

# A nova classificação para SMD: o que muda, o que fica, e o que irá muda?

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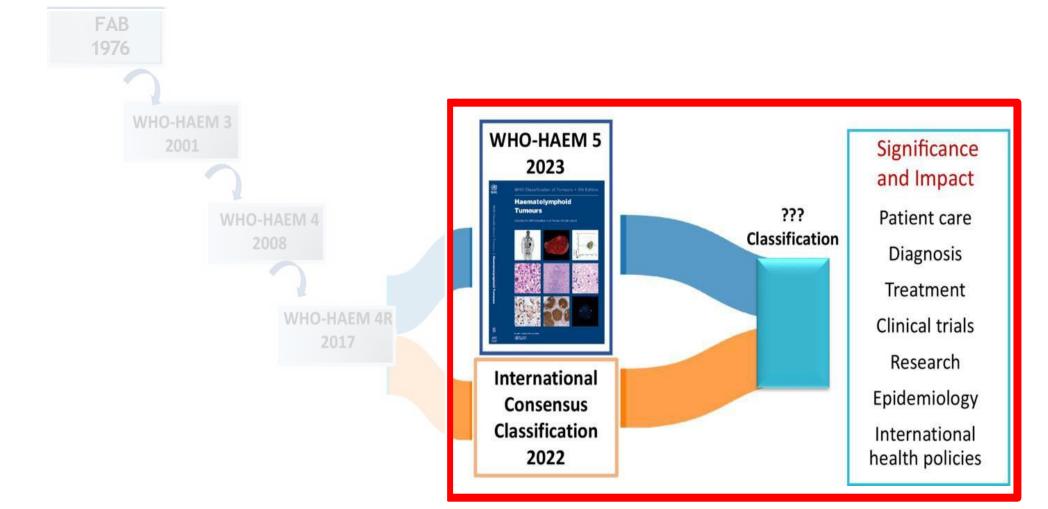
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- Threshold for dysplasia set at 10% for all lineages
- Single lineage and multilineage dysplasia is optional- No. of dysplastic lineages is dynamic , represents phenotypic manifestation of clonal evolution
- MDS, Unclassifiable has been removed due to incorporation of CCUS
- MDS with low blasts (MDS-LB) and MDS with increased blasts (MDS-IB) cut offs retained.

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### FUTURE?



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# Validation of WHO 2022 and ICC 2022 MDS Classification Systems: Background

- 2 sets of guidelines published in 2022 replace WHO 2016 for classification of myeloid neoplasms
  - WHO 5th edition<sup>1</sup>
  - $ICC^2$
- Some parameters differ between WHO and ICC 2022 classification systems<sup>3</sup>
  - Inclusion of MDS with ring sideroblasts in WHO but not ICC
  - Nomenclature for categories of MDS with excess blasts
  - Details of genetically defined subgroups of SF3B1 and TP53 mutation
- Current International Consortium for MDS report examined outcomes for WHO and ICC MDS subtypes using large dataset of patients<sup>3</sup>

### Definition of Cytopenia

• Cytopenia definitions are harmonized for CCUS, MDS, and MDS/MPN

Anaemia- Hb <13g/dL in males and <12 g/dL in females

Leukopenia - Absolute neutrophil count < 1.8 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L

Thrombocytopenia -Platelets <150 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L

### CLONAL HAEMATOPOIESIS

Both classifications now include clonal haematopoiesis

WHO HAEM 5

#### 2. Myeloid proliferations and neoplasms

Myeloid precursor lesions Clonal Haematopoiesis

Introduction

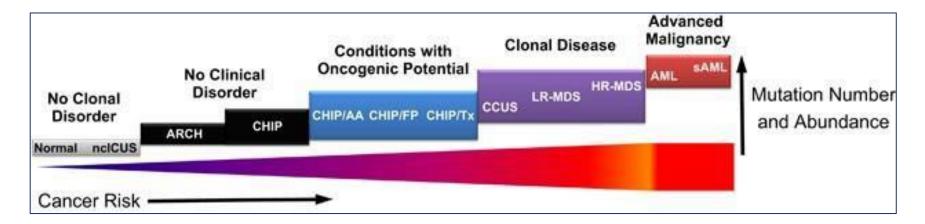
Clonal haematopoiesis

#### Clonal cytopenias of undetermined significance

#### **ICC 2022**

Premalignant clonal cytopenias and MDSs

Clonal cytopenia of undetermined significance (CCUS) and other pre-malignant clonal cytopenias





# MYELOID PRECURSOR LESIONS (NEW)

- Clonal haematopoiesis
- CH is included in the classification is to codify these myeloid precursor lesions
- Def: Clonal haematopoiesis (CH) refers broadly to the presence of a population of cells derived from a mutated multipotent stem/progenitor cell harbouring a selective growth advantage in the absence of unexplained cytopenias, haematological cancers, or other clonal disorders.
- More specific emerging associations, such as those characterizing the VEXAS syndrome (vacuoles, E1 enzyme, X-linked, autoinflammatory, somatic UBA1 mutations) : Inflammation-→CH

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# MYELOID PRECURSOR LESIONS (NEW)

- Clonal haematopoiesis of indeterminate potential (CHIP) :
  - CH harbouring somatic mutations of myeloid malignancy-associated genes
  - variant allele fraction (VAF) of  $\geq 2\%$  ( $\geq 4\%$  for X-linked gene mutations in males)
  - · No diagnosed haematologic disorder or unexplained cytopenia
- Clonal cytopenia of undetermined significance (CCUS) is defined as CHIP detected in the presence of one or more persistent cytopenias that are otherwise unexplained by haematologic or non-haematologic conditions and that do not meet diagnostic criteria for defined myeloid neoplasms.

# **MDS Precursor States**

Normal Hematopoiesis CHIP CCUS Myeloid Neoplasm Genotype Normal blood count; CHIP might Varying degree of uni- or be incidentally

Phenotype

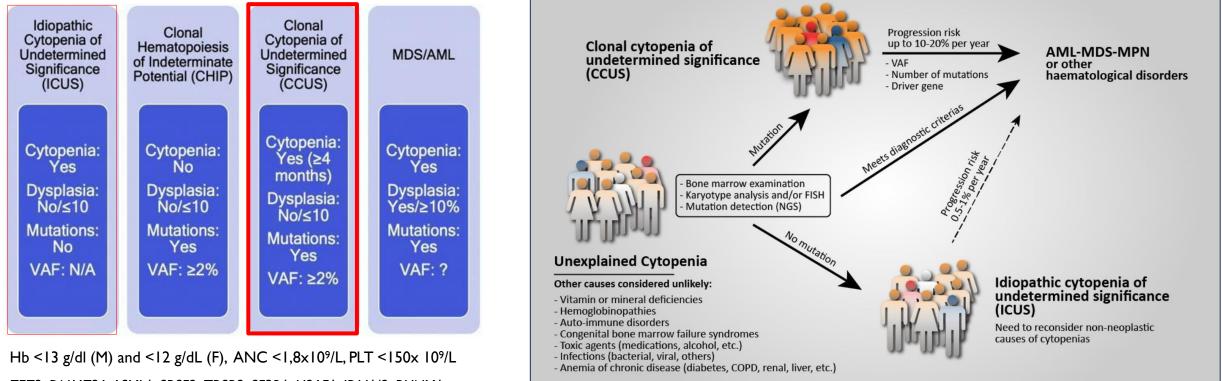
Normal bloodcount; nonclonalcytopenia

count; CHIP might be incidentally detected in a nonclonal cytopenia of other origin

Varying degree of uni- or multilineage cytopenia Varying degree of uni- or multilineage cytopenia; abnormal morphologic features or immature cells as in WHO classification

DeZern. Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book. 2019;39:400.

### **CLONAL HAEMATOPOIESIS**



TET2, DNMT3A, ASXL1, SRSF2, ZRSR2, SF3B1, U2AF1, IDH1/2, RUNX1, EZH2, JAK2, CBL, KRAS, CUX1, TP53



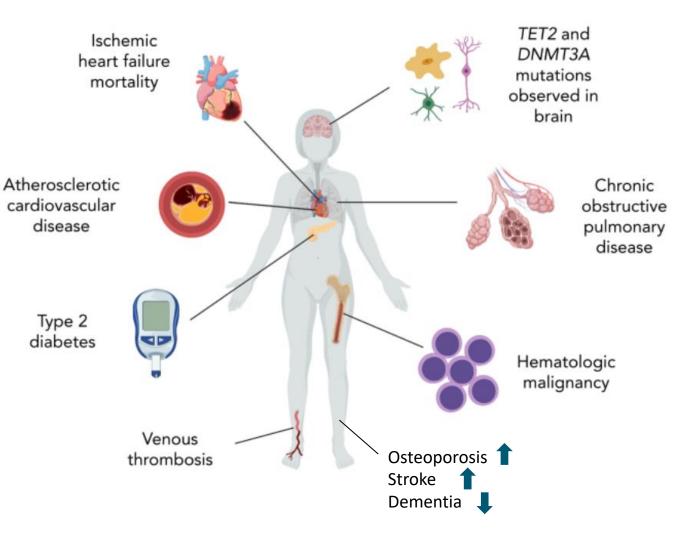
#### TABLE 2 Characteristics of ICUS/CHIP/CCUS.

Features	CHIP	ICUS	CCUS	MDS
Cytopenia	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dysplasia	No	No or minimal (nondiagnostic for MDS)	No or minimal (nondiagnostic for MDS)	Yes
Somatic mutations	Yes at a variant allele frequency ≥ 2%. Most commonly: DNMT3A, TET2, ASXL1	No. ICUS defined by absence of clonality	• Yes, as in CHIP	Yes. Up to 85% of patients
Risk of progression	Very low (0.5%–1% per year) outside of therapy related setting.	Very low	Up to 80% at 5 years but determined by mutational patterns.	-

Abbreviations: CCUS, clonal cytopenia of undetermined significance; CHIP, clonal hematopoiesis of indeterminate potential; ICUS, idiopathic cytopenia of undetermined significance; MDS, myelodysplastic syndromes.

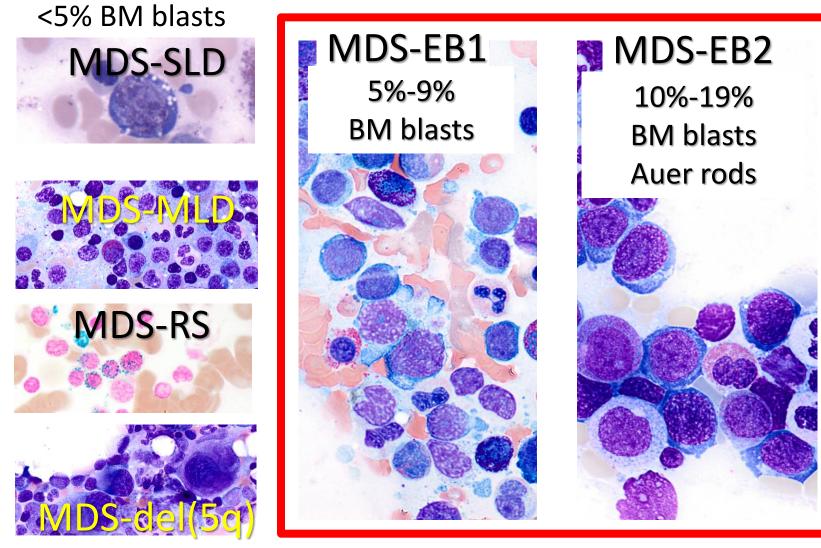
# **The Consequences of CHIP**

- Hematologic malignancies (HR: 11.1; 95% CI: 3.9-32.6)
- Increased all-cause mortality (HR: 1.4; 95% CI: 1.1-1.8)
- Cardiovascular disease (HR: 2.0; 95% CI: 1.2-3.4)
- Stroke
   (HR: 2.6; 95% CI: 1.4-4.8)



# **2017 WHO MDS Classification: Disease Subtypes**

Single vs multilineage dysplasia, ring sideroblasts, isolated del(5q)



### MDS with defining genetic abnormalities

- MDS with low blasts and isolated 5q deletion (Blasts <5% BM and <2% PB)
- With/without SF3B1 or a TP53 mutation(not multi-hit)
- No monosomy 7or 7q deletion
- MDS with low blasts and SF3B1 mutation (MDS-SF3B1)
- Includes over 90% of MDS with ≥5% ring sideroblasts
- MDS with low blasts and ring sideroblasts retained used for cases with wild-type SF3B1 and ≥15% ring sideroblasts.
- MDS with biallelic TP53 inactivation(MDS-biTP53)- <20% blasts in BM & PB
- Multihit mutational status with no residual wild type p53 protein
- AML equivalent for therapeutic considerations

- MDS with low blasts (MDS-LB) <5% BM and <2% PB
- MDS, hypoplastic (MDS-h)-(≤25% bone marrow cellularity, age adjusted)
- MDS with increased blasts (MDS-IB) MDS-IB1: 5–9% BM or 2–4% PB MDS-IB2: 10-19% BM or 5–19%PB or Auer rods MDS with fibrosis (MDS-f): 5–19% BM; 2–19% PB

### BLAST COUNTS IN MDS AND AML

- HAEM 4R: a 20% blast cut-off has been used
  - Exceptions for (t15;17), t(8;21) and inv(16)/t(16;16)
- Blast quantification can vary between : interobserver variability, blast/blast equivalents
- Blast cut-off is somewhat arbitrary, and the disease lie on a continuum
- May be influenced by sampling
- Newer therapies and clinical trials have shown to have efficacy in patients with 10-30% blasts

WHO HAEM 5 maintains a 20% cut-off between MDS and AML, BUT removes cut-off from most genetically defined AML ICC 2022 favors having 10-19% blasts being diagnosed as MDS/AML, to reflecting the spectrum between AML and MDS

- Eliminating blast cutoffs for most AML types with defining genetic alterations
- Retaining a 20% blast cutoff to delineate MDS from AML.
- MDS-IB2 may be regarded as AML-equivalent for therapeutic considerations

# Genetically Defined Subtypes in 2022: ICC and WHO

Lower-risk MDS subtypes: <5% BM and <2% PB blasts

- MDS with mutated SF3B1
- MDS with del(5q)

- MDS with low blasts and SF3B1 mutation
- MDS with low blasts and del(5q)

Higher-risk MDS subtype: any blast percentage up to 20%

- MDS with mutated *TP53* (blasts 0%-9%)
- MDS/AML with mutated TP53 (blasts 10%-19%)

MDS with biallelic *TP53* inactivation

Diverted to AML: cases with AML-defining genetic abnormalities (ICC: only if ≥10% blasts)

 PML::RARA, RUNX1::RUNX1T1, CBFB::MYH11, KMT2A rearranged, DEK::NUP214, MECOM rearranged, NUP98 rearranged, NPM1 mutated, CEBPA mutated, bZIP CEBPA\*

# Morphologically Defined Subtypes in 2022: ICC and WHO

Lower-risk MDS subtypes: <5% BM and <2% PB blasts

- MDS-NOS with single-lineage dysplasia
- MDS-NOS with multilineage dysplasia
- MDS-NOS without dysplasia

- MDS with low blasts
- MDS with low blasts and ring sideroblasts
- Hypoplastic MDS

Higher-risk MDS subtypes: ≥5% BM/≥2% PB blasts or Auer rods

MDS with excess blasts	-	MDS with increased blasts: 1
	-	MDS with increased blasts: 2
		MDS with fibrosis

Diverted to new entity intermediate between MDS and AML: 10%-19% blasts

 MDS/AML
 Effort to acknowledge continuum between MDS and AML, expand patient treatment options, and stimulate research to achieve more rational (likely genetic) distinction between MDS and AML than arbitrary blast cutoff

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# **IPSS-Revised**

				Score Va	lue		
Prognostic variable	0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	3	4
Cytogenetics	Very good		Good		Intermediate	Poor	Very poor
BM blast, %	≤2		>2-<5		5-10	>10	
Hemoglobin, g/dL	≥10		8-<10	<8			
Platelets, x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	≥100	50-<100	<50				
ANC, x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	≥0.8	< 0.8					

Risk	Score
Very low	≤1.5
Low	>1.5-3.0
Intermediate	>3.0-4.5
High	>4.5-6.0
Very high	>6.0

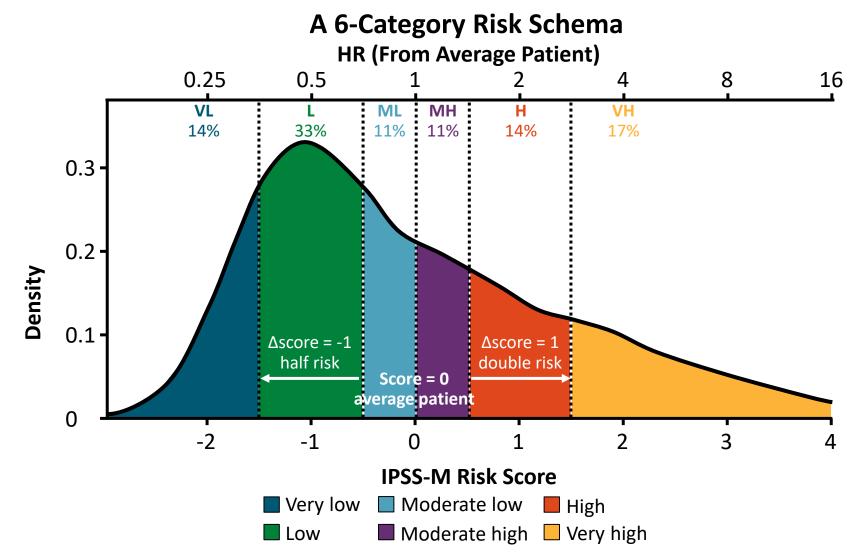
# **Risk Groups for the IPSS-R**

Risk Group	Points	Patients, %	Median Survival, Yr	Time Until 25% of Patients Develop AML, Yr
Very low	≤1.5	19	8.8	Not reached
Low	>1.5-3	38	5.3	10.8
Intermediate	>3-4.5	20	3.0	3.2
High	>4.5-6	13	1.6	1.4
Very high	>6	10	0.8	0.73
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# Development of IPSS-M: Model Development Steps 1 and 2

Step	Development
Encoding for clinical and molecular variables	<ul> <li>Continuous encoding of clinical variables; linear function for BM blasts, Hg</li> <li>Platelet values capped at 250 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L; ANC not included</li> <li>Maintained 5 IPSS-R cytogenetic categories</li> <li>Gene mutations incorporated as binary variables aside from <i>TP53</i> allelic state and <i>SF3B1</i> subsets accounting for comutations</li> </ul>
Determination of independent IPSS-M prognostic variables	<ul> <li>Model fit with a Cox multivariable regression adjusted for confounder variables (age, sex, primary vs therapy-related MDS)</li> <li>Continuous clinical parameters</li> <li>IPSS-R cytogenetic categories</li> <li>17 genetic variables from 16 main effect genes</li> <li>1 genetic variable from 15 residual genes (BCOR, BCORL1, CEBPA, ETNK1, GATA2, GNB1, IDH1, NF1, PHF6, PPM1D, PRPF8, PTPN11, SETBP1, STAG2, WT1)</li> </ul>

## **IPSS-M Risk Categories**



Category	Variable	Multivariable model:	hazard ratio (95% CI)	Weight w	Scaling x <sup>mean</sup>
Confounder	Age, in years	•	1.23 (1.05–1.43)	N/A	N/A
	Sex: Male	•	1.22 (1.06-1.41)	N/A	N/A
	Type: Secondary/Therapy-related	-	1.36 (1.10-1.68	N/A	N/A
clinical	Bone marrow blasts, in %	•	1.07 (1.05-1.09)	0.352	0.922
	(Platelets, 250), in x10 <sup>9</sup> /L	•	0.80 (0.72-0.89)	-0.222	1.41
	Hemoglobin, in g/dL	•	0.84 (0.81-0.88)	-0.171	9.87
cytogenetics	IPSS-R category vector	•	1.33 (1.21-1.47)	0.287	1.390
gene main effects	TP53 <sup>multi</sup>	<b></b>	3.27 (2.38-4.48)	1.18	0.0710
17 variables, 16 genes	MLL <sup>PTD</sup>	<b>—</b>	2.22 (1.49-3.32)	0.798	0.0247
	FLT3ITD+TKD		2.22 (1.11-4.45)	0.798	0.0108
	SF3B1 <sup>5q</sup>	<b>—</b>	1.66 (1.03-2.66)	0.504	0.0166
	NPM1	++	1.54 (0.78-3.02)	0.430	0.0112
	RUNX1	-	1.53 (1.23-1.89)	0.423	0.126
	NRAS		1.52 (1.05-2.20)	0.417	0.0362
	ETV6	<b>—</b>	1.48 (0.98-2.23)	0.391	0.0216
	IDH2		1.46 (1.05-2.02)	0.379	0.0429
	CBL		1.34 (0.99-1.82)	0.295	0.0473
	EZH2		1.31 (0.98-1.75)	0.270	0.0588
	U2AF1		1.28 (1.01-1.61)	0.247	0.0866
	SRSF2	-	1.27 (1.03-1.56)	0.239	0.158
	DNMT3A	-	1.25 (1.02-1.53)	0.221	0.161
	ASXL1	-	1.24 (1.02-1.51)	0.213	0.252
	KRAS		1.22 (0.84-1.77)	0.202	0.0271
	SF3B1	+	0.92 (0.74-1.16)	-0.0794	0.186
gene residuals	Min(Nres,2)		1.26 (1.12-1.42)	0.231	0.388
1 variable, 15 genes	Possible values are 0,1 or 2				

#### Bernard. NEJM Evidence. 2022;1:7

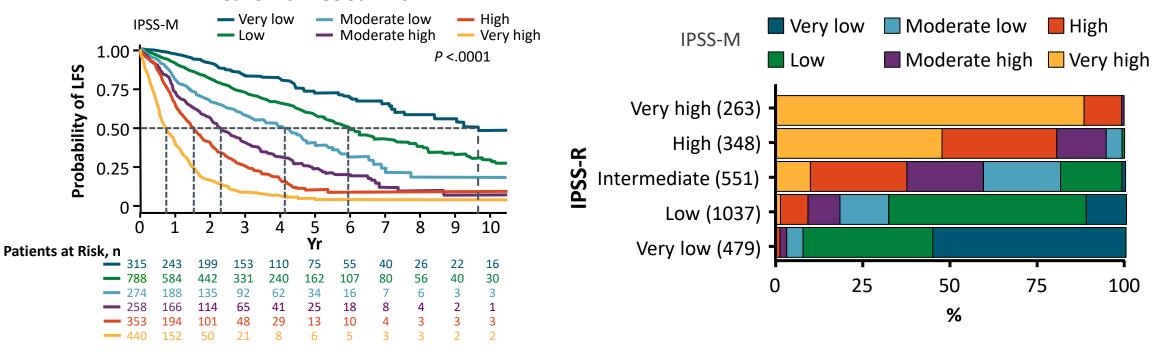
# **Molecular IPSS for MDS**

- Discovery cohort: diagnostic MDS samples (N = 2957) with <20% blasts and WBC <13 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L were profiled for mutations in 152 driver genes
- Candidate target risk variables consisted of blood counts, blasts, cytogenetics and gene mutations, while patient age, sex and MDS type (de novo or not) were treated as confounders

Leukemia-Free Survival

#### Restratification of Patients From IPSS-R to IPSS-M Categories

- 46% (n = 1223) of patients were restratified
- 7% (n = 196) of patients were restratified by more than 1 strata



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# Conceptual classification of MDS: RSK classification

#### **Chronic phase MDS**

- MDS-SF3B1
- MDS-del5q
- MDS-LB

#### Accelerated phase MDS

- MDS-EB (5-19% myeloblasts) (cutoff to be refined)
- Bi-allelic TP53 MDS
- MDS-f

#### AML-MDS related (AML-MR)

 ≥20% myeloblasts (cutoff to be refined) with prior history of MDS or AML with MDS defining cytogenetic abnormalities or gene mutations.

# Conclusões

- As classificações atuais na SMD sao da OMS e ICC, de 2022
- O foco passou nas mutações, diminui a enfase na morfologia e contagem de blastos
- O IPPS-M vem ganhando tração
- Pense em termos de risco, ou seja, alterações genética e moleculares de baixo e alto risco
- Haverá uma tendencia de junção em uma única classificação
- Tanto a classificação da OMS e ICC foram validades em coortes distintos
- A diferenciação de SMD e LMA vem se tornando menos clara

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