

# Description of the Chromosome

When we want to describe the location of some structural abnormality or the location of some specific region (e.g. gene locus) we use **special marks**. We have to count the regions always from the centromere – for both arms.

## Example: 1q13

- the first number is **the number of chromosome** – *chromosome 1*;
- (p) and (q) are used for **the marking of arm** – (p) for small arm and (q) for long arm – *the long arm*;
- the third number is for **the region** of chromosome – *region 1*;
- last number is for **the band** – *band 3*.

So the change is located on the long arm of chromosome 1 (see Fig. Chromosomal marking).

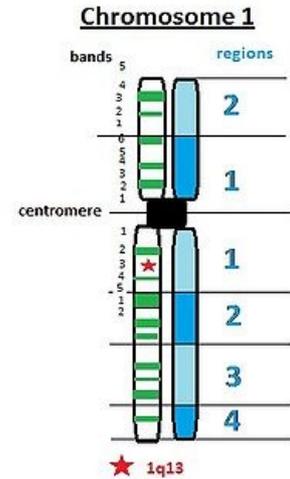
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