SVM classifier (in terms of predictive performance and model complexity).

The samples were represented with 8 continuous variables (features):

 1. The normalized discrete probability distribution of chromosome occurrence (calculated as the proportion or percentage of identified sequences for a specific chromosome relative to the total number of sequences identified from all chromosomes in each sample) is provided for that particular sample. This is represented by columns p-chY, p-chX, p-ch21, p-ch18, p-ch13 and p-ch15 in Table S2.

 2. The average Euclidean distance from the normalized discrete probability distribution of the sample to the normalized discrete probability distributions of the 4 male healthy con-trol samples from the corresponding run (column "distance" in Table S2).

3. The ratio between the chY and chX.

 The features associated with the chromosomes' representation were selected by a domain expert. Additionally, the feature that represents the average Euclidean distance between the normalized discrete probability distribution of the sample and that of the male healthy control

¹⁵⁹ samples was included as a plate normalization measure. Samples closer to the healthy control

¹⁶⁰ distributions are more likely to be healthy compared to those farther from the control samples.

Table S1: Example of the classified reads grouped per chromosome and barcode for two KS cases

	chY chX $ch21$ $ch18$ $ch13$ $ch15$ total			
	KS02 4010 12936 7623 5242 1734 8047 37107			
	KS91 2048 5337 3996 3360 952 4082 19775			

Table S2: Example of the dataset (after normalization and feature engineering) for the KS cases from Table S1

161 Model testing and performance evaluation

 The evaluation of the binary SVM classifier is performed using new, unseen samples from 2 KS patients in comparison to either negative samples from two healthy donors or samples from 10 patients with other chromosomal abnormalities. Data from the healthy controls was used to calculate the analytical and the diagnostic sensitivity and data from patients with a chromo- somal abnormality different from KS were used to calculate the analytical and the diagnostic specificity. Each biological sample was evaluated in quadruplicates (one different barcode for each technical replicate).

 The number of true positive (TP), true negative (TN), false positive (FP) and false negative (FN) from four different sequencing runs were calculated overall for each independent tech- nical replicate (that is, for each barcode independently) but also, per sample (that is, for each four replicates assuming that 75% of the results were coincident, either positive or negative).

 Inconclusive results (either at barcode level or at patient level) were not taken into account for TP, TN, FP or FN calculations.

175 Klinefelter positive samples were analyzed 10 times (that is, with 40 different barcodes). Of the 40 replicates, 32 were classified by the model as "positive" for Klinefelter, that is 80% TP, 1 was classified by as "negative", that is 2.5% FN and 7 were classified as "inconclusive" (17.5%). The 32 TP allowed classifying as "positive" 7 samples (replicates of 4) and the FN did not have an impact on analytical sensitivity as the three remaining replicates were classified as "positive". Three of the 10 samples were classified as inconclusive (30%).

 Healthy control samples were analyzed 8 times (that is, with 32 different barcodes). Of the 32 replicates, 30 were classified by the software as "negative" for Klinefelter, that is 94% TN, and 2 were classified by the software as "inconclusive" (6%). These two inconclusive replicates belonged to a same patient/run, impeding to correctly classify this sample as negative (and leaving it as inconclusive); however, this did not have an impact on sensitivity or specificity calculations. Samples from the other chromosomal abnormalities were analyzed 24 times (that is, with 96 different barcodes). Of the 96 replicates, 84 were classified by the software as "negative" for Klinefelter, that is 87.5% TN (that will be added to the 30 TN from healthy donors for the calculations); 1 was classified by the software as "positive", that is 1% FP and 13 were classified by the model as "inconclusive" (all barcodes provided a results and thus all were included in the analysis). In total, there were 27 samples (either patients from other chromosomal abnormality or healthy controls) that were correctly classified as "negative" by the system, that is 84% and 5 samples that could not be classified as they were reported as "inconclusive" (16%).

Analytical performance: Analytical sensitivity (as a measurement of precision) was as- sessed as the ratio of correctly positives out the total number of positives reported= TP/(TP+FP). 197 At barcode level this value was = $32/(32+1) = 97.0\%$. At patient level, this value was = $7/(7+0)$

Table S3: Performance parameters

	Analytical sensitivity Analytical specificity Accuracy		
Per replicate (per barcode)	97.0%	99.1%	98.6%
Per patient (group of 4 replicates)	100%	100%	100%

 $_{198}$ = 100\%.

¹⁹⁹ Analytical specificity was the ratio of correctly negatives out of the total number of negatives ₂₀₀ reported = TN/(TN+FN). At barcode level this value was $=114/(114+1) = 99.1\%$. At patient 201 level, this value was $= 27/(27+0) = 100\%$.

²⁰² Accuracy was calculated as the proportion of correct predictions using the following for- 203 mula = $(TP+TN)/(TP+TN+FP+FN)$ at both, barcode and patient levels, and data is showed in ²⁰⁴ Table S3.

 Clinical performance: Diagnostic sensitivity (True Positive Rate, TPR) was assessed as $_{206}$ the number of individuals having a positive outcome of those who actually have the condition $=$ TP/(TP+FN). At barcode level, this value was $= 32/(32+1) = 97.0\%$. At patient level, this value was $= 7/(7+0) = 100\%$.

²⁰⁹ Diagnostic specificity (True Negative Rate, TNR) was assessed as the number of individuals $_{210}$ having a negative outcome of those who actually do not have the condition = TN/(TN+FP). At $_{211}$ barcode level, this value was =114/(114+1) = 99.1%. At patient level, this value was = 27/ $212 \quad (27+0) = 100\%$.

²¹³ Positive likelihood ratio (LR+) was assessed as the TPR / FPR. As value of TPR, we used $_{214}$ the diagnostic sensitivity and as value for the FPR we used 1-diagnostic specificity = 99.1 for $_{215}$ replicates and 0 per patient. Thus, we only could calculate LR+ for replicates = 97.0/99.1 = ²¹⁶ 0.978. Negative likelihood ratio (LR-) was assessed as FNR / TNR. As value of the FNR, we ²¹⁷ used 1-diagnostic sensitivity (3 for replicates and 0 per patient) and as value for the TNR we ²¹⁸ used the diagnostic specificity. We could only calculate LR- for replicates $= 3/97.0 = 0.031$.

219 The diagnostic odds ratio (DOR) was calculated as a ratio $LR+/LR = 0.978/0.031 = 31.30$.

²²⁰ The clinical performance described above are summarized and presented in Table S4.

Table S4: Diagnostic utility

*N/A states for not applicable as FPR for patient was 0, thus it LR+ cannot be calculated

 Finally, for statistical analysis of the sensitivity/specificity, ROC analysis was done either considering the values of "probability of being diagnosed as Klinefelter" or the outcome values of the model as follows: "negative"=0; "inconclusive"=1; "positive"=2. Both analysis were performed for barcode and for sample and are visualized using the ROC curves in Figure S3

Limit of Detection: In order to evaluate the limit of detection (LOD) of the method, we simulated a KS positive sample in a mosaic configuration with decreasing ratios of 47,XXY mixed with 46,XY healthy control. The details of the assay design are in Supplementary Table 2, Plate004.

²²⁹ IVD certification

₂₃₀ The device used in the study complies with the **ISO 13485:2016** and **ISO 14971:2019** stan-231 dards for medical devices, as certified by LRQA Nederland B.V., with Single Registration 232 Number: DK-MF-000018618. The product Phivea® conforms to Directive 98/79/EC on in ²³³ vitro diagnostic medical devices.

Figure S3: ROC curves for each barcode independently and for each patient represented by quadruplicates.

Supplementary tables

Table S5: Overview of the experimental setup and sample karyotypes Table S5: Overview of the experimental setup and sample karyotypes

Plate00X represents the experimental setup on a standard 96-well PCR plate, indicated by rows (A-H) and columns (1-12). $\frac{1}{100}$ and columns 1-12 contain technical replicates of four samples, each assigned a unique barcode (BRK). Columns 1-12 contain technical replicates of four samples, each assigned a unique barcode (BRK).

Table S6: Primers sequence for the multiplex setup. Sequence marked in bold represents the overhang which is a target for barcoding primers during $PCR₂$

PCR₁ targets the gene of interest during unsaturated PCR and incorporates "linker" sequence that will become a primer binding site for PCR₂. The linker sequence is palindromic, hence only one barcode primer is needed in PCR₂. Each primer includes 15 bp spacer separating ONT motor protein adapter from the barcode sequence. The spacer was added to ensure higher tolerance for the low quality at the beginning of the sequence entering the pore and thus higher recovery of barcode sequence. The barcoded DNA constructs are subsequently pooled and motor protein is added using the ligation protocol.

