

Supporting Information

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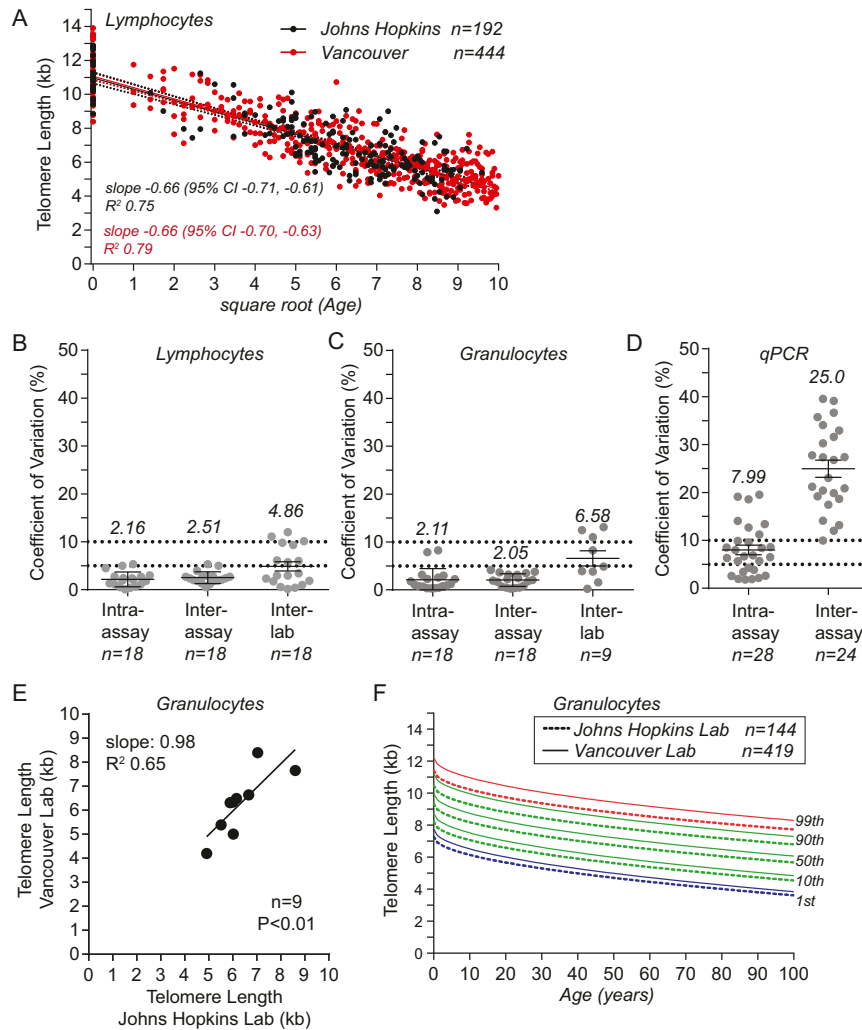


Fig. S1. Performance characteristics of TL measurement by flowFISH. (A) Best fit curves for raw lymphocyte TL data from Johns Hopkins controls relative to age, showing a linear relationship with the square root of the age. A comparison with the Vancouver-derived controls is also included. The dashed lines indicate the 95% confidence lines for each of the linear regression lines and the R^2 and slope values are annotated for each dataset, respectively. (B and C) Intraassay (single run) and interassay (different days) CV at the Johns Hopkins laboratory for TL for each of lymphocyte and granulocytes, respectively. The interlaboratory values for each of lymphocytes and granulocytes refer to comparison for identical samples measured at the Johns Hopkins and a Vancouver laboratory. The numbers refer to each sample used to derive these means. (D) Intra- and interassay CV for TL, as measured by quantitative PCR (T/S). (E) Interlaboratory concordance in granulocyte TL values measured at Johns Hopkins and Vancouver laboratories. (F) Overlay of granulocyte TL nomograms derived at Johns Hopkins and Vancouver with the percentile lines labeled. Where means are shown, error bars represent \pm SEM.

Table S2. Cont.

Age, y	Lymphocyte TL <i>n</i> = 192	Granulocyte TL <i>n</i> = 140
75	5.80	7.25
78	5.51	
85	6.80	6.95
82	4.51	5.62
82	5.53	5.59
82	5.49	

Table S3. Clinical features and mutant gene of 100 mutation carriers

Age, y	Gender	Mutant gene	First symptom	Age, y	Gender	Mutant gene	First symptom
1	M	<i>DKC1</i>	PID	46	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
1	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	48	F	<i>TR</i>	BMF
1	F	<i>RTEL1</i>	PID	48	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
1	M	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	48	M	<i>DKC1</i>	IPF/BMF
1	M	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	48	M	<i>TERT</i>	Liver disease
3	F	<i>TINF2</i>	BMF	49	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic
3	M	<i>DKC1</i>	BMF	49	M	<i>DKC1</i>	IPF
6	M	<i>TR</i>	BMF	49	M	<i>RTEL1</i>	IPF
8	F	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	49	M	<i>RTEL1</i>	IPF/BMF
10	M	<i>DKC1</i>	Asymptomatic	50	F	<i>TINF2</i>	IPF
12	M	<i>DKC1</i>	BMF	50	F	<i>TERT</i>	IPF/BMF
12	M	<i>TR</i>	BMF	50	M	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic
13	F	<i>TR</i>	Asymptomatic	50	M	<i>TERT</i>	Liver disease
14	M	<i>DKC1</i>	Asymptomatic	51	F	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
15	M	<i>DKC1</i>	Liver disease	51	M	<i>PARN</i>	IPF
16	M	<i>DKC1</i>	Asymptomatic	51	M	<i>RTEL1</i>	IPF
17	F	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	52	F	<i>TR</i>	IPF/BMF
17	M	<i>DKC1</i>	Asymptomatic	52	M	<i>TR</i>	BMF
18	M	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	52	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
20	F	<i>TR</i>	Asymptomatic	52	M	<i>RTEL1</i>	IPF/BMF
20	M	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	53	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic
22	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	53	F	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
22	M	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	54	F	<i>NAF1</i>	PF-emphysema/BMF
23	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	55	F	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
23	M	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	55	F	<i>RTEL1</i>	PF-emphysema
25	F	<i>RTEL1</i>	BMF	55	F	<i>TERT</i>	IPF/BMF
25	M	<i>DKC1</i>	BMF	55	F	<i>TR</i>	Emphysema
25	M	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	56	F	<i>NAF1</i>	Asymptomatic
30	F	<i>TR</i>	Asymptomatic	56	F	<i>NAF1</i>	IPF/BMF
32	F	<i>TR</i>	BMF	57	F	<i>RTEL1</i>	Asymptomatic
33	F	<i>TR</i>	Asymptomatic	57	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
33	M	<i>DKC1</i>	BMF	57	M	<i>RTEL1</i>	IPF/BMF
34	F	<i>TR</i>	BMF	60	F	<i>TR</i>	IPF
34	M	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	61	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic
34	M	<i>DKC1</i>	BMF	61	F	<i>TR</i>	IPF
35	M	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	62	F	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
35	M	<i>DKC1</i>	IPF	63	F	<i>TR</i>	IPF/BMF
36	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	64	F	<i>TR</i>	IPF
36	M	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	65	F	<i>TR</i>	IPF
36	M	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	65	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF/BMF
39	M	<i>TR</i>	BMF	67	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
39	M	<i>DKC1</i>	IPF	67	M	<i>RTEL1</i>	IPF
42	F	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	68	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
43	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	68	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF/BMF
43	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	70	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
43	F	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	72	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic
43	M	<i>TERT</i>	BMF	75	M	<i>PARN</i>	IPF
44	F	<i>TERT</i>	Asymptomatic	76	F	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
45	M	<i>TERT</i>	Liver disease	77	M	<i>TERT</i>	IPF
46	F	<i>TERT</i>	IPF	77	M	<i>TR</i>	IPF

BMF, bone marrow failure; F, female; IPF, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis; M, male.

Table S4. Catalog of mutations for subjects included in Figs. 2–4

Gene	Substitution*	Prior report	
<i>TERT</i>	p.Leu55Gln	(1)	
	p.Phe71Leu	Not previously reported	
	IVS1+1G > A	(1)	
	p.Gly135Glu	(2)	
	p.Val170Met	(3)	
	p.Val170Leu	Not Previously reported	
	p.Phe487Leu	Not previously reported	
	p.Asn571Ser	Not previously reported	
	p.Val664Leu	Not previously reported	
	p.Ala716Thr	(3)	
	p.Gln722Ter	Not previously reported	
	p.Val747Alafs*20	(4)	
	p.Leu841Phe	(3)	
	p.Arg858Trp	(5)	
	IVS9-2A > C	(1)	
	p.Val867Met	(6)	
	p.Lys902Asn	(7)	
	p.His983Tyr	(2)	
	p.Val1025Phe	(3)	
	p.Thr1039Ala	Not previously reported	
	p.Lys1050Asn	(2)	
	p.Thr1110Met	(1)	
	<i>TR</i>	r.35C > A	(8)
		r.80U > A	(9)
		r.98G > A	(1)
		r.110-113delGACU	(10)
		r.143G > A	(3, 11)
		r.182G > C	(8)
r.204C > G		(3, 12)	
r.257G > U		Not previously reported	
r.325G > U		(13)	
r.375-377delGGA		(14)	
<i>DKC1</i>		IVS1+592C > G	(2, 15)
		p.Gln31Glu	(16, 17)
		p.Thr49Ser	(18)
	IVS2-5C > T	Not previously reported	
	IVS2-5C > G	(19)	
	p.Arg158Trp	(15, 20)	
	p.Leu317Phe	(20, 21)	
	p.Ala308Gly	Not previously reported	
<i>RTEL1*</i>	p.Pro409Arg	(18)	
	p.Arg574Cys	Not previously reported	
	p.Arg974Ter	(22, 23)	
	p.Arg986Ter	(22)	
<i>TINF2</i>	p.Arg1264His	(23)	
	p.Gln269Ter	(24, 25)	
<i>PARN</i>	p.Thr284Arg	(24, 26)	
	p.Phe8Leufs*	Not previously reported	
<i>NAF1</i>	pPhe90Val	Not previously reported	
	p.Lys319Argfs*21	(27)	
<i>GATA2</i>	p.Ser329Ilefs*12	(27)	
	p.Phe265Glufs*58	Not previously reported	
<i>RUNX1</i>	p.Thr354Met	(28)	
	p.Pro401Leufs*200	Not previously reported	

Literature search for prior reports was updated on October 1, 2017.
 *All of the mutations included were heterozygous except for *RTEL1* p.Arg1264His which was homozygous in one case, and one patient had compound heterozygous *RTEL1* p.Arg1010Ter/p.Arg574Cys. We used the 1,300 amino acid isoform to annotate the *RTEL1* mutations (NP_001269938.1).

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Table S5. Clinical characteristics of subjects recruited to study

Characteristic	Total (n = 38)
Median age	
Range 0–31 y	14
Gender	
Male	23
Female	15
Recruiting sites	
Johns Hopkins Pediatric Clinics	19
Johns Hopkins Adult Clinics	8
Self-referral	3
Outside institutions	8
Genetic evaluation	
Targeted next-generation panel	28
Clinical testing	6
Not tested*	4
Disease severity	
Nonsevere aplastic anemia	25
Severe or very severe aplastic anemia	13
Endpoints reached	
Genetic diagnosis identified	12
Response to immunosuppression (partial or complete)	10
Constitutional aplastic anemia, no genetic diagnosis found	8
Not treated, no genetic diagnosis identified	8

*These patients were positive for a paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria clone by flow cytometry, ruling out the possibility of an inherited disorder as the cause of the bone marrow failure (1).

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Table S6. Characteristics of severe aplastic anemia patients studied after response to immunosuppression

Characteristic	Total (n = 8)
Median age at diagnosis of severe aplastic anemia	
Range 19–65 y	39
Gender	
Male	6
Female	2
Recruiting sites	
Johns Hopkins Adult Clinics	8
Age at assessment	
Range 23–69 y	46
Immunosuppression treatment	
High-dose Cyclophosphamide	7
ATG/Cyclosporin	1
Mean duration of response*	
Range 14–180 mo	67

*Remission criteria were assessed according to the Camitta criteria (1).

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