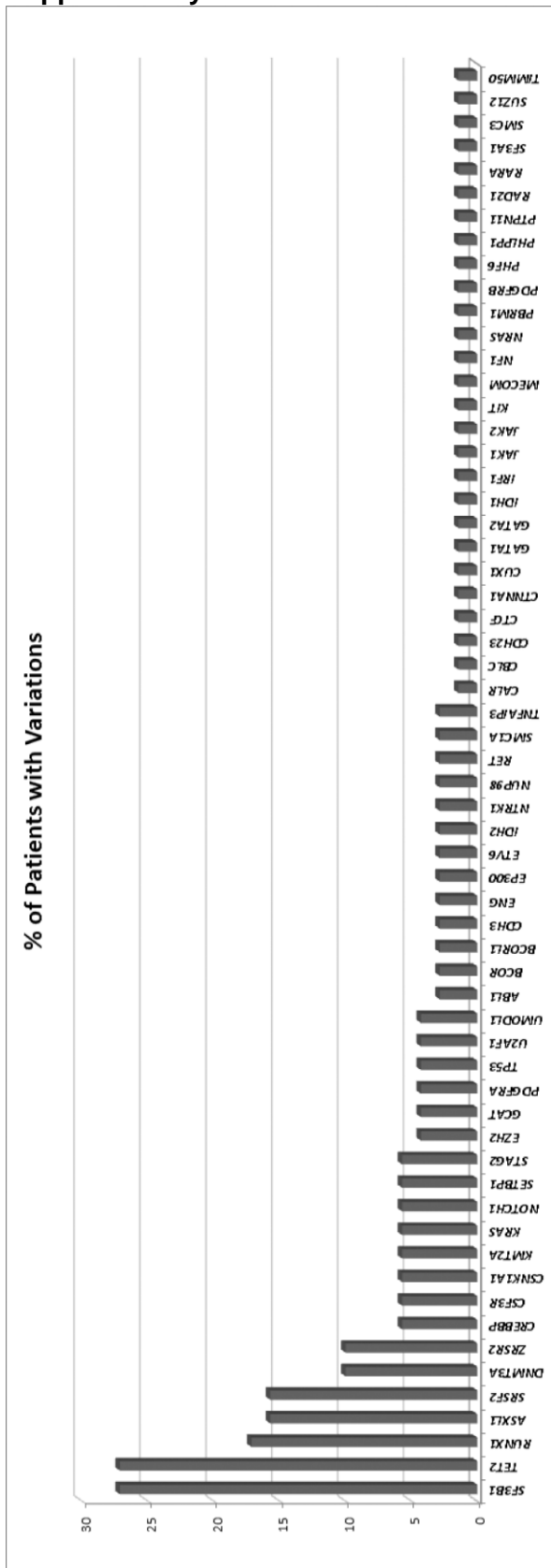


# Bone marrow fibrosis in myelodysplastic syndromes: a prospective evaluation including mutational analysis

## Supplementary Material



Supplemental Fig. 1. Frequency of gene mutations in 70 MDS patients.

**Supplemental Table 1.** Genes involved in MDS pathogenesis grouped into functional pathways.

Gene	Functional pathways	Gene	Functional pathways	Gene	Functional pathways
<i>ASXL1</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>ABL1</i>	Signalling	<i>CUX1</i>	Transcription
<i>BCOR</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>CBLC</i>	Signalling	<i>ETV6</i>	Transcription
<i>BCORL1</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>CDH3</i>	Signalling	<i>GATA1</i>	Transcription
<i>CREBPP</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>CSF3R</i>	Signalling	<i>GATA2</i>	Transcription
<i>EP300</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>CSNK1A1</i>	Signalling	<i>PHF6</i>	Transcription
<i>EZH2</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>CTNNA1</i>	Signalling	<i>RUNX1</i>	Transcription
<i>KMT2A</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>ENG</i>	Signalling	<i>TP53</i>	Transcription
<i>MECOM</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>IRF1</i>	Signalling	<i>UMODL1</i>	Transcription
<i>PBRM1</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>JAK1</i>	Signalling		
<i>SETBP1</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>JAK2</i>	Signalling		
<i>SUZ12</i>	Chromatin modification	<i>KIT</i>	Signalling		
		<i>KRAS</i>	Signalling		
<i>SF3A1</i>	RNA splicing	<i>NF1</i>	Signalling	<i>DNMT3A</i>	DNA methylation
<i>SF3B1</i>	RNA splicing	<i>NOTCH1</i>	Signalling	<i>IDH1</i>	DNA methylation
<i>SRSF2</i>	RNA splicing	<i>NRAS</i>	Signalling	<i>IDH2</i>	DNA methylation
<i>UA2F1</i>	RNA splicing	<i>NTRK1</i>	Signalling	<i>TET2</i>	DNA methylation
<i>ZRSR2</i>	RNA splicing	<i>PDGFRA</i>	Signalling		
		<i>PDGFRB</i>	Signalling		
<i>CTCF</i>	Cohesin complex	<i>PHLPP1</i>	Signalling	<i>CALR</i>	Others
<i>RAD21</i>	Cohesin complex	<i>PTPN11</i>	Signalling	<i>CDH23</i>	Others
<i>SMC1A</i>	Cohesin complex	<i>RARA</i>	Signalling	<i>GCAT</i>	Others
<i>SMC3</i>	Cohesin complex	<i>RET</i>	Signalling	<i>NUP98</i>	Others
<i>STAG2</i>	Cohesin complex	<i>TNFAIP3</i>	Signalling	<i>TIMM50</i>	Others

**Supplemental Table 2.** Comparative findings between myelodysplastic syndrome cases with or without relevant bone marrow fibrosis. PANEL A. Demographics and peripheral blood findings.

	<b>MF-0/1</b>	<b>MF-2/3</b>	<b>p-value</b>
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	60 (77.9)	17 (22.1)	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
<b>Age at diagnosis</b>			
<i>Median, (range), years</i>	77 (70-82)	72 (64.5-80.5)	0.259
<b>Gender</b>			
<i>Male, No. of patients, (%)</i>	38 (63.3)	14 (82.4)	0.240
<b>Performance status (ECOG)</b>			
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>			
0-1	47 (78.3)	12 (70.6)	0.840
2	7 (10.0)	5 (29.4)	
3-4	7 (11.7)	0	
<b>Transfusion dependence</b>			
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	15 (25.5)	10 (58.8)	0.017
<b>PERIPHERAL BLOOD</b>			
<b>WBC count (x 10<sup>9</sup>/L)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	3.9 (2.5-4.9)	3.5 (2.3-5.2)	0.968
<b>Haemoglobin (g/L)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	10.0 (8.9-11.3)	9.2 (7.1-10.3)	0.092
<b>Platelet count (x 10<sup>9</sup>/L)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	121 (72-246)	156 (81-267)	0.925
<b>Blast cells (%)</b>			
<i>Median, (range)</i>	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0.5)	0.133
<b>WT1/GUS ratio in PB (x10<sup>-4</sup>)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	3 (1.0–13.0)	30 (8.0-85.5)	0.003
<b>SERUM</b>			
<b>Ferritin (ng/mL)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	309 (173-599)	578 (350-963)	0.025
<b>LDH (U/L)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	372 (326-465)	401 (287-514)	0.235
<b>EPO (U/L)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	58 (18-153)	134 (43.3-651.0)	0.067
<b>Beta2-m (mg/L)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	3.0 (2.2-4.5)	3.2 (2.5-3.6)	0.978
<b>sp53 (U/mL)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	1.6 (0-3.4)	1.7 (1.1-2.9)	0.593
<b>TNF alpha (pg/mL)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)	0.504
<b>IL6 (pg/mL)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	0 (0-6.9)	0 (0-0)	0.152
<b>IL1 beta (pg/mL)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)	0.732
<b>CXCL8 (pg/mL)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	0 (0-20.1)	0 (0-8.7)	0.174
<b>CXCL9 (pg/mL)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	0 (0-164.2)	0 (0-0)	0.015
<b>CXCL10 (pg/mL)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	0 (0-137.8)	0 (0-0)	0.055

**Supplemental Table 2.** Comparative findings between myelodysplastic syndrome cases with or without relevant bone marrow fibrosis. PANEL B. Other parameters of interest. HR=High risk ratio. BMT= Blood and marrow transplantation.

	<b>MF-0/1</b>	<b>MF-2/3</b>	<b>p-value</b>
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	60 (77.9)	17 (22.1)	
<b>BONE MARROW ASPIRATION</b>			
<b>Blast cells at diagnosis (%)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	2.0 (0.6-4.8)	1.6 (0.9-4.2)	0.681
<b>Red cell progenitors (%)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	35 (23.6-45.2)	24.2 (15.4-32.5)	0.050
<b>BONE MARROW BIOPSY</b>			
<b>Cellularity (%)</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	55 (40-75)	80 (60-92.5)	0.006
<b>p53 IHC score</b>			
<i>Median, (IQR)</i>	1 (0-3)	2 (1.5-8.5)	0.027
<b>Strong p53 reactivity (&gt;1%)</b>			
<i>No. of patients, (% out of 76)</i>	7 (11.9)	4 (26.7)	0.217
<b>ALIP</b>			
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	15 (25.0)	11 (64.7)	0.004
<b>SCHANZ'S CYTOGENETIC STRATA</b>			
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>			
Very good/good	43 (71.7)	12 (70.6)	0.458
Intermediate	7 (11.7)	5 (29.4)	
Poor/very poor	10 (16.7)	0	
<b>IPSS-R CATEGORY</b>			
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>			
Very good/good	36 (60.0)	12 (70.6)	0.617
Intermediate	11 (18.3)	2 (11.8)	
Poor/very poor	13 (21.7)	3 (17.6)	
<b>FUNCTIONAL PATHWAYS</b>			
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	56 (80.0)	14 (20.0)	
<i>Splicing</i>	27 (48.2)	9 (64.3)	0.374
<i>Signalling</i>	26 (46.4)	8 (57.1)	0.557
<i>Chromatin modification</i>	19 (33.9)	7 (50.0)	0.356
<i>Transcription regulation</i>	16 (28.6)	6 (42.9)	0.344
<i>Methylation</i>	20 (35.7)	7 (50.7)	0.368
<i>Cohesin complex</i>	3 (5.4)	5 (35.7)	0.006
<i>Bejar's HR score</i>	17 (30.4)	9 (64.3)	0.029
<b>THERAPY</b>			
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>			
Azacitidine	15 (25.5)	5 (29.4)	0.758
Intensive chemotherapy	7 (11.7)	3 (17.6)	0.683
BMT	6 (10.0)	2 (11.8)	0.834

**Supplemental Table 3.** Main patient characteristics at diagnosis. PANEL A.  
Demographics and peripheral blood findings.

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**Age at diagnosis**

*Median, (range), years* 76 (31-88)

**Gender**

*Male, No. of patients, (%)* 52 (67.5)

**Performance status (ECOG)**

*No. of patients, (%)*

0-1 59 (76.6)

2 11 (14.3)

3-4 7 (9.1)

**Transfusion dependence**

*No. of patients, (%)* 27 (35.1)

**PERIPHERAL BLOOD**

**WBC count (x 10<sup>9</sup>/L)**

*Median, (range)* 3.9 (0.9-15.4)

*IQR* 2.5-4.9

**Haemoglobin (g/L)**

*Median, (range)* 9.9 (5.9-16.1)

*IQR* 8.6-13.0

**Platelet count (x 10<sup>9</sup>/L)**

*Median, (range)* 122 (9-1067)

*IQR* 72-247

**Blast cells (%)**

*Median, (range)* 0 (0-5)

*IQR* 0-0

**WT1/GUS ratio in PB (x10<sup>-3</sup>)**

*Median, (range)* 0.5 (0-654.5)

*IQR* 1.0-31.0

**SERUM**

**Ferritin (ng/mL)**

*Median, (range)* 375 (27-1495)

*IQR* 189-633

**LDH (U/L)**

*Median, (range)* 377 (120-922)

*IQR* 319-473

**EPO (U/L)**

*Median, (range)* 59 (7-1536)

*IQR* 21-175

**Beta2-m (mg/L)**

*Median, (range)* 3.1 (1.3-12.7)

*IQR* 2.2-4.0

**sp53 (U/mL)**

*Median, (range)* 1.70 (0-6.25)

*IQR* 0-3.05

**TNF alpha (pg/mL)**

*Median, (range)* 0 (0-195.6)

*IQR* 0-0

**IL6 (pg/mL)**

*Median, (range)* 0 (0-111.1)

*IQR* 0-7.6

**IL1 beta ((pg/mL)**

*Median, (range)* 0 (0-160.3)

*IQR* 0-0

**CXCL8 ((pg/mL)**

*Median, (range)* 0 (0-339.7)

*IQR* 0-19.4

**CXCL9 (pg/mL)**

*Median, (range)* 0 (0-2204.2)

*IQR* 0-341.0

**CXCL10 ((pg/mL)**

*Median, (range)* 0 (0-893.3)

*IQR* 0-125.8

**Supplemental Table 3.** Main patient characteristics at diagnosis. PANEL B. Bone marrow, classification, IPSS-R and OS.

<b>BONE MARROW ASPIRATION</b>	
<b>Blast cells at diagnosis (%)</b>	
<i>Median, (range)</i>	2.0 (0-19)
<i>IQR</i>	0.6-4.9
<b>Red cell progenitors (%)</b>	
<i>Median, (range)</i>	33 (7.8-64.0)
<i>IQR</i>	23.2-41.5
<b>SCHANZ'S CYTOGENETIC STRATA</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	
Very good	4 (5.2)
Good	51 (66.2)
Intermediate	12 (15.6)
Poor	5 (6.5)
Very poor	5 (6.5)
<b>BONE MARROW BIOPSY</b>	
<b>Cellularity (%)</b>	
<i>Median, (range)</i>	60 (1-95)
<i>IQR</i>	40-80
<b>Fibrosis grade (European consensus)</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	
MF - 0	29 (37.7)
MF - 1	31 (40.3)
MF - 2	15 (19.5)
MF - 3	2 (2.6)
<b>Fibrosis pattern</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	
Absent	28 (36.4)
Focal	21 (27.3)
Diffuse	28 (36.4)
<b>ALIP</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	26 (33.8%)
<b>p53 IHC score</b>	
<i>Median, (range)</i>	1 (0-460)
<i>IQR</i>	1-4
<b>Strong p53 IHC reactivity (&gt;1%)</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (% out of 76)</i>	11 (14.5)
<b>WHO CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	
RCUD	2 (2.6)
RARS	4 (5.2)
RCMD	40 (51.9)
RAEB-1	15 (19.5)
RAEB-2	7 (9.1)
5q-	7 (9.1)
MDS-U	2 (2.6)
<b>IPSS-R CATEGORY</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	
Very good	15 (19.5)
Good	33 (42.9)
Intermediate	13 (16.9)
Poor	10 (13.0)
Very poor	6 (7.8)
<b>OVERALL SURVIVAL</b>	
<b>MF-0</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	29 (37.7)
<i>Median (years), CI95%</i>	4.0 (1.92-6.09)
<b>MF-1</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	31 (41.3)
<i>Median (years), CI95%</i>	3.9 (0.29-7.46)
<b>MF-2/3</b>	
<i>No. of patients, (%)</i>	17 (22.1)
<i>Median (years), CI95%</i>	1.2 (0-3.29)

**Supplemental Table 4.** WHO subtype distribution in cohesin complex mutated and non-mutated cases.

RCUD, Refractory cytopenia with unilineage dysplasia; RARS, Refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts; RCMD, refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia; RAEB-1, Refractory anemia with excess blasts type 1; RAEB-2, Refractory anemia with excess blasts type 2; 5q-, MDS with isolated del(5q); MDS-U, MDS-unclassified.

	RCUD	RARS	RCMD	RAEB-1	RAEB-2	5q-	MDS-U	Total
<b>Cohesin complex non-mutated</b>	2	3	32	11	6	6	2	62
<b>Cohesin complex mutated</b>	0	0	4 (11.1%)	3 (21.4%)	0	1 (14.3%)	0	8
<b>Total</b>	2	3	36	14	6	7	2	70

**Supplemental Table 5.** IPSS-R strata distribution in cohesin complex mutated and non-mutated cases.

	Very good	Good	Intermediate	Poor	Very poor	Total
<b>Cohesin complex non-mutated</b>	13	28	8	7	6	62
<b>Cohesin complex mutated</b>	1 (47.8%)	3 (9.7%)	3 (27.3%)	1 (14.3%)	0	8
<b>Total</b>	14	31	11	8	7	70