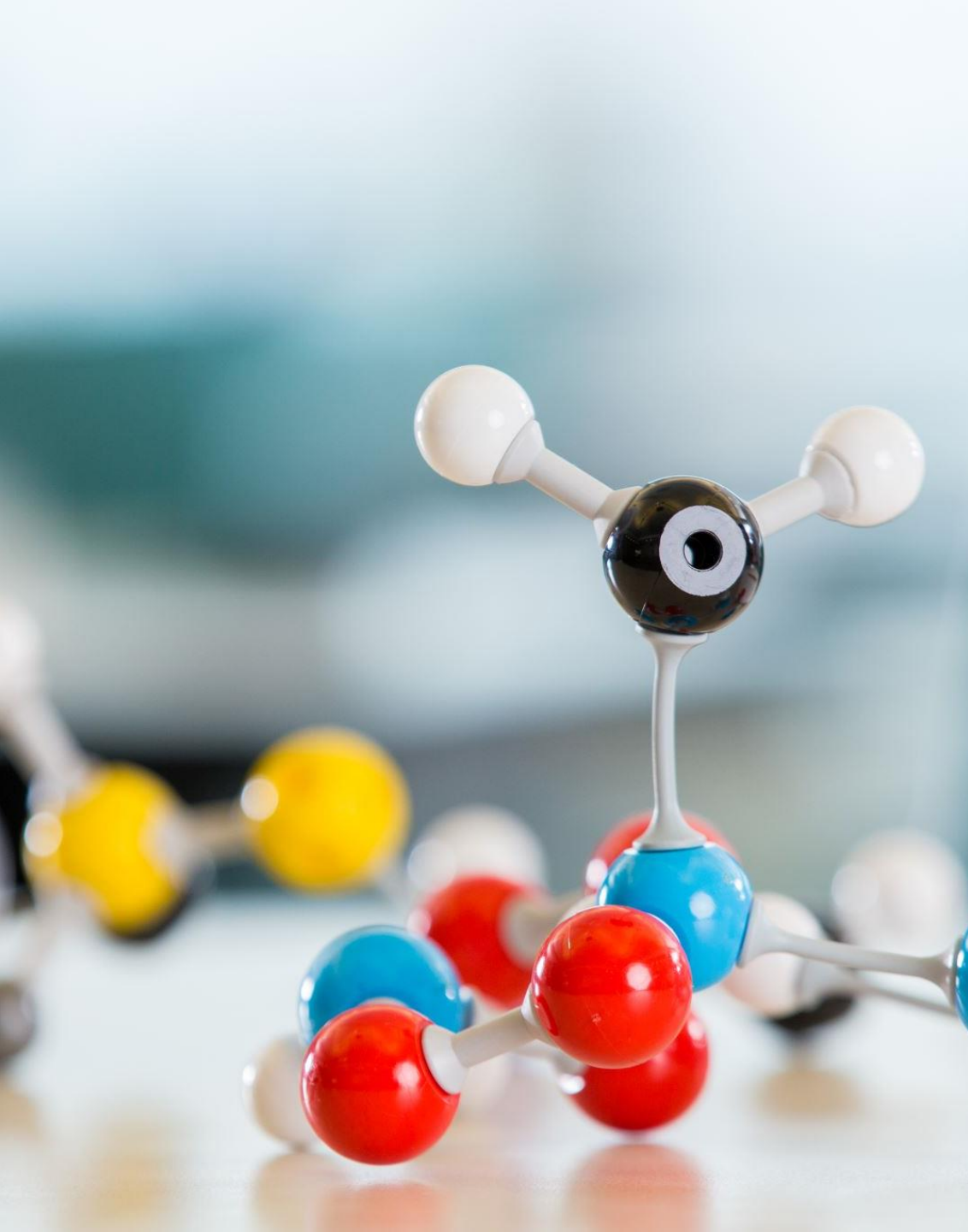




# Generative AI (GenAI): Panel on Faculty's Experiences

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# Panelists

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# What is Generative AI/LLMs?

# Definitions

- Large Language Models (LLMs) are “extensive data sets” that AI machines driven by Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) draw on to “identify patterns within LLMs and then reorganize the information in those patterns [...] [This leads to these machines being] able to produce writing or images that appear original and that resemble the work of human creators” (Dobrin, 2023, p. 22).
- ChatGPT (stands for Generative Pre-trained Transformer) is one of many GenAI programs. “[It] is a complex chatbot that is pre-trained to locate data and transform that data in order to generate new ways of conveying that data” (Dobrin, 2023, p. 23)

# Panel Questions

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- How have you used or how are you planning to use generative AI (GenAI) tools like ChatGPT or Copilot in your writing classes?
- What changes have you noticed in students' perspectives around GenAI tools after they used it as part of their coursework?
- How have GenAI tools like ChatGPT or Copilot affected your own scholarly production?
- How can we teach students to critically engage with GenAI tools and reframe GenAI usage as human-machine collaboration?



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# PHAR 641- Technical Writing

Generative AI and Technical Writing



Purpose – To familiarize students with AI as a tool to develop/train practical skills  
(Writing)

Method – Traditional top down lectures coupled with in class exercises.

- 1) Comparative Analysis
- 2) Audience specific writing





## Comparative Analysis

- Background
- Thesis Statement
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

Antigen-presenting cells (APCs) are widely studied for treating immunemediated diseases, and dendritic cells (DCs) are potent APCs that uptake and present antigens (Ags). However, DCs face several challenges that hinder their clinical translation due to their inability to control Ag dosing and low abundance in peripheral blood. B cells are a potential alternative to DCs, but their poor nonspecific Ag uptake capabilities compromise controllable priming of T cells. Here, we developed phospholipid-conjugated Ags (L-Ags) and lipid-polymer hybrid nanoparticles (L/P-Ag NPs) as delivery platforms to expand the range of accessible APCs for use in T cell priming. These delivery platforms were evaluated using DCs, CD40-activated B cells, and resting B cells to understand the impacts of various Ag delivery mechanisms for generation of Ag-specific T cell responses. L-Ag delivery (termed depotting) of MHC class I- and II-restricted Ags successfully loaded all APC types in a tunable manner and primed both Ag-specific CD8+ and CD4+ T cells, respectively. Incorporating L-Ags and polymer-conjugated Ags (P-Ag) into NPs can direct Ags to different uptake pathways to engineer the dynamics of presentation and shape T cell responses. DCs were capable of processing and presenting Ag delivered from both L- and P-Ag NPs, yet B cells could only utilize Ag delivered from L-Ag NPs, which led to differential cytokine secretion profiles in coculture studies. Altogether, we show that L-Ags and P-Ags can be rationally paired within a single NP to leverage distinct delivery mechanisms to access multiple Ag processing pathways in two APC types, offering a modular delivery platform for engineering Ag-specific immunotherapies.





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# Understanding Audience

Title: Powering the Future: Breakthroughs in Battery Research

In the fast-paced world of technology, batteries play a crucial role in keeping our devices running seamlessly. As we step into 2023, exciting advancements in battery research promise to revolutionize the way we power our lives. Scientists have been tirelessly working to enhance energy storage capabilities, leading to longer-lasting batteries with faster charging times.

Imagine a world where your smartphone not only lasts days without charging but also recharges in mere minutes. This isn't just a dream anymore; it's becoming a reality. Cutting-edge materials and innovative designs are paving the way for batteries that are not only more efficient but also environmentally friendly.

One promising avenue is the development of solid-state batteries, which replace traditional liquid electrolytes with solid materials. These batteries offer increased energy density, longer lifespans, and improved safety. Additionally, researchers are exploring sustainable and abundant materials, reducing the environmental impact of battery production.

In the near future, these breakthroughs in battery technology could extend beyond our personal devices to electric vehicles, renewable energy storage, and even space exploration. As we embrace these advancements, we're not just upgrading our gadgets; we're taking a significant step towards a more sustainable and connected world.

Title: Advancements in Battery Research: A Technical Overview

The landscape of battery research in 2023 is marked by unprecedented progress, driven by the imperative to meet the escalating demands of energy storage across diverse applications. Solid-state battery technology stands out as a frontrunner, with its potential to redefine the energy storage paradigm. By replacing conventional liquid electrolytes with solid materials, these batteries offer enhanced safety, higher energy density, and prolonged cycle life.

Researchers are exploring various solid electrolyte materials, such as lithium phosphorous oxynitride and sulfide-based compounds, to overcome challenges related to conductivity and stability. Additionally, novel electrode designs, incorporating advanced materials like silicon and graphene, aim to further improve overall battery performance.

The quest for sustainability in battery production is another critical focus. Efforts are underway to replace scarce and environmentally taxing materials with alternatives that are abundant and eco-friendly. This shift not only addresses resource constraints but also aligns with global initiatives to create greener technologies.

Beyond terrestrial applications, developments in battery research are extending into aerospace. Advancements in lithium-air and lithium-sulfur batteries are positioning them as potential candidates for powering electric aviation, opening new frontiers for energy-dense and lightweight energy storage solutions.

In conclusion, the year 2023 marks a pivotal juncture in battery research, with solid-state technology at the forefront and a concerted effort towards sustainability. These breakthroughs not only promise to reshape the energy storage landscape but also hold the potential to drive transformative changes across industries, from transportation to renewable energy.



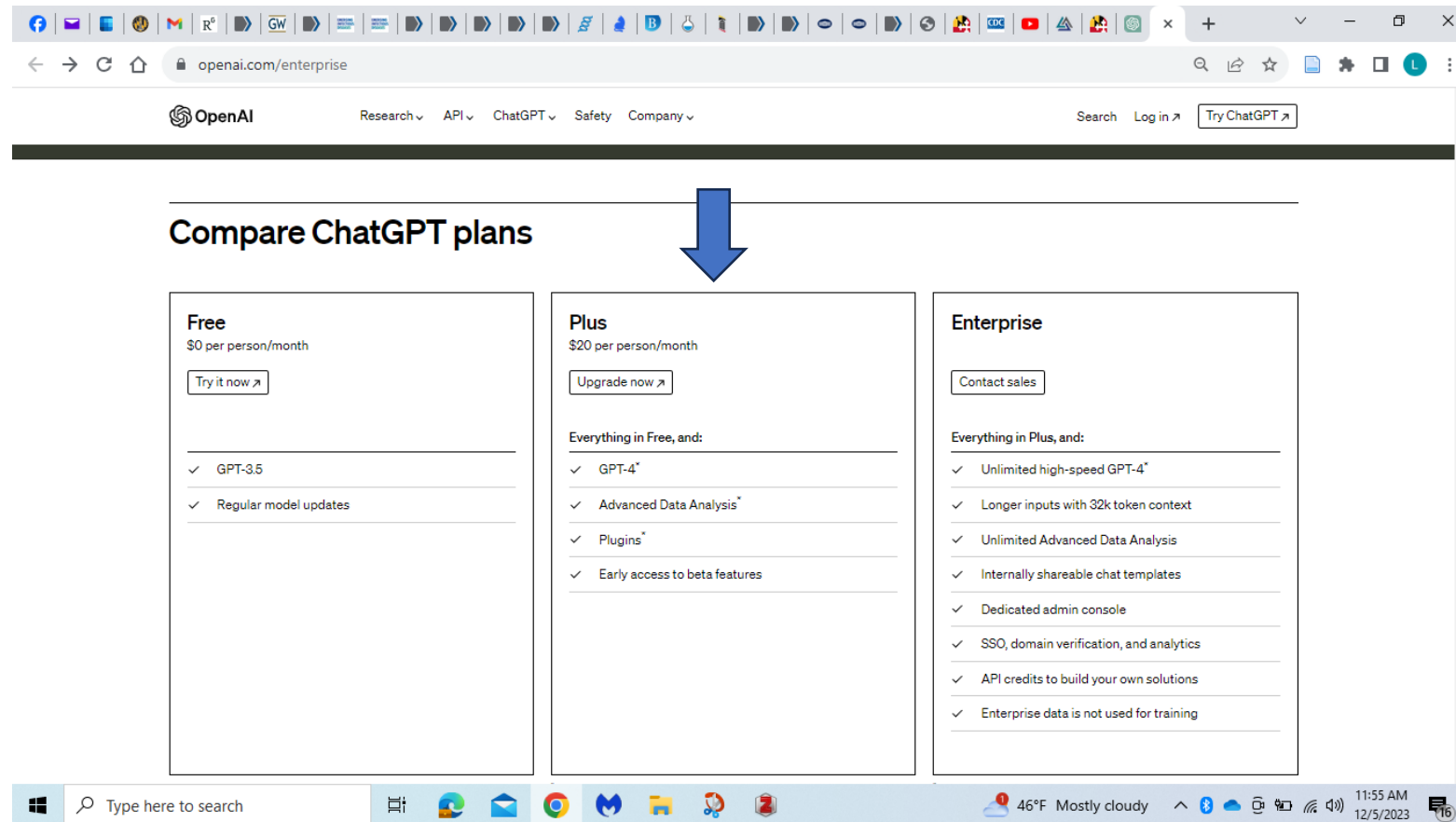
- Outcomes:
  - Improves student perspective on AI and using it.
  - Improves deductive reasoning related to writing.
- Future directions:
  - Prompt engineering



## Student Feedback: What place do you see for generative AI tools in your writing practice at UMB?

- I think they can be an assistant or assistance tool but should not replace original thought and critical thinking.
- I think that if we could use an AI generative tool for a sample paper it would be helpful to see what something should look like.
- Currently I don't because we haven't talked about it and I don't want to plagiarize.
- I have only used it once, and it helped me develop a professional email signature! Other than this, I am not sure what place I see for it in my writing practice.
- AI tool is essential especially for ESL students. I came to United States 9 years ago, and I still recognize that my writing is not on par with my colleagues who were born here, even when I have good idea / thesis to write. AI generative tool is one critical tool that I can use to narrow the gaps of ESL students and allow us to express our idea proficiently.
- I believe they are helpful to generate ideas in the outlining process.
- I think AI tools are helpful for crafting sample multiple choice questions on diseases, treatments, and underlying mechanisms for preclinical years. However, I do not like using AI tools for writing papers or literature reviews since it makes up fake citations.

# New Chat GPT Plans



The screenshot shows the OpenAI website's 'Compare ChatGPT plans' page. The page is viewed in a browser window with the URL 'openai.com/enterprise'. The navigation bar includes 'OpenAI', 'Research', 'API', 'ChatGPT', 'Safety', and 'Company'. A search bar and 'Log in' link are also present. The main content area is titled 'Compare ChatGPT plans' and features three columns representing different plans: Free, Plus, and Enterprise. A large blue arrow points to the 'Plus' plan. The 'Free' plan is \$0 per person/month and includes GPT-3.5 and regular model updates. The 'Plus' plan is \$20 per person/month and includes everything in the Free plan plus GPT-4, Advanced Data Analysis, Plugins, and early access to beta features. The 'Enterprise' plan is available via 'Contact sales' and includes everything in the Plus plan plus unlimited high-speed GPT-4, longer inputs with 32k token context, unlimited Advanced Data Analysis, internally shareable chat templates, a dedicated admin console, SSO, domain verification, and analytics, API credits to build your own solutions, and Enterprise data is not used for training.

## Compare ChatGPT plans

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# Basic query

## Understanding of the subject matter and the LITERATURE

- *B. anthracis* phylogenetics (PhD thesis topic)... shown here.
- Malaria drug resistance and vaccine development (postdoc)

Keep the initial questions purposefully concise.

- ChatGPT algorithm based on language recognition patterns

# How did anthrax get to North America?

## Chat GPT 3.5

*Anthrax is a bacterial disease caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. In North America, anthrax is primarily associated with outbreaks in domestic and wild animals rather than human cases. The bacteria can form spores that are highly resistant and can survive in the environment for long periods.*

***The introduction of anthrax to North America is believed to be linked to the importation of contaminated animal products.** Historically, anthrax has been associated with the importation of infected animal hides, wool, or other materials. Importation of contaminated goods, along with the movement of infected animals or animal products, has been responsible for introducing anthrax to various regions globally.....*

**...After many follow-up questions...** To which specific peer-reviewed studies are you referring when you state: **“genetic studies have been crucial in understanding the phylogenetic relationships between different strains, tracing the movement of the bacterium across regions, and investigating its evolution.”?**

## Chat GPT3.5 Response:

*I apologize for any confusion, but **I do not have direct access to my training data, and I don't have the ability to provide specific references to individual peer-reviewed studies.** My responses are generated based on a mixture of licensed data, data created by human trainers, and publicly available data...*

*“... three days later...”*



**Follow up Question:** Can you recommend an author that routinely publishes on *Bacillus anthracis* in the journals that you have recommended and who does phylogenetic comparisons to determine source strains.

### **ChatGPT3.5**

*..... As of my last training data in January 2023, researchers such as Paul Keim and Talima Pearson have been involved in studies related to *Bacillus anthracis* and its genetic diversity....*

### **FINALLY...**

**Chat GPT3.5**...*Several hypotheses could be considered to explain these patterns (of dispersal):*

- *Ancient Dispersal Events: The long phylogenetic branches between North American and Trans-Eurasian strains may suggest ancient dispersal events...*
- *Trade Routes and Human Activities: Historical human activities, including trade and the movement of goods, animals, or people along ancient trade routes, could have contributed to the spread of *Bacillus anthracis* strains. The Silk Road*
- *Adaptation to Local Environments*
- *Natural Ecological Reservoirs: The existence of natural reservoirs for *Bacillus anthracis* in specific regions could contribute to the persistence and prevalence of strains.*
- *Cryptic Introductions*



ChatGPT 4 ▾



You

How did anthrax get to North America?



ChatGPT

Anthrax, caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*, likely arrived in North America through multiple routes over a long period. Here are the key ways it might have spread:

1. **Animal Trade and Migration:** The movement of infected animals, either through trade or natural migration, is a primary means by which anthrax spores could have been introduced. The spores are highly resilient and can survive in soil and animal products for decades.
2. **Human Activities:** The colonization and expansion of European settlers in North America involved bringing livestock and other goods that might have been contaminated with anthrax spores. The industrial trade of animal products, such as wool and hides, could also have been a conduit.
3. **Natural Dispersal:** Anthrax spores can be naturally dispersed through water, wind, or carried by birds and other animals. This natural movement could have contributed to the spread of the bacterium across continents.
4. **Historical Outbreaks and Warfare:** Although less likely, there have been instances in history where anthrax was used as a biological weapon. While there's no direct evidence of such use in early North American history, it can't be entirely ruled out as a possible method of introduction.



Message ChatGPT...







You

I think it's safe to exclude biological warfare as one way anthrax could have gotten to North America since the Germ Theory of Disease wasn't widely accepted until the late 19th Century and the microbiological methods used to work with dangerous pathogens weren't refined until the 20th Century. Anthrax was here in the Americas long before the ability to: recover it from the environment; isolate it in pure culture; and refine it to the point of weaponization.



ChatGPT

Your assessment is quite accurate. Given the historical context, it's unlikely that anthrax was introduced to North America through biological warfare. The understanding and technological capability to manipulate and weaponize pathogens like anthrax indeed developed much later than the period when anthrax was likely first introduced to the continent. The key factors in the spread of anthrax to North America would then be:

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1. **Animal Trade and Migration:** The movement of livestock and wildlife, which could have been carriers of anthrax spores, remains the most plausible route. Animals infected with anthrax or those who died from it could have introduced the spores to new areas.
2. **Human Activities:** The colonization and expansion across North America involved significant movement of people, animals, and goods. Infected animals or contaminated animal products (like hides or wool) accompanying these movements could have been sources of anthrax spores.
3. **Natural Dispersal:** The natural resilience of anthrax spores allows them to survive in various environmental conditions and be transported through water, wind, or by animals, contributing to their spread across continents.

Thus, the spread of anthrax in North America is more likely attributed to natural ecological processes and human activities related to animal trade and agriculture, rather than deliberate acts of biological warfare.





# Plagiarism Detection

Use of embedded text to detect “Copy/Paste” of writing prompts

# Detection of Copy/Paste

During Interphase FISH analyses for the t(9;22) translocation, one nucleus was observed with two normal signals (one red for Chromosome 22 and one green for Chromosome 9) and one composite red/green signal. Five hundred (500) other nuclei were normal. What is one possible explanation for this result?

## ChatGPT3.5

*The t(9;22) translocation is commonly associated with chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) and is detected using fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) analysis. In a typical FISH analysis for the t(9;22) translocation, a normal nucleus would exhibit two separate signals—one for Chromosome 22 (typically labeled with red fluorochrome) and one for Chromosome 9 (typically labeled with green fluorochrome).*

*In the scenario you described, where one nucleus showed two normal signals and one composite red/green signal, it suggests the presence of a derivative chromosome resulting from the t(9;22) translocation. This derivative chromosome, often called the **Philadelphia chromosome**, is formed by the fusion of parts of Chromosome 9 and Chromosome 22.*

*The composite red/green signal in this case indicates that the DNA from both Chromosome 9 and Chromosome 22 is present in that nucleus, suggesting the presence of the translocation. The two separate signals for Chromosome 9 and Chromosome 22 suggest that there are still normal copies of these chromosomes in the nucleus.*

*In summary, the presence of one nucleus with two normal signals and one composite red/green signal in the FISH analysis suggests the occurrence of the t(9;22) translocation, leading to the formation of the Philadelphia chromosome in that particular cell.*



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## Chat GPT3.5 response:

*In the context of the FISH analysis for the t(9;22) translocation, the observation of one nucleus with two normal signals (red for Chromosome 22 and green for Chromosome 9) alongside a composite red/green signal could be indicative of a phenomenon colloquially referred to as "**Frankenstein chromosome.**" This term is used to describe a derivative chromosome resulting from the fusion of genetic material from two distinct chromosomes, resembling the fictional character Frankenstein's creation—a composite entity composed of different parts.*

*In this specific case, the composite red/green signal suggests the presence of a fused chromosome containing elements from both Chromosome 9 and Chromosome 22, akin to the characteristic Philadelphia chromosome associated with the t(9;22) translocation. The presence of two normal signals further implies the coexistence of intact copies of Chromosome 9 and Chromosome 22 in the same nucleus, emphasizing the abnormality of the Frankenstein chromosome within that particular cell.*