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Figure 3. The chromosomal study showed 46, XY, with chromosomal breaks compatible with Fanconi anemia

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