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Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627. *Towards a dynamical relative Manin-Mumford conjecture.*

Let  $f_l$  be a family of polynomials over the complex numbers, with  $l$  varying, subject to certain hypotheses. Let  $a_l$  and  $b_l$  be two families of points with  $l$  varying. We show that if there are infinitely many choices of complex  $z$  such that  $a_z$  and  $b_z$  are both preperiodic for  $f_z$ , then  $a_z$  and  $b_z$  satisfy a very simple relation. This can be interpreted geometrically as a dynamical variant of the relative Manin-Mumford conjecture for families of semiabelian varieties. The techniques here follow work of Baker, DeMarco, Masser, and Zannier. (Received September 18, 2011)