



Newborn Screening for SCID and...?

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A Retrospective Study with Prospective Potential: evaluating specimens of children diagnosed with conditions that may be identifiable in the newborn period by molecular testing for measures of T and B cell development

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Status of 121 Infants Prompting Flow Cytometry

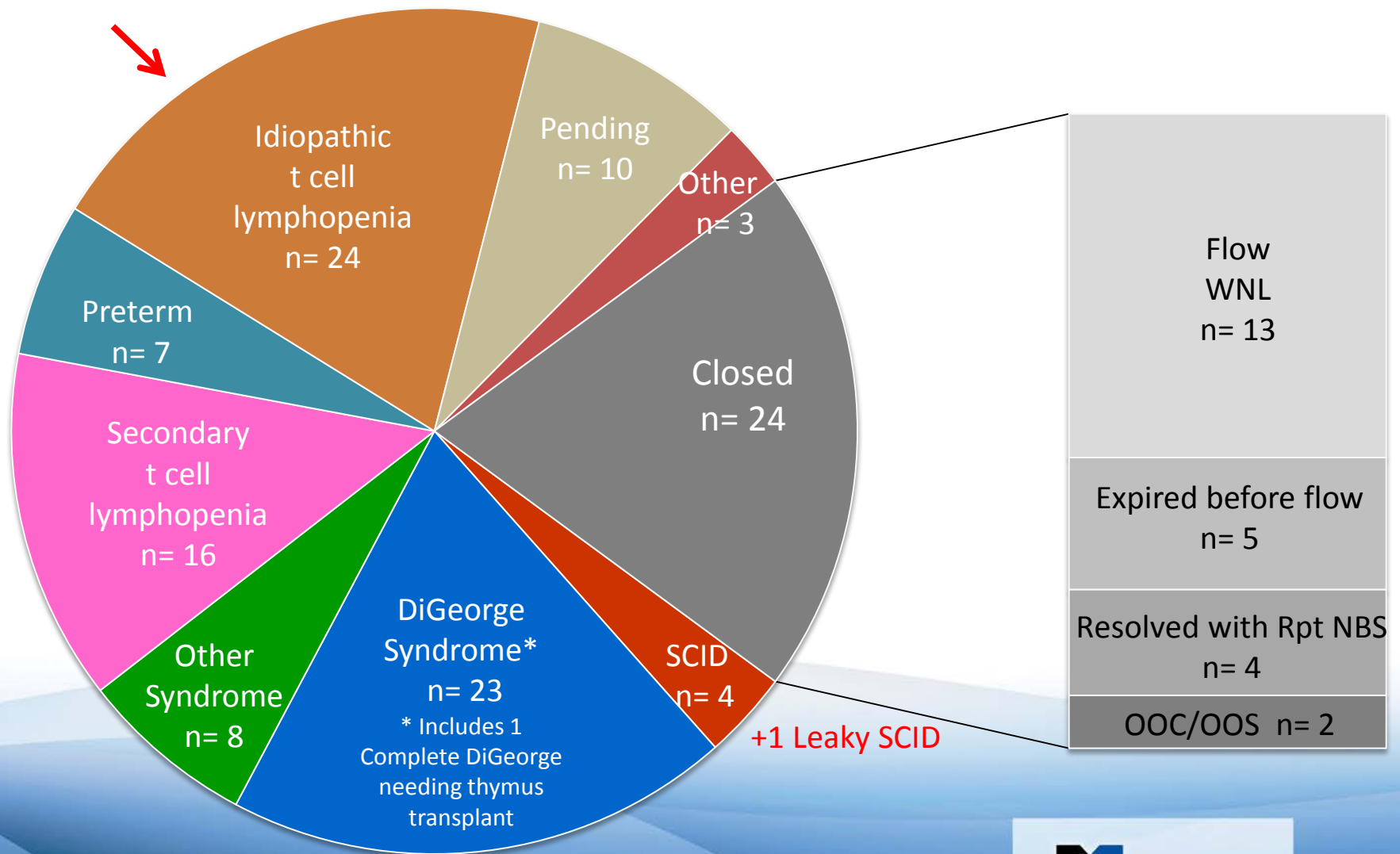


Table 1. Classification of Conditions With Low T-Cell Receptor Excision Circles and Low T-Cell Numbers Found by Newborn Screening

	Definition of Condition		
	CD3 T Cells/ μ L	Proliferation to PHA	Other Supporting Features
Primary Targets of Newborn Screening			
Typical SCID ^a	<300 (autologous)	<10% of normal	Detectable maternal T cells in peripheral blood; proven deleterious defect(s) in a known SCID gene
Leaky SCID ^a	300-1500, few naive T cells	Reduced (10%-50% of normal)	No maternal T cells detectable; incomplete defect(s) in a known SCID gene
Omenn syndrome	Oligoclonal T cells	Reduced (10%-50% of normal)	Erythroderma, hepatosplenomegaly, eosinophilia, and elevated levels of serum IgE antibody
Secondary Targets of Newborn Screening			
Syndrome with low T-cell numbers	Recognized genetic syndrome that includes low T-cell numbers within its spectrum of clinical findings		
Secondary T-cell lymphopenia	Congenital malformation or disease process without an intrinsic defect in production of circulating T cells		
Preterm birth alone	Preterm birth and low birth weight, with low T-cell numbers early in life that normalize over time		
Idiopathic T-cell lymphopenia, also called variant SCID	Low T-cell numbers without recognized cause; 6 programs used 300-1500 autologous T cells/ μ L plus evidence of functional immune cell impairment, while other programs included infants with higher T-cell numbers (see Table 4). ^b		

Table 5. Diagnoses of 411 Infants With Non-SCID T-Cell Lymphopenia Identified by Newborn Screening

Condition	No. of Infants
Unspecified T-cell lymphopenia ^f	117



To what extent is neonatal T-cell lymphopenia an early indicator of later diagnoses?

- Monitor infants identified with idiopathic T-cell lymphopenia
Long term – multi– year prospective follow up
- Retrieve and test NBS specimens of older children who carry specific diagnoses

To what extent would a TREC/KREC assay help to define later diagnoses associated with neonatal T-cell lymphopenia?

- Evaluate T and B cell profiles of older children with specific diagnoses
Representative of neonatal profile?
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Retrospective Study with Prospective Potential

Retrieve and test NBS specimens of older children who carry specific diagnoses

- assays for TREC and KREC
multiplex TREC/KREC/RNaseP

- Patient cohort

Patients with defined diagnoses and likely T or B cell dysfunction

TREC and KREC for SCID NBS

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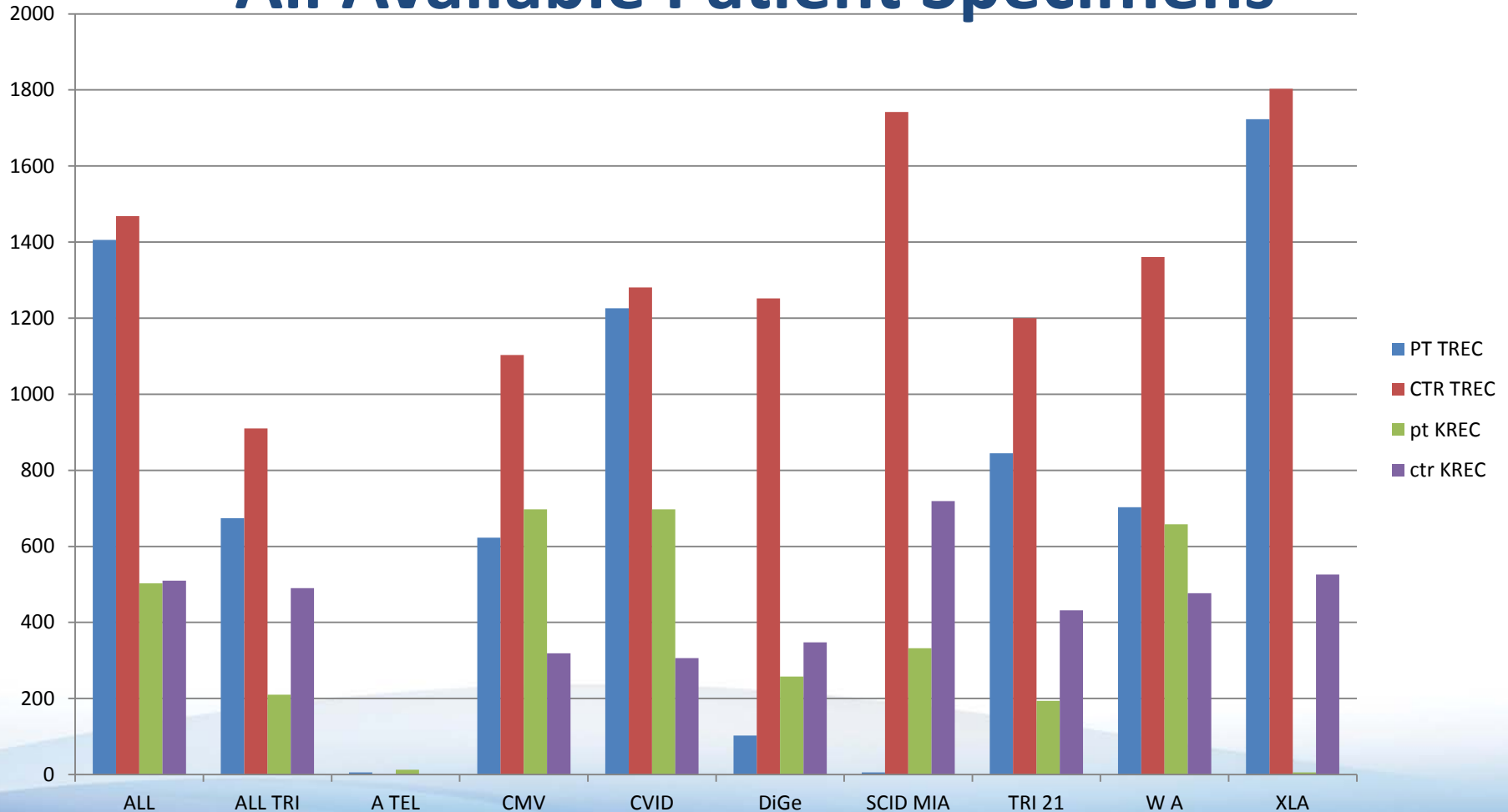
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VALIDATION OF MULTIPLEX ASSAY WITH RESIDUAL SAMPLES FROM SCID PATIENTS

SCID TYPE	PHENOTYPE	TREC	KREC	RNaseP
IL7RA	T-B+NK+	0	387	37761
ADA	T-B-NK-	0	0	9006
IL2RG	T-B+NK-	0	542	32071
PNP	progressive loss T	0	6	33316
ADA	T-B-NK-	0	0	58987
IL2RG+MAT engraft	T-B+NK-	0	742	59968
CD3D	T-B+NK+	0	219	33413

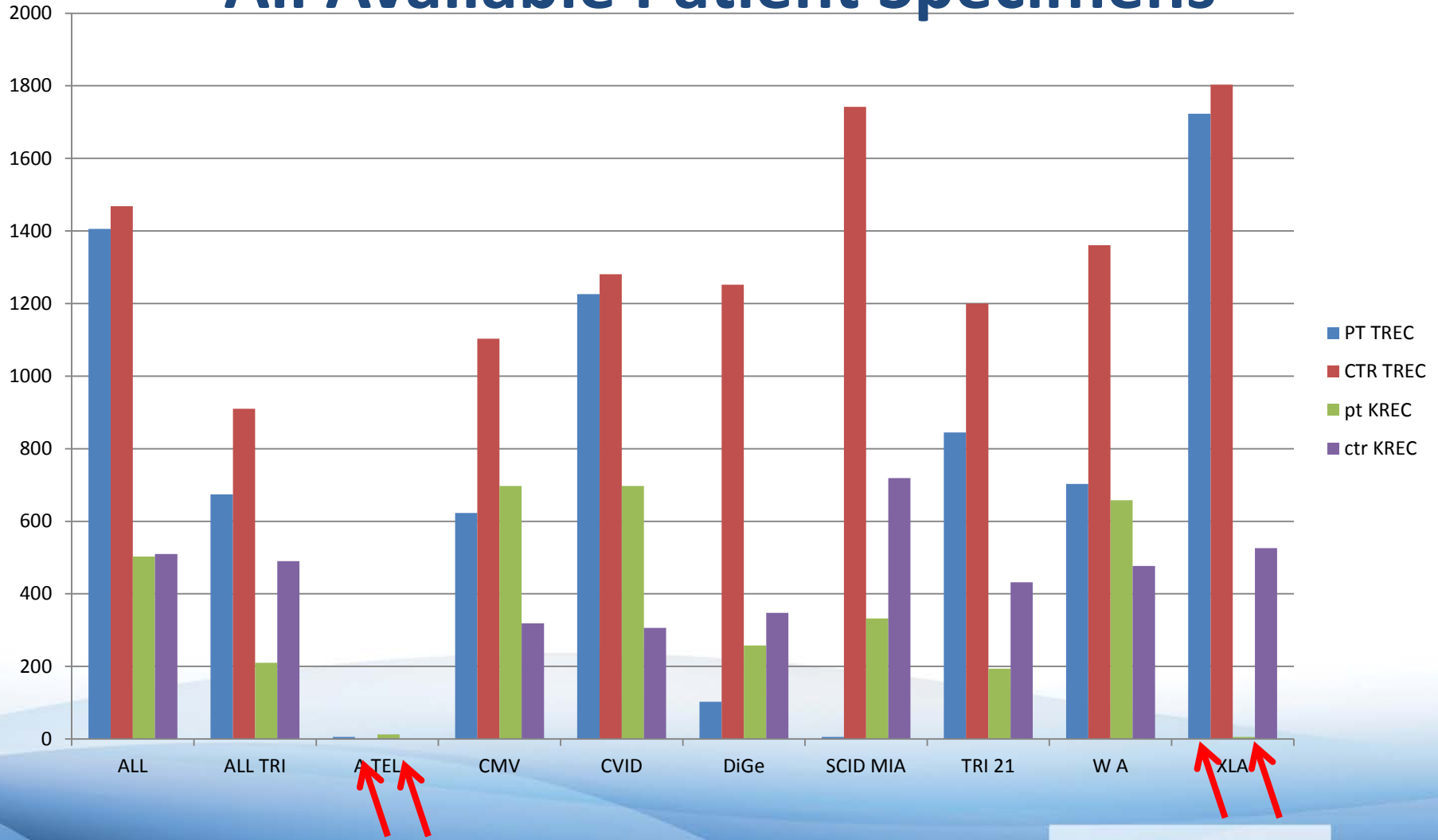
Median TREC and KREC values by Condition

All Available Patient Specimens

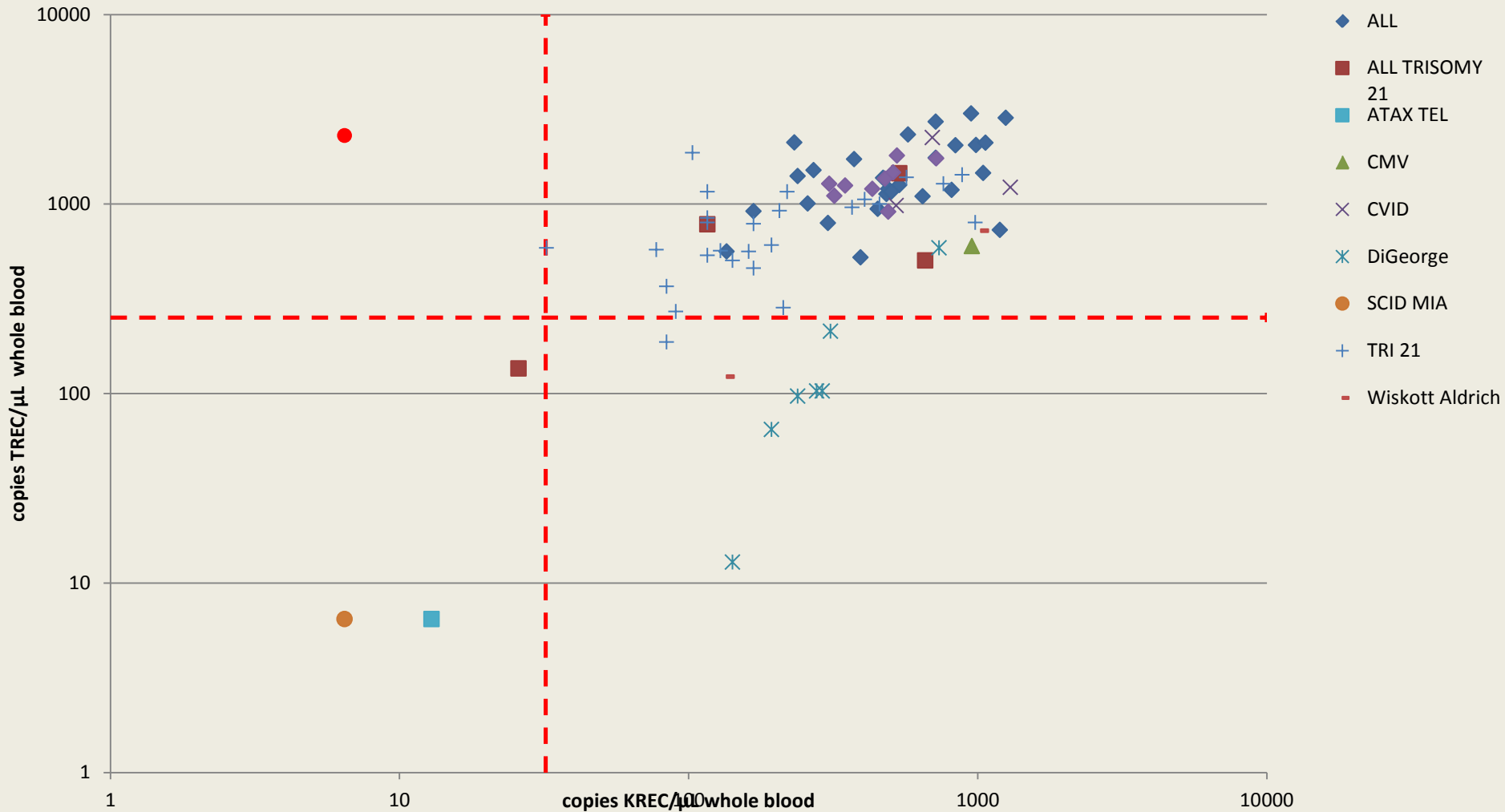


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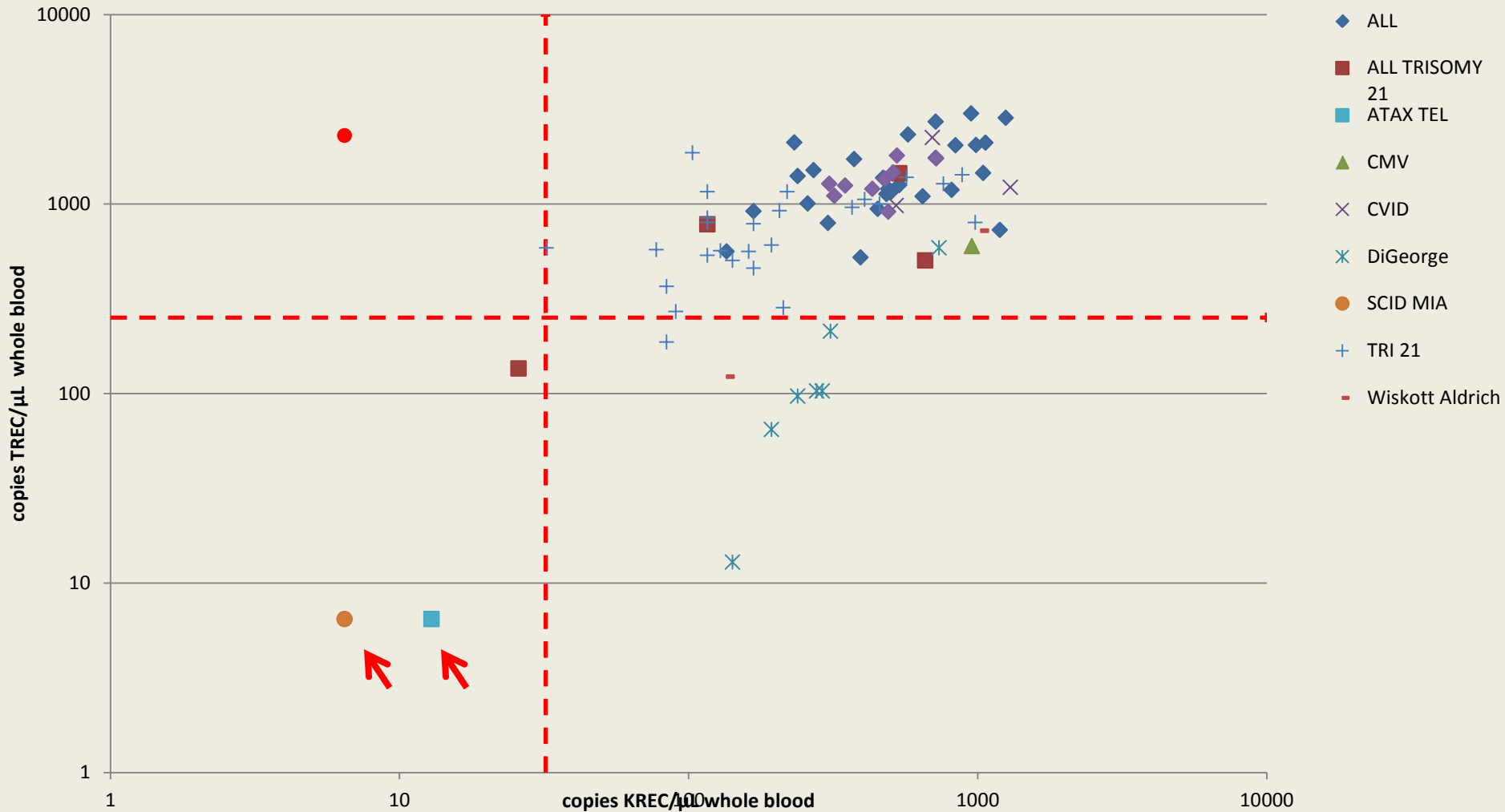
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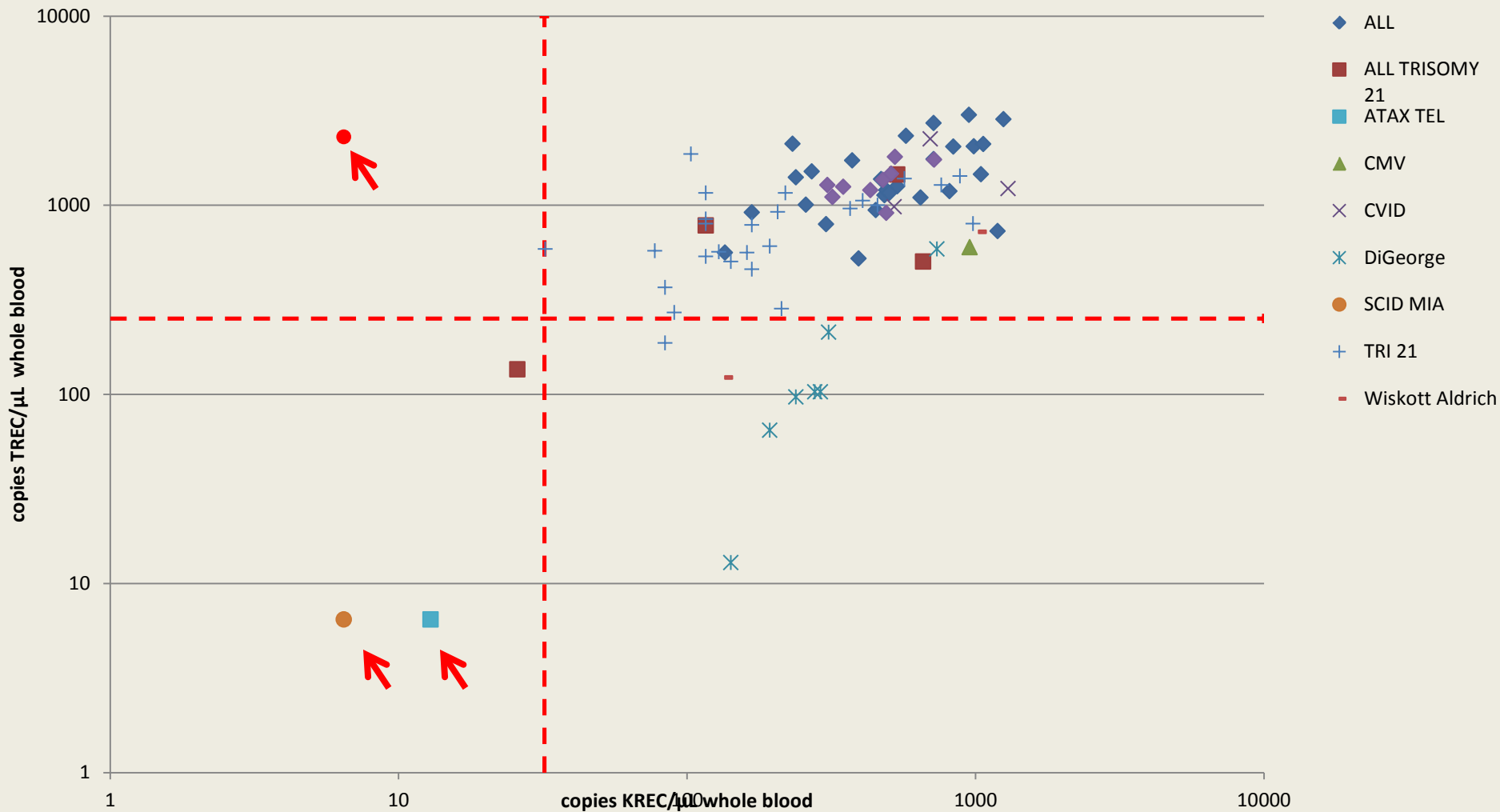
TREC and KREC profiles in neonatal specimen of each infant



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Conclusions

- KREC in first tier is necessary to identify XLA
- Other non-SCID PID show early profile T-B- PID
- Multiplex TREC KREC shows early profile indicative of B- SCID
- Population data needed