

Table 12. Genes frequently mutated in MDS.

Gene	Function	Target regions	Types of pathogenic variants	Main hotspots	Mutational frequency ⁵	Mutational frequency ⁶	Comment	Ref.
ASXL1	Chromatin modification	Exon 13	Nonsense and frame-shift variants	p.E635fs*; p.G646fs	23 %	14 %	Shortened survival ^{9,99,100} . Associated with unfavorable clinical outcome in all myeloid neoplasms (MDS, MDS/MPN, MPN).	9,99-104
BCOR	Transcriptional regulation	Total coding region	Nonsense and frame-shift variants		4 %	5 %	Shortened survival ¹⁰⁵ . Frequent in aplastic anemia ¹⁰⁶ .	105-107
CALR	Signal transduction	Exon 9	Indels in exon 9	p.L367fs*46; p.K385fs*47			MPN	
CSFR3	Signal transduction	Exon 14 and 17	Missense (E14) and truncating (E17) variants	p.T618I			Strictly associated with CNL, found in a subset of patients with aCML.	108-111
CBL	Signal transduction	Exon 8 and 9	Multiple types of pathogenic variants		5 %	4 %	Shortened survival ⁹ .	9,112-116
DDX41	RNA-helicase; RNA splicing and RNA processing	Total coding region	Multiple types of pathogenic variants	p.R525	2,4 % ²²		A subset of cases with inherited mutations in <i>DDX41</i> can have biallelic <i>DDX41</i> mutation, with one mutation being germline.	21,22,117
DNMT3A	DNA methylation	Exon 7 to 23	Multiple types of pathogenic variants mainly missense	p.R882	13 %	11 %	Shortened survival ¹¹⁸ .	8,118
ETNK1	Ethanolamine phosphorylation, mitochondrial function		Missense mutations	p.H243Y; p.N244S	3-9 % ¹¹⁹		aCML and CMML	119-121
ETV6	Transcriptional regulation	Total coding region	Multiple types of pathogenic variants	PNT and ETS domains	2 %	1 %	Shortened survival ⁹ .	9,122,123
EZH2	Chromatin modification	Total coding region	Multiple types of pathogenic variants	SET-domain (p.R690)	6 %	5 %	Shortened survival ^{9,99} .	9,99,124,125
GATA1	Transcriptional regulation	Exon 2	Multiple types of pathogenic variants				AML in Down syndrome	

GATA2	Transcriptional regulation	Exon 2 to 6	Multiple types of pathogenic variants	exon 5 and 6 (ZF1 and ZF2 domains)			Familial AML/MDS.	126-130
IDH1	DNA methylation	Exon 4	Missense variants	p.R132	3 %	3 %	Shortened survival ¹³¹ .	131-133
IDH2	DNA methylation	Exon 4	Missense variants	p.R140; pR172	4 %	4 %		131,132,134,135
JAK2	Signal transduction	Exon 14 and 12	V617F (E14) and in-frame del/ins or missense variants in (E12)	p.V617F	5 %	5 %	No impact on survival ^{9,99} .	9,99
KIT	Signal transduction	Exons 8-14, Exon 17	Multiple types of pathogenic variants	p.D816	1 %	2 %	AML	
KRAS	Signal Transduction	Exon 2 and 3	Missense variants	p.D12, p.D13, p.D61	3 %	2 %		
MPL	Signal transduction	Exon 10	Missense variant	p.W515L	3 %	2 %	MPN	
NF1	Signal transduction	Total coding region	Multiple types of pathogenic variants		3 %	4 %	Familial cases, JMML	136
NPM1	Signal transduction	Exon 12	Insertions	p.W288fs*12	1 %	1 %	AML	
NRAS	Signal Transduction	Exon 2 and 3	Missense variants	p.D12, p.D13,p.D61	4 %	3 %	Shortened survival	9
PHF6	Transcriptional regulation	Total coding region	Multiple types of pathogenic variants	Mainly truncating variants and missense variants in PHD2 domain (p.R274Q and p.K235E)	3 %	2 %		137
PPM1D	DNA damage response	Total coding region	Nonsense or frameshift mutations in the sixth exon creating a C-terminal truncated protein	Mainly truncating variants in the C-terminal domain			Enriched in t-AML and t-MDS but also in clonal hematopoiesis	138,139
PTPN11	Signal transduction	Exons 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, and 13	Missense mutations	N-SH2 and PTP domains	1 %	1 %	JMML and childhood AML (both acquired or inherited) but rare in adults with MDS (1%)	140-142

RAD21	Cohesin complex		Multiple types of pathogenic variants but mainly truncating variants			2% in myeloid malignancies and 8% in any one of all cohesin complex genes i.e. STAG1&2, RAD21, SMC1A and SMC3. Mutually exclusive.	143-145	
RUNX1	Transcriptional regulation	Total coding region	Multiple types of pathogenic variants		11 %	8 %	Shortened survival ⁹ . Associated with unfavorable clinical outcome.	9,99,103
SETBP1		Exon 4	Missense variants	p.S867;p.D868; p.S869; p.G870; p.I871	4%-9%		Associated with poor overall survival and high risk of leukaemic evolution	104,146-150
SF3B1	RNA splicing	Exons 11 to 16	Missense variants	p.K700; p.K666; p.H662;p.H662;p.R625; pE622	33 %	25 %	Longer survival ¹⁵¹ . No impact on survival ^{99,152} . Associated with good overall survival and low risk of leukemic evolution.	148,153-157
SMC1A	Cohesin complex	Exons 2, 11, 16 + 17	Mainly missense variants				<1% in myeloid malignancies and 8% in any one of all cohesin complex genes i.e. STAG1&2, RAD21, SMC1A and SMC3. Mutually exclusive.	143-145
SMC3	Cohesin complex	Exons 10, 13, 19, 23, 25 + 28	Multiple types of pathogenic variants				2% in myeloid malignancies and 8% in any one of all cohesin complex genes i.e. STAG1&2, RAD21, SMC1A and SMC3. Mutually exclusive.	143-145
SRSF2	RNA-splicing	Exon 1	In-frame deletions and missense variants	p.P95_R102del; p.P95	18 %	15 %	Shortened survival ^{153,156,158} . No impact on survival ⁹⁹ . Associated with poor overall survival and high risk of leukaemic evolution.	153,154,156-165
STAG2	Cohesin complex	Total coding region	Multiple types of pathogenic variants, mainly truncating variants		8 %	5 %	2% in myeloid malignancies and 8% in any one of all cohesin complex genes i.e. STAG1&2, RAD21, SMC1A and SMC3. Mutually exclusive. Shortened survival	145
TET2	DNA methylation	Total coding region	Multiple types of pathogenic variants		36 %	26 %	No impact on survival ^{9,99,166} . Shortened survival after transplant ⁸ . No impact on overall survival, may predict response to hypomethylating agents.	59,166-172
TP53	DNA repair	Exon 3 to 11	Multiple types of pathogenic variants		6 %	5% (17% in del(5q))	Shortened survival ^{9,99} after transplant ¹⁶⁸ . Poor response	9,99,103,168,173,174
U2AF1	RNA splicing	Exon 2 and 6	Missense variants	p.S34; p.R156; p.Q157	8 %	6 %	No impact on survival ⁹⁹ . Shortened survival ¹⁴⁸ . Associated with high risk of leukemic evolution.	153,156,164,175,176
WT1	DNA methylation	Exon 7 and 9	Multiple types of pathogenic variants		1 %	1 %	AML	

ZRSR2	RNA splicing	Total coding region	Multiple types of pathogenic variants, mainly truncating variants.	8 %	5 %	No impact on survival ¹⁵⁶ . Shortened survival in ZRSR2mut/TET2wt. ¹⁵³	153,156,157,177
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