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			the integration of conventional G-banding
			analysis (CBA) data and NGS derived allele
			specific copy-number profiles (see Methods).
			NGS aberrant segments were restricted to
			segments larger than 3 megabases. b .
			Frequency distribution of chromosomal
			aberrations ordered by type of aberrations.
			First top three plots represent arm-level
			copy-neutral loss-of-heterozygosity (cnloh).
			deletion (del) and gain. Fourth bottom plot
			represents other types of aberrations to
			include the presence of marker chromosome
			(mar), rearrangements where r_i_j denotes a

	isochromosome 17q (iso17q), whole genome amplification (WGA) and presence of ring chromosome (ring). All aberrations observed in more than 3 patients are depicted. Of note, cnloh is detectable with NGS but not with CBA. On the opposite, rearrangements, presence of marker or ring chromosome and WGA were only assessed from CBA data. In 393 cases with missing CBA data, those specific aberrations were imputed from other molecular markers.
Extended Data Fig. 4 Fig. 4 Evidence of bi- allelic <i>TP53</i> targeting in the cases with multiple <i>TP53</i> hits. A A A A A A A A A A A A A	allelic. a. Scatter plot of the two maximum <i>TP53</i> variant allele frequency (VAF) values from cases with multiple <i>TP53</i> mutations and no copy-neutral loss-of-heterozygosity or deletion at <i>TP53</i> locus (N=90). Points are annotated according to the level of information of the mutation pairs. In 67% (N=60) of pairs the sum of the two VAFs exceeded 50% so that the mutations were considered to be in the same cells as per the <i>pigeonhole principle</i> (triangle and diamond points). In 18 cases, the genomic distance between two mutations was within sequencing read length and it was therefore possible to phase the mutations. In all those cases the mutations were observed to be unphased, i.e., <i>in trans</i> (square and diamond points). Within those 18 pairs of unphased mutations, 10 pairs had a sum of VAFs above 50%, i.e., mutations were necessarily on different alleles and in the same cells, implying bi-allelic targeting (diamond points). b - c . Scatter plots of the VAF of <i>TP53</i> mutation and 17p deletion (b., N=69) or 17p heterozygous SNPs from cases with one <i>TP53</i> mutation and 17p deletion (b., N=69) or 17p copy-neutral LOH (c., N=61). The high correlations in (a.), (b.) and (c.) (R= of 0.77, 0. 94 and 0.97, respectively) are indicative of bi- allelic targeting of <i>TP53</i> . d . Table of pairs of <i>TP53</i> mutations from the same patients that could be phased. All pairs were <i>in trans</i> , i.e., mutations were supported by different alleles. e . Representative IGV example of

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Extended Data Fig. 6	<i>TP53</i> allelic state segregates patient outcomes across WHO subtypes and IPSS-R risk groups	ext_fig6_whoipss r. jpg	a. Proportion of WHO subtypes per <i>TP53</i> allelic state of mono-allelic mutation (1mut) and multiple hits (multi). t-MDS: therapy- related MDS; SLD: single lineage dysplasia; RS: ring sideroblast; MLD: multiple lineage dysplasia; EB: excess blasts; AML-MRC: AML with myelodysplasia-related changes; U: unclassified. Multi-hit <i>TP53</i> is enriched for t- MDS compared to mono-allelic <i>TP53</i> state (21% vs. 8%, OR=2.9, p=0.002 two-sided Fisher exact test) and for MDS-EB2 (31% vs. 13%, OR=3.1, p=5x10 ⁻⁵ two-sided Fisher exact test). Contrarily, mono-allelic <i>TP53</i> is enriched for MDS-del5q (15% vs. 2%, OR=8.4, p=6x10 ⁻⁶ two-sided Fisher exact test). b. Proportion of IPSS-R risk groups per <i>TP53</i> allelic state. Multi-hit <i>TP53</i> is strongly enriched for the very-poor category compared to mono-allelic <i>TP53</i> state (74% vs. 9%, OR=28, p<2x10 ⁻³⁵ two-sided Fisher exact test). c. Kaplan-Meier probability estimates of overall survival (OS) across main WHO subtypes per <i>TP53</i> allelic state of wild-

			type <i>TP53</i> (WT), mono-allelic <i>TP53</i> (1mut) and multiple <i>TP53</i> hits (multi). WHO
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			copy-neutral loss of heterozygosity
			(mut+cnloh). c-d , Kaplan-Meier probability
			estimates of overall survival (c.) and
			cumulative incidence of AMLt (d.) per TP53
			allelic state and range of variant allele
			frequency (VAF) of <i>TP53</i> mutations.
			Annotated p-values are from the two-sided
			log-rank test in (a.) and (c.) and from two-
			sided Gray's test in (b.) and (d.). The number
			of cases with outcome data per group is
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			the proportion of truncated versus non-
			truncated mutations between the multi-hit

			TP53 subgroups and the mono-allelic TP53
			subgroup (1mut) are indicated on the right
			side. b. Number per patient of unique
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			mutation and copy-neutral loss of
			heterozygosity (mut+cnloh) and across
			mutation types. Note that 5 patients with
			both several mutations and deletion or cnloh
			with ambiguity between the mutation type
			categories have been excluded for this
			analysis. The number of patients within each
			category is indicated in parentheses. In
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			the 1mut group within the same mutation
			type. c. Kaplan-Meier probability estimates of
			overall survival (OS) per TP53 subgroup
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	the assessment		presence or absence of deletion 17p per
	of TP53 allelic		cytogenetic analysis, and the presence or
	state.		absence of cnLOH or focal deletion at 17p per
			NGS based assay or SNP array. Mutations
			were considered if VAF≥2%. VAF: variant

Γ		allele frequency; CK: complex karyotype; OS:
		overall survival; AML: transformation to
		acute myeloid leukemia.

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Tumor protein p53 (*TP53*) is the most frequently mutated gene in cancer^{1,2}. In patients with myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS), *TP53* mutations are associated with high-risk disease^{3,4}, rapid transformation to acute myeloid leukemia (AML)⁵, resistance to conventional therapies^{6,7,8} and dismal outcomes⁹. Consistent with the tumor suppressive role of *TP53*, patients harbor both mono- and bi-allelic mutations¹⁰. However, the biological and clinical implications of *TP53* allelic state have not been fully investigated in 134 MDS or any other cancer type. We analyzed 3,324 MDS patients for TP53 mutations and allelic imbalances and delineated two subsets of patients with distinct phenotypes and 135 outcomes. One third of TP53-mutated patients had mono-allelic mutations whereas two 136 third had multiple hits (multi-hit) consistent with bi-allelic targeting. Established 137 associations with complex karyotype, few co-occurring mutations, high-risk presentation 138 139 and poor outcomes were specific to multi-hit patients only. TP53 multi-hit state predicted 140 risk of death and leukemic transformation independently of the Revised International Prognostic Scoring System (IPSS-R)¹¹. Surprisingly, mono-allelic patients did not differ 141 from TP53 wild-type patients in outcomes and response to therapy. This study shows that 142 consideration of TP53 allelic state is critical for diagnostic and prognostic precision in 143 MDS as well as future correlative studies of treatment response. 144

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146 In collaboration with the International Working Group for Prognosis in MDS (Supplementary Table 1) we assembled a cohort of 3,324 peri-diagnostic and treatment naive 147 patients with MDS or closely related myeloid neoplasms (Extended Data Fig. 1 and 148 Supplementary Fig. 1). Genetic profiling included conventional G-banding analyses (CBA) and 149 tumor only capture based next generation sequencing (NGS) of a panel of genes recurrently 150 mutated in MDS, as well as genome wide copy-number probes. Allele specific copy-number 151 152 profiles were generated from NGS data using CNACS⁷ (see Methods and Code availability). An additional 1,120 samples derived from the Japanese MDS consortium (Extended Data Fig. 2) 153 were used as a validation cohort. 154

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To study the effect of *TP53* allelic state on genome stability, clinical presentation, outcome
and response to therapy, we performed a detailed characterization of alterations at the *TP53*locus. First, we assessed genome wide allelic imbalances in the 3,324 patients, to include arm
level or focal (~3Mb) ploidy alterations and regions of copy neutral loss of heterozygosity
(cnLOH) (Extended Data Fig. 3, Supplementary Fig. 2-4 and Methods). Collectively, 360 (11%)
patients had at least one cnLOH region and 1,571 (47%) had ≥1 chromosomal aberration. Among
these, 329 karyotypes were complex¹² and 177 were monosomal¹³ (Supplementary Table 2).

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Mutation analysis identified 486 putative oncogenic mutations in *TP53* at variant allele
 frequency (VAF) ≥2% across 378 individuals (Supplementary Fig. 5-7 and Methods). Among

166 TP53-mutant patients, 274 (72.5%) had a single TP53 mutation, 100 had two (26.5%) and 4 167 (1%) had three. Allelic imbalances overlapping the TP53 locus were found in 177 cases. Of these, 98 were focal deletions or regions of cnLOH detected by NGS only (Supplementary Table 3). 168 169 Approximately half (54%, n=149) of patients with one *TP53* mutation had loss of the wild-type allele by deletion or cnLOH. In contrast, only 13% (n=14) of patients with ≥ 2 *TP53* mutations 170 171 had a concomitant allelic imbalance at the TP53 locus (OR=7.6, 95% CI: 4.1-15.2) (Fig. 1a). By 172 consideration of mutations and allelic imbalances, we defined 4 TP53-mutant subgroups (Fig. 1b): 1. Mono-allelic mutation (n=125, 33% of *TP53*-mutated patients); 2. Multiple mutations 173 without deletion or cnLOH affecting the *TP53* locus (n=90, 24%); 3. Mutation(s) and concomitant 174 deletion (n=85, 22%); 4. Mutation(s) and concomitant cnLOH (n=78, 21%). Additionally, in 24 175 patients, the *TP53* locus was affected by deletion (n=12), cnLOH (n=2) or isochromosome 17a 176 177 rearrangement (n=10) without evidence of *TP53* mutations (Fig. 1a).

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In subgroups 2-4, clonality estimates of co-occurring mutations or allelic imbalances 179 180 supported bi-allelic targeting of TP53 (Extended Data Fig. 4). In a subset of cases, bi-allelic targeting was validated by phasing analysis or sequential sampling (Supplementary Fig. 8). Thus, 181 the TP53-mutant subgroups were organized into two states: A. mono-allelic TP53 state 182 representing subgroup 1, with one residual wild-type copy of *TP53* and B. multi-hit *TP53* state 183 184 encompassing subgroups 2-4, with at least two *TP53* hits in each patient and likely no residual *TP53*. While most multi-hit samples were confidently "bi-allelic" we maintained a conservative 185 "multi-hit" notation. 186

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Accurate determination of allelic state requires LOH mapping, as can be achieved by NGSbased analysis of sequencing panels⁷ or more comprehensive sequencing methods (Supplementary Fig. 4). VAF estimates were not sufficient to precisely assess *TP53* allelic state (Fig. 1c). For example, 19 cnLOH-positive patients had *TP53* VAF \leq 50% (median 29%, range 3-49%), showing that ¼ of cnLOH patients would be mis-assigned as mono-allelic on the basis of VAF.

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In mono-allelic cases, *TP53* mutations were enriched for subclonal presentation (median
VAF: 13%, median sample purity: 86%) as compared to *TP53* mutations from patients with
multiple mutations which were predominantly clonal (median VAF: 32%, median sample purity:

198 85%) (Fig. 1c). Thus, *TP53* allelic state, and by extension whether a wild-type *TP53* allele is
retained, points towards different evolutionary trajectories or potential for clonal dominance.
200 Overall, the spectrum of *TP53* mutations was shared among the two allelic states (Fig. 1d and
201 Supplementary Fig. 9). Of note, truncating mutations were enriched in the multi-hit state (28%
202 vs. 14%, OR=2.3, 95% CI: 1.3-4.2) while hotspot mutations accounted for 25% of mutations in
203 the mono-allelic state and 20% in the multi-hit state.

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We next assessed profiles of genome stability and patterns of co-mutations for each TP53 205 state. The correlation between TP53 mutations and chromosomal aneuploidies is well 206 established^{3,7,14,15,16}. Overall, 67% (n=252) of *TP53*-mutated cases had \geq 2 chromosomal deletions 207 as compared to 5% (n=158) of wild-type cases (OR=35, 95% CI: 27-46). Excluding chr17 (which 208 209 is linked to state definition), there was a significantly higher number of chromosomal aberrations per patient in all multi-hit *TP53* subgroups compared to the mono-allelic group (Fig. 210 2a and Extended Data Fig. 5), and this enrichment was most pronounced for deletions (median 4 211 212 in multi-hit vs. 1 in mono-allelic state). In particular, deletion of 5q was observed in 85% of multi-hit patients as opposed to 34% of mono-allelic patients (OR=10, 95% CI: 6.1-18, 213 Supplementary Fig. 10). Taken together, we found a median of 6 unique chromosomes with 214 aberrations in the multi-hit state and 1 in the mono-allelic state (two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum 215 test statistic equals to 2395, p=1.2x10⁻⁴¹, Fig. 2b). Our data suggest that residual wild-type *TP53* 216 is critical to maintenance of genome stability, and that the association between TP53 and 217 complex karyotype is specific to the multi-hit state (91% vs. 13% complex karyotype patients 218 within multi-hit or mono-allelic states, OR=70, 95% CI: 34-150, Fig. 2c). 219

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The total number of oncogenic gene mutations and the pattern of co-mutations were also 221 222 different among the allelic states. Excluding *TP53*, the number of driver mutations was higher in 223 the mono-allelic state compared to the multi-hit *TP53* subgroups (Fig. 2d). Overall, 40% (n=102) of multi-hit patients did not have any identifiable driver mutations other than *TP53*, while 90% 224 225 (n=112) of mono-allelic patients had at least one other driver mutation and 50% (n=62) had at least three. Differences in the pattern of co-mutations were also identified, whereby mono-allelic 226 patients were significantly enriched for mutations in TET2, SF3B1, ASXL1, RUNX1, SRSF2, JAK2, 227 228 BCOR and CBL (Fig. 2e).

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230 Prior studies have recurrently linked *TP53* mutations to high-risk presentation (complex karyotype, elevated blasts, severe thrombocytopenia) and adverse outcomes^{3,4}. These 231 correlations were recapitulated in our study (Supplementary Fig. 11). However, the clinical 232 233 implications of the allelic state have not been investigated. In our cohort, mono-allelic TP53 patients were less cytopenic (Fig. 3a-c) and had lower percentages of bone marrow blasts 234 235 compared to multi-hit patients (median 4 vs. 9%, Fig. 3d). There was a higher prevalence of 236 lower risk MDS in mono-allelic patients, while the multi-hit state was enriched for higher risk 237 WHO subtypes and poor/very-poor IPSS-R categories (Extended Data Fig. 6a-b). Overall survival 238 (OS) and AML transformation were significantly different between the TP53 allelic states. In multi-hit state, the median OS was 8.7 months (95% CI: 7.7-10.3 months) whereas it was 2.5 239 vears (95% CI: 2.2-4.9 years) for mono-allelic patients (HR=3.7, 95% CI: 2.7-5.0, p=2x10⁻¹⁶ Wald 240 241 test). In comparison, wild-type patients had a median OS of 3.5 years (95% CI: 3.4-3.9 years) (Fig. 3e). The effect of mono-allelic *TP53* on OS was not confounded by del(5q) (Supplementary 242 Fig. 12). The 5-year cumulative incidence of AML transformation in the multi-hit and mono-243 244 allelic states were respectively 44% and 21% (HR=5.5, 95% CI: 3.1-9.6, p=5x10⁻⁹ Wald test) (Fig. 245 3f). Of note, all subgroups (>1 gene mutations, mutation and deletion, mutation and cnLOH) in multi-hit state had equally dismal outcomes (Extended Data Fig. 7a-b). The OS distinction of the 246 two states was significant across WHO classes and IPSS-R risk groups (Extended Data Fig. 6c-d 247 248 and Supplementary Fig. 13), and multi-hit *TP53* identified patients with poor survival across IPSS-R strata. As 10% of multi-hit patients were classified as IPSS-R very-good to intermediate 249 risk, this shows that assessment of *TP53* allelic state is critical to identify patients with high-risk 250 disease. In fact, multivariable Cox proportional hazards models that included TP53 state 251 252 alongside age of diagnosis, cytogenetic risk score¹² and established predictive features identified multi-hit *TP53* as an independent predictor for the risk of death and AML transformation 253 (HR₀s=2.04, 95% CI: 1.6-2.6, p=5x10⁻⁸; HR_{AML}=2.9, 95% CI: 1.8-4.7, p=7x10⁻⁶ Wald test), whereas 254 255 mono-allelic TP53 state was not different compared to wild-type TP53 (Fig. 3g-h). We also evaluated that multi-hit TP53 and complex karyotype, but not mono-allelic TP53, were 256 257 independent predictors of adverse outcome (Supplementary Fig. 14), emphasizing the importance of mapping *TP53* state alongside complex karyotype for accurate risk estimation. 258

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260 Outcomes of mono-allelic patients significantly differed with the number of co-occurring 261 driver mutations (Fig. 2d-e and Supplementary Fig. 15). For example, the 5-year survival rate of 262 mono-allelic patients without any other identifiable mutations was 81%, while it was 36% for patients with 1 or 2 other mutations, 26% for patients with 3 or 4 other mutations and 8% for 263 264 patients with more than 5 other mutations. Contrastingly, the outcome of multi-hit patients did 265 not depend on the number of additional mutations, and the 5-year survival rate was uniformly 266 below 6%. Taken together, multi-hit *TP53* patients had few co-mutations and very poor survival 267 irrespective of genetic context. Patients with mono-allelic *TP53* mutations frequently had several 268 co-occurring mutations which shaped disease pathogenesis and outcomes. This data further 269 showcased that mono-allelic *TP53* mutations were not independently predictive of adverse risk.

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In addition to TP53 mutations, TP53 VAF has also been reported to be of prognostic 271 significance in MDS^{17,18,19}. This is likely explained by the strong correlation between high VAF 272 273 and bi-allelic targeting. Optimal cut-point analysis²⁰ identified that patients with mono-allelic TP53 mutations and VAF>22% (n=38) had increased risk of death compared to wild-type 274 275 patients (HR=2.2, 95% CI: 1.5-3.2, p=0.0001 Wald test), whereas patients with mono-allelic *TP53* 276 mutations and VAF \leq 22% (n=87) had similar OS than wild-type patients (Extended Data Fig. 7c). 277 This highlights that patients with mono-allelic mutations and high VAF should be closely monitored. It is possible that we have missed a second TP53 hit in the small subset of mono-278 allelic cases with VAF>22%. Conversely, multi-hit patients had poor outcomes across ranges of 279 280 VAF. Multi-hit patients with low VAF≤11% (n=20) had very dismal outcomes, for both OS and AML transformation (Extended Data Fig. 7c-d). Importantly, the genomic and clinical 281 associations established for multi-hit cases held true irrespective of VAF. Patients with multi-hit 282 TP53 had higher genome instability, fewer cooperating mutations, more pronounced 283 284 thrombocytopenia and elevated blast counts compared to mono-allelic patients in both clonal and subclonal ranges (Supplementary Fig. 16). This indicates that, once established, a clone with 285 286 bi-allelic TP53 targeting exerts its pervasive effects on clinical phenotypes and outcomes 287 regardless of its size. The determination of TP53 allelic state requires assessment of both multiple mutations and subclonal allelic imbalances, and multi-hit TP53 state identified very 288 289 high-risk patients independently of the VAF of *TP53* mutations.

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The emergence of data in support of dominant negative effect $(DNE)^{21,22}$ and gain of function $(GOF)^{23,24,25}$ led us to test whether outcomes differed based on the nature of the underlying lesion, i.e., missense, truncated or hotspot *TP53* mutations. In the multi-hit state, no 294 differences were observed on genome instability and outcomes across mutation types (Extended 295 Data Fig. 8 and Supplementary Fig. 17a-b), indicating that it is the loss of both wild-type copies of *TP53* that drives the dismal outcomes of *TP53*-mutated MDS patients rather than the underlying 296 297 mutation types. In the mono-allelic state, missense mutations in the DNA binding domain (DBD) had no effect on patient outcomes compared to wild-type *TP53*. However, there was an increased 298 299 risk of death of mono-allelic patients with hotspot mutation at amino acid positions R175 and 300 R248 (but not R273) compared to wild-type patients (HR=2.3, 95% CI: 1.2-4.7, p=0.02 for R248 301 and HR=3.0, 95% CI: 0.96-9.3, p=0.06 Wald test for R175, Supplementary Fig. 17c-d), consistent with either DNE²¹ or GOF²⁵ of the hotspot mutant proteins. This suggests that DNE²¹ may not be 302 applicable to all DBD mutations, especially in the setting of MDS where exposure to genotoxic 303 304 therapy is not common. Larger datasets and functional studies are warranted to further 305 investigate the operative mechanisms of DBD mutations in MDS.

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307 Beyond primary MDS, TP53 mutations are enriched in therapy-related MDS (t-MDS)^{6,26} 308 and are associated with a high-risk of progression to AML⁵. In t-MDS and at progression, TP53-309 mutated patients demarcate an extremely adverse prognostic group with a chemo-refractory 310 disease and less than 2% 5-year survival^{15,16}. Our cohort included 229 t-MDS cases, with a higher proportion of TP53-mutated patients relative to de-novo MDS (18% vs. 6%, OR=3.3, 95% CI: 2.4-311 312 4.6). *TP53*-mutated t-MDS patients more frequently had multiple hits compared to *TP53*-mutated de-novo patients (84% vs. 65%, OR=2.8, 95% CI: 1.4-6.6). Comparison of genome profiles 313 (Supplementary Fig. 18) and clinical outcomes (Fig. 4a) between allelic states reiterated 314 observations from de-novo MDS. TP53-mutant t-MDS is considered one of the most lethal 315 316 malignancies with limited treatment options²⁷, yet mono-allelic patients had lower risk of death 317 compared to multi-hit patients (HR=0.39, 95% CI: 0.15-1.0, p=0.05 Wald test).

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To evaluate the effect of *TP53* state in disease progression, we analyzed serial data from 12 MDS patients of an independent cohort^{28,29} (St James's University Hospital, United Kingdom) who progressed to AML with a *TP53* mutation (Supplementary Fig. 19). In 7/12 patients, multiple hits were observed at time of MDS diagnosis, with a 4 months median to AML progression (Supplementary Fig. 19a-g). In 3 patients, bi-allelic targeting occurred during disease progression with inter-clonal competition and attainment of clonal dominance for the *TP53* clone (Supplementary Fig. 19h-i). The remaining two cases that progressed with a mono-

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allelic *TP53* mutation had other high-risk mutations in *RUNX1* and *KRAS* or in *CBL* (Supplementary Fig. 19k-l), consistent with the observation from our discovery cohort that mono-allelic *TP53* mutations tend to occur with several and diverse cooperating mutations (Fig. 2d-e). These data provided further evidence that bi-allelic alteration of *TP53* is a potent driver of disease progression and underscore the importance of assessing *TP53* allelic state at diagnosis and for disease surveillance.

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We validated the representation of *TP53* allelic states (Supplementary Fig. 20), genome stability profiles (Supplementary Fig. 21) and differences in clinical phenotypes (Supplementary Fig. 22) in a cohort of 1,120 MDS patients (Extended Data Fig. 2).

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337 Last, we evaluated the implication of TP53 allelic state in response to therapy. Recent studies reported that *TP53* patients have poor responses to lenalidomide⁸ and HSCT^{6,7}, as well as 338 marked but transient responses to hypomethylating agent (HMA)³⁰. We conducted an 339 340 exploratory survival analysis by allelic state for patients that received HMA, lenalidomide on the subset with del(5q) and following HSCT (Extended Data Fig. 9). On HMA and lenalidomide, 341 patients with mono-allelic TP53 mutations had evidence of longer survival compared to multi-hit 342 patients (Fig. 4b-c). The analysis of our HSCT cohort was limited due to its size, yet we observed 343 344 a trend for improved survival of mono-allelic patients compared to multi-hit patients following HSCT (Fig. 4d). These observations highlight the importance of mapping *TP53* allelic states in 345 future correlative studies of response to therapy. 346

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In summary, we provided a detailed characterization of *TP5*3 allelic state in 3,324 MDS patients and assessed its implication for disease biology, clinical presentation and outcomes. Two third of *TP53*-mutated patients had multiple hits (>1 gene mutations, mutation and deletion, mutation and cnLOH) consistent with bi-allelic targeting. The remaining third had mono-allelic mutations with one residual wild-type allele.

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We demonstrated that the multi-hit *TP53* state in MDS, not the bare presence of any *TP53* mutation, underlies established associations with genome instability, treatment resistance, disease progression and dismal outcomes. Multi-hit *TP53* identified very high-risk patients independently of the IPSS-R, co-occurring mutations and clonal representation. Surprisingly, 358 mono-allelic *TP53* patients did not differ from *TP53* wild-type patients with regards to response 359 to therapy, overall survival and AML progression. The shift in survival for mono-allelic patients 360 with the number of co-mutations indicates diversity of disease pathogenesis and highlights the 361 need for prognostic models that consider a large spectrum of gene mutations in the future.

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363 Different evolutionary trajectories between multi-hit and mono-allelic patients emerged 364 from our data. In multi-hit state, *TP53* mutations were predominantly in the dominant clone with complex karyotypes and few other mutations, reflecting early truncal events in MDS 365 pathogenesis. In contrast, mono-allelic TP53 mutations were frequently subclonal and co-366 367 occurred with mutations from a broad range of genes, to include genes associated with both a favorable³¹ (*SF3B1*) or poor³² (*ASXL1*, *RUNX1*, *CBL*) prognosis. A limitation of our study is that we 368 369 may have missed a second hit for a small subset of cases, such as balanced rearrangement or 370 aberrant methylation. However, the systematic differences between mono-allelic and multi-hit 371 patients across genomic and clinical metrics indicate that our definition of TP53 allelic state 372 delineates two biologically and clinically relevant groups. In Extended Data Fig. 10, we propose a workflow to map *TP53* allelic state in routine diagnostic practice. 373

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Our findings imply that diagnostic and prognostic precision in MDS requires the assessment of *TP53* allelic state. We propose that bi-allelic *TP53* should be distinguished from mono-allelic *TP53* mutations in future revisions of the IPSS-R and in correlative studies of treatment response. As the most frequently mutated gene in cancer, the representation and effect of *TP53* allelic state warrant investigation across cancer indications.

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Figure 1 | Integration of TP53 mutations and allelic imbalances at the TP53 locus identifies 522 523 **TP53 states with evidence of mono-allelic or bi-allelic targeting. a**, Number of patients (from 524 patients with any hit at the TP53 locus) with 0, 1, 2 or 3 TP53 mutations. Colors represent the 525 status of chromosome 17 at the TP53 locus, to include copy-neutral loss of heterozygosity 526 (cnloh), deletion (del), isochromosome 17q rearrangement (iso17q), gain or no detected aberration (normal). Unbalanced translocations leading to 17p deletion are encoded as "del". **b**, 527 Frequency of TP53 subgroups within TP53-mutated patients. TP53 subgroups are defined as 528 529 cases with i) single gene mutation (1mut) ii) several mutations with normal status of 530 chromosome 17 at the TP53 locus (>1mut) iii) mutation(s) and chromosomal deletion at the 531 TP53 locus (mut+del) and iv) mutation(s) and copy-neutral loss of heterozygosity at the TP53 locus (mut+cnloh). c, Density estimation of variant allele frequency (VAF) of TP53 mutations 532 across *TP53* subgroups (1mut, >1mut, mut+del, mut+cnloh from top to bottom). **d**, Distribution 533 534 of TP53 mutations along the gene body. Mutations from patients with mono-allelic TP53 are 535 depicted at the top and mutations from patients with multiple *TP53* hits at the bottom. Missense 536 mutations are shown as green circles. Truncated mutations corresponding to nonsense or 537 nonstop mutations, frameshift deletions or insertions and splice site variants are shown as pink 538 circles. Other types of mutations to include inframe deletions or insertions are shown as orange 539 circles. TAD: transactivation domain; DBD: DNA binding domain; OD: oligomerization domain.

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Figure 2 | TP53 allelic state correlates with contrasting levels of genome stability and 541 542 patterns of co-mutation. a, Number of chromosomal aberrations on other chromosomes than 543 17 per patient across *TP53* subgroups (1mut, >1mut, mut+del and mut+cnloh, with 125, 90, 85 and 78 patients, respectively) and types of aberrations, i.e., rearrangement (rearr), gain or 544 545 deletion (del). In all boxplots, the median is indicated by the tick horizontal line, and the first and third quartiles by the box edges. The lower and upper whiskers extend from the hinges to the 546 smallest and largest values, respectively, no further than 1.5x the interquartile range from the 547 hinges. ****p<0.0001 two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test, each compared to the same aberration 548 549 within the 1mut group. **b**, Number of unique chromosomes other than 17 affected by a chromosomal aberration (rearr, gain or del) per *TP53* subgroup of 1mut (N=125), >1mut (N=90), 550

551 mut+del (N=85) and mut+cnloh (N=78). Dots represent the median across patients and lines extend from first to third quartiles. ****p<0.0001 two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test, compared 552 to the 1mut group. The W statistics equal to 9950, 10040 and 9239 and p-values equal to 2x10⁻²², 553 554 $2x10^{-28}$ and $1x10^{-27}$ for >1mut, mut+del and mut+cnloh, respectively. **c.** Interaction between *TP53* allelic state and complex karyotype. 13% (16/125) of mono-allelic *TP53* patients (1mut) 555 556 had a complex karyotype and 91% (231/253) of multi-hit *TP53* patients (multi) had a complex 557 karyotype. **d**, Number of driver mutations on other genes than *TP53* per *TP53* subgroup of 1mut (N=125), >1mut (N=90), mut+del (N=85) and mut+cnloh (N=78). Dots represent the median 558 across patients and lines extend from first to third quartiles. ****p<0.0001 two-sided Wilcoxon 559 rank-sum test, compared to the 1mut group. The W statistics equal to 8515, 8499 and 7785 and 560 p-values equal to $6x10^{-11}$, $6x10^{-14}$ and $3x10^{-13}$ for >1mut, mut+del and mut+cnloh, respectively e, 561 562 Proportion of cases per TP53 allelic state with driver mutations in the genes most frequently comutated with *TP53*. Genes mutated in at least 5% of mono-allelic (N=125) or multi-hit (N=253) 563 patients are represented. ***p< 0.001, **p<0.01, *p<0.05 two-sided Fisher exact test with 564 Benjamini-Hochberg multiple testing correction. 565

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Figure 3 | TP53 allelic state associates with distinct clinical phenotypes and shapes patient 567 **outcomes.** a-d, Boxplots indicative of the levels of cytopenias, hemoglobin in (a), platelets in (b) 568 569 and absolute neutrophil count (ANC) in (c), and of the percentage of bone marrow blasts (d) per *TP53* allelic state of wild-type *TP53* (WT, N=2922), mono-allelic *TP53* (1mut, N=125) or multiple 570 571 *TP53* hits (multi, N=253). In all boxplots, the median is indicated by the tick horizontal line, and the first and third quartiles by the box edges. The lower and upper whiskers extend from the 572 573 hinges to the smallest and largest values, respectively, no further than 1.5x the interquartile range from the hinges. The y-axes are square-rooted. ****p<0.0001, ***p<0.001 two-sided 574 575 Wilcoxon rank-sum test. e-f, Kaplan-Meier probability estimates of overall survival (e) and 576 cumulative incidence of AML transformation (AMLt) (f) per TP53 allelic state. The number of cases with outcome data per allelic state is indicated in parentheses. P-values are derived from 577 578 two-sided log-rank and Gray's tests. g, Results of Cox proportional hazards regression for overall survival (OS) performed on 2,719 patients with complete data for OS and with 1,290 observed 579 580 deaths. Explicative variables are hemoglobin, platelets, ANC, bone marrow blasts, cytogenetic 581 IPSS-R risk scores (very-good, good, intermediate is the reference, poor and very-poor) and TP53 582 allelic state (mono-allelic, multi-hit and wild-type is the reference). Hemoglobin, platelets, ANC

and bone marrow blasts are scaled by their sample mean. Age is scaled by a factor 10. The x-axis is log₁₀ scaled. Dots and lines represent the estimated hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals (CI), respectively. ****p<0.0001, ***p<0.001, **p<0.01, ns p>0.05 Wald test. **h**, Results of cause-specific Cox proportional hazards regression for AMLt performed on 2,464 patients with complete data for AMLt and with 411 observed transformation. Covariates are the same as in (g). Dots and lines represent the estimated hazard ratios and 95% CI, respectively. ****p<0.0001, **p<0.01, ns p>0.05 Wald test.

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591 Figure 4 | *TP53* allelic state demarcates outcomes in therapy-related MDS and on different

592 therapies. a, Kaplan-Meier probability estimates of overall survival per TP53 allelic state of 593 wild-type *TP53* (WT), mono-allelic *TP53* (1mut) and multiple *TP53* hits (multi); and across types 594 of MDS, i.e., de-novo MDS (solid line) or therapy-related MDS (dashed line). Within the de-novo cases, 101 had a mono-allelic TP53 mutation (solid orange line), 184 were multi-hit TP53 (solid 595 blue line) and 2552 were TP53 wild-type (solid grey line). Within the therapy-related cases, 10 596 had a mono-allelic TP53 mutation (dashed orange line), 52 were multi-hit TP53 (dashed blue 597 598 line) and 162 were TP53 wild-type (dashed grey line). Annotated p-values are from the twosided log-rank test. **b-c-d**, Kaplan-Meier probability estimates of overall survival (OS) post start 599 of hypomethylating agent (HMA) treatment (b) start of Lenalidomide treatment for patients with 600 601 del(5q) (c) hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) (d) per TP53 allelic state. OS was measured from the time of treatment start or HSCT to the time of death from any cause. Patients 602 alive at the last follow-up date were censored at that time. The number of cases with OS data per 603 604 *TP53* state is indicated in parentheses Annotated p-values are from the two-sided log-rank test.

605 **METHODS**

606 **Patient samples**

The International Working Group for Prognosis in MDS (IWG-PM) cohort originated from 24 MDS centers (Supplementary Table 1) that contributed peri-diagnosis MDS, MDS/MPN and AML/AML with myelodysplasia-related changes (AML-MRC) patient samples to the study. Upon quality control (Supplementary Fig. 1), 3,324 samples were included in the study (Extended Data Fig. 1). The source for genomic DNA was bone marrow or peripheral blood mononuclear cells. The median time from diagnosis to sampling was 0 days (1st quartile: 0 days, 3rd quartile: 113 days). The validation cohort consisted of 1,120 samples from the Japanese MDS consortium
(Extended Data Fig. 2). Samples were obtained with informed consent in accordance with the
Declaration of Helsinki and appropriate Ethics Committee approval from each IWG-PM partner
institution.

617 Clinical data

Diagnostic clinical variables were provided by the contributing centers and curated to ensure 618 uniformity of metrics across centers and countries. Clinical variables included i) Sex ii) Age at 619 620 diagnosis iii) WHO disease subtype iv) MDS type i.e., de-novo, secondary or therapy-related MDS 621 v) Differential blood counts to include hemoglobin, platelets, white blood cell, neutrophil and 622 monocyte vi) Percentage of bone marrow and peripheral blood blasts vii) Cytogenetic data and 623 viii) Risk score as per IPSS-R¹¹. Clinical outcomes included the time of death from any cause or 624 last follow-up from sample collection, and the time of AML transformation or last follow-up from 625 sample collection.

626 <u>Cytogenetic data</u>

627 Conventional banding analysis (CBA) data were available for 2,931 patients and karyotypes were
628 described in accordance with the International System for Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature³³.
629 CBA data were risk stratified according to the IPSS-R guidelines¹² using both algorithmic
630 classification and manual classification by an expert panel of cytogeneticists.

631 <u>WHO subtypes</u>

Contributing centers provided for the vast majority disease classification as per WHO 2008.
Pathology review was performed uniformly on the entire cohort, to ensure concordance between
disease classification and diagnostic variables, and to update the classification as per WHO 2016.
The cohort was representative of all MDS WHO subtypes and included 563 (17%) MDS/MPN and
167 (5%) AML-MRC samples (Extended Data Fig. 1).

637 <u>IPSS-R risk scores</u>

IPSS-R risk scores were uniformly calculated based on the IPSS-R cytogenetic risk scores and on
the values for hemoglobin, platelets, absolute neutrophil count and percentage of bone marrow
blasts. All IPSS-R risk groups were represented (Extended Data Fig. 1).

641 Targeted sequencing

642 Panel design

The panel used for targeted sequencing included genes recurrently mutated in MDS as well as 1,118 genome wide single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) probes for copy number analysis, with on average one SNP probe every 3Mb. Bait tiling was conducted at 2x. Baits were designed to span all exonic regions of *TP53* across all transcripts, as described in RefSeq (NM_001276761, NM_001276695, NM_001126114, NM_00112611), and included 20bp intronic flanking regions.

648 Library preparation and sequencing

For library construction, 11-800ng of genomic DNA was used using the KAPA Hyper Prep Kit
(Kapa Biosystems KK8504) with 7-12 cycles of PCR. After sample barcoding, 10-1610ng of each
library were pooled and captured by hybridization. Captured pools were sequenced with pairedend Illumina HiSeq at a median coverage of 730x per sample (range 127-2480x). Read length
was 100bp or 125bp.

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We also sequenced 48 samples on the panel, with the same sequencing conditions as the tumor samples, from young individuals who did not have hematological disease; to help further filtering of sequencing artefacts and germline SNPs.

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659 Sequencing was performed in an unmatched setting i.e., without a matched normal tissue control
660 per patient, so that variants had to be curated accordingly (see section "Variant calling and
661 filtering for artefacts and likely germline variants" below).

662 <u>Alignment</u>

663 Raw sequence data were aligned to the human genome (NCBI build 37) using BWA³⁴ version 664 0.7.17. PCR duplicate reads marked with Picard were tools (https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/) version 2.18.2. For alignment, we used the pcap-core 665 666 dockerized pipeline version 4.2.1 available at https://github.com/cancerit/PCAP-core.

667 Sample quality control

Quality control (QC) of the fastq data and bam data were performed with FastQC
 (<u>http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/</u>) version 0.11.5 and Picard tools
 respectively.

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672 In addition, a number of downstream QC steps were performed, to include:

Fingerprinting, i.e., evaluation of the similarity between all pairs of samples based on the
 respective genotype on 1,118 SNPs. Duplicate samples were excluded from the study.

- Evaluation of concordance between the patient sex from the clinical data and the
 coverage on the sex chromosomes. Discordant cases were discussed with the contributing
 centers to rule out patients with Klinefelter syndrome and filter out erroneous samples
 appropriately.
- Evaluation of concordance between CBA data and NGS derived copy-number profiles (see section "Copy number and LOH analysis" below). A typical discordant case is a case where
 CBA reports a given deletion or gain in a high number of metaphases and the NGS profile
 clearly shows other abnormalities but not the one reported by CBA. All discordant cases
 were reviewed by a panel of experts through the IWG cytogenetic committee.
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Finally, samples that passed QC but were found not to be treatment naive i.e., the patients
received disease modifying treatment before sample collection, were excluded from the study.
Supplementary Fig. 1 summarizes the QC workflow.

688 Variant calling and filtering for artefacts and likely germline variants

689 Variants were derived from a combination of variant callers. For single nucleotide variants (SNVs), we used Caveman (http://cancerit.github.io/CaVEMan/) version 1.7.4, Mutect³⁵ version 690 4.0.1.2 and Strelka³⁶ version 2.9.1. For small insertions and deletions (indels), we used Pindel³⁷ 691 version 1.5.4, Mutect version 4.0.1.2 and Strelka version 2.9.1. VAFs were uniformly reported 692 across all called variants using a "vafCorrect" realignment procedure available at 693 https://github.com/cancerit/vafCorrect. All called variants were annotated with VAGrENT 694 (https://github.com/cancerit/VAGrENT) version 695 3.3.0 and Ensembl-VEP (https://github.com/Ensembl/ensembl-vep) with Ensembl version 91 and VEP release 94.5. 696

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698 Likely artefact variants were filtered out based on:

- 699 Off-target variants, i.e., variants called outside of the panel target regions were excluded.
- Variants with VAF<2%, less than 20 total reads or less than 5 mutant supporting reads
 were excluded.

The number of callers calling a given variant and the combination of filters (flags) from
the triple callers. More specifically:

- For SNVs, variants called by Caveman with more than 2 Caveman flags (from the DTH, RP, MN, PT, MQ, SR, TI, SRP, VUM, SE list) were excluded. Variants only called by Strelka and Mutect (not Caveman) were filtered out if they had >0 flags or if the "dirprop" metric (ratio of number of reads on each strand) was smaller than 0.44.
 Variants only called by Mutect (not Caveman nor Strelka) were filtered out if they had >0 flags or if "dirprop" was smaller than 0.44 or if VAF was smaller than 5%.
- For indels, variants called by all three callers Pindel, Mutect and Strelka were excluded if they had >3 flags. Variants called by only two callers were excluded if they had >2 flags. Variants only called by Pindel were filtered out if they had >1 flags or less than 2 mutant reads on one strand. Variants only called by Mutect were filtered out if they had >0 flags or less than 2 mutant reads on one strand.

- Recurrence and VAF distribution of the called variants on a panel of 48 normals samples.

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After pre-filtering of artifactual variants, likely germline SNPs were filtered out by considerationof:

719 - VAF density of variants consistent with germline SNP.

Presence in the Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD)³⁸. More specifically, variants with a population-based allele frequency ("VEP_gnomAD_AF") larger than 0.001 were excluded (with the exception of a few variants in *SH2B3* involved in familial thrombocythemia). Variants with a maximum allele frequency across the gnomAD populations ("VEP_MAX_AF") larger than 0.01 were excluded (with the exception of *ASXL1* amino acid position G646 which requires specific rescue).

726 - Recurrence in panel of normals.

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All remaining likely somatic variants after abovementioned filtering were manually inspected
 with the Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV)³⁹ to rule out residual artefacts.

730 Variant annotation for likely oncogenicity

From the list of likely somatic variants, putative oncogenic variants were distinguished fromvariants of unknown significance VUS based on:

- Recurrence in the Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations in Cancer (COSMIC)⁴⁰, in myeloid
 disease samples registered in cBioPortal^{40,41} or in the study dataset.
- Presence in pan-cancer hotspot databases^{42,43}.
- Annotation in the human variation database ClinVar⁴⁴.
- Annotation in the precision oncology knowledge database OncoKB⁴⁵.
- Recurrence with somatic presentation in a set of in-house data derived from >6,000
 myeloid neoplasms^{16,32,46}.
- 740 The inferred consequence of a mutation; where nonsense mutations, splice site mutations
- and frameshift indels were considered oncogenic for likely tumor suppressor genes (from
 COSMIC Cancer Census Genes or OncoKB Cancer Gene List).

For annotation of oncogenicity of *TP53* variants we additionally considered:

Functional annotation in the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) *TP53* database⁴⁷.

- Functional classification *TP53* prediction scores using PHANTM⁴⁸.

747 Supplementary Fig. 5 illustrates the rationale and results of the annotation of *TP53* variants for748 putative oncogenicity.

749 **Copy number and LOH analysis**

In addition to CBA, we assessed chromosomal alterations based on NGS sequencing data using
CNACS⁷. CNACS enables the detection of arm level and focal copy-numbers changes as well as
regions of cnLOH. CNACS has been optimized to run in the unmatch setting and uses a panel of
normals for calibration.

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Supplementary Fig. 2 provides examples of characterization of allelic imbalances (gains,
deletions and regions of cnLOH) using CNACS, with concordant copy-number change findings
between CBA and CNACS, focal deletions exclusively detected with CNACS and, as expected,

regions of cnLOH detected by CNACS only. For genome-wide analysis, we restricted the CNACS segments to be bigger than 3Mb with a minor-allele-frequency smaller than 45% (when 50% represents no allelic imbalance). Supplementary Fig. 4 provides examples of characterization of allelic imbalances by CNACS and SNP arrays on 21 selected samples, with very concordant findings between the two assays.

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In addition to CNACS, we also run CNVkit⁴⁹ version 0.9.6 on the study cohort. CNVkit does not infer allele specific copy-numbers, so that it does not allow to mark regions of cnLOH, but it estimates copy-number changes. The integration of two copy-number tools increased specificity and sensitivity of the copy-number calling.

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769 On 2,931 patients with CBA data, we performed a detailed comparison of CBA and NGS-derived copy-number results (Supplementary Fig. 3) and showed highly concordant findings. Along with 770 the annotation of regions of cnLOH, we supplemented the presence of copy-number changes on 771 772 patients when it was clear on the NGS results but missed by CBA (e.g. focal deletions). In 393 patients with missing CBA data, we used the NGS results to fully annotate copy-number changes. 773 As our NGS assay did not allow to detect translocations, inversions, whole genome amplification 774 and the presence of marker or ring chromosomes, those specific alterations were statistically 775 776 imputed from other molecular markers on these 393 patients.

777 <u>Complex Karyotype</u>

From the 2,931 patients with CBA data, 310 had a complex karyotype according to the CBA results, where complex karyotype was defined as 3 or more independent chromosomal abnormalities. Within the 2,931 patients with CBA data, NGS results helped to identify complex karyotypes in an additional 15 patients. Within the 393 cases with missing CBA data, 13 had a complex karyotype according to NGS copy-number profiles (Supplementary Fig. 3c). Overall, 329 patients had a complex karyotype representing 10% of the study cohort.

784 Statistics

All statistical analyses were conducted using the R statistical platform (R Core Team 2019)
 (<u>https://www.r-project.org/</u>) version 3.6.1. Fisher's exact test and Wilcoxon rank-sum test were

used to compare categorical and continuous variables. All statistical tests were two-sided.
Benjamini-Hochberg multiple testing correction was applied when appropriate.

789 <u>Overall survival</u>

Overall survival (OS) was measured from the time of sample collection to the time of death from any cause. Patients alive at the last follow-up date were censored at that time. Survival probabilities over time were estimated using Kaplan-Meier methodology, and comparisons of survival across subgroups were conducted using the two-sided log-rank test. Kaplan-Meir estimates were computed using the "survival" R package.

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Multivariable models of OS were performed with Cox proportional hazards regressions, using 796 797 the "coxph" R package. Hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals were reported for the covariates along the p-values from the Wald test. Covariates included in the multivariable model 798 of OS were age, hemoglobin, platelets, absolute neutrophil count (ANC), bone marrow blasts, 799 cytogenetic risk group and *TP53* allelic state. Hemoglobin, platelets, ANC and bone marrow blasts 800 801 were treated as continuous variables and were scaled by their sample mean. Age was treated as a 802 continuous variable and was scaled by a factor 10. Cytogenetic risk group was treated as a 803 categorical variable with the intermediate risk group as the reference group. TP53 allelic state 804 was treated as a categorical variable with the wild-type state as the reference group relative to 805 the mono-allelic and the multi-hit groups. Those covariates correspond to all covariates included in the age-adjusted IPPS-R model along the *TP53* allelic state. 806

807 AML transformation

In univariate analysis of AML transformation (AMLt), time to AMLt was measured from the time
of sample collection to the time of transformation, with death without transformation treated as
a competing risk. Patients alive without AMLt at the last contact date were censored at that time.
Cumulative incidence functions were used to estimate the incidence of AMLt using the "cmprsk"
R package and comparisons of cumulative incidence function across subgroups were conducted
using two-sided Gray's test.

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815 Multivariable models of AMLt were performed using cause-specific Cox proportional hazards 816 regressions, where patients who did not transform but died were censored at the time of death.

- 817 Hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals were reported for the covariates along the p-values
- 818 from the Wald test. Covariates included in the multivariable model of AMLt were the same as the
- 819 ones included in the model of OS described above.

820 **Reporting Summary**

Further information on research design is available in the Nature Research Reporting Summarylinked to this paper.

823 Code availability

The NGS-based allele specific copy-number algorithm CNACS⁷ is available as a python toil workflow engine at <u>https://github.com/papaemmelab/toil cnacs</u>, where release v0.2.0 was used in this study. Source code to reproduce figures from the manuscript is available at <u>https://github.com/papaemmelab/MDS-TP53-state</u>.

828 Data availability

829 Clinical, copy-number and mutation data are available at
830 <u>https://github.com/papaemmelab/MDS-TP53-state</u>. The data that underlie Fig. 1-4 are provided
831 as Source Data.

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Databases used in the study are gnomAD https://gnomad.broadinstitute.org, COSMIC 833 https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic, cBioPortal 834 for Cancer Genomics https://www.cbioportal.org, OncoKB Oncology Knowledge 835 Precision Base https://www.oncokb.org, ClinVar https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar and IARC TP53 836 Database <u>https://p53.iarc.fr</u>. 837

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Amino acid position



Aberrations on different chromosomes than 17



TP53 subgroup





Hazard ratio for AMLt (95% CI)



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IWG-MDS cohort (N=3324)

Characteristic	No. of cases (%)	Median (1Q - 3Q)
Gender Male Female	2005 (60%) 1319 (40%)	
Age at diagnosis Missing data	- 85 (2.6%)	71 (63 - 78) -
Type of MDS De-novo Therapy-related Secondary Missing data	2855 (86%) 229 (7%) 51 (1%) 189 (6%)	
WHO 2016 classification MDS MDS-del5q MDS-SLD/MLD MDS-RS-SLD/MLD MDS-EB1 MDS-EB2 MDS-U AML AML-MRC AML [#] MDS/MPN CMML aCML MDS/MPN-U MDS/MPN-U MDS/MPN-RS-T Other Missing data	$\begin{array}{c} 142 \ (4.3\%) \\ 914 \ (27.5\%) \\ 460 \ (13.8\%) \\ 451 \ (13.6\%) \\ 429 \ (12.9\%) \\ 92 \ (2.8\%) \\ \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} 103 \ (3\%) \\ 64 \ (2\%) \\ \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} 425 \ (12.8\%) \\ 46 \ (1.4\%) \\ 50 \ (1.5\%) \\ 42 \ (1.3\%) \\ 11 \ (0.3\%) \\ 95 \ (2.9\%) \end{array}$	
Cytogenetics IPSS-R Very-good Good Int Poor Very-poor Missing data	125 (3.8%) 1992 (59.9%) 421 (12.7%) 149 (4.5%) 254 (7.6%) 383 (11.5%)	
IPSS-R risk group Very-good Good Int Poor Very-poor Missing data	372 (14.6%) 1106 (33.3%) 630 (19%) 448 (13.5%) 372 (11.2%) 282 (8.5%)	
Blood counts Hemoglobin (g/dL) Platelets (10 ⁹ /L) ANC (10 ⁹ /L)		9.7 (8.6 - 11.2) 123 (65 - 229) 2 (1 - 3.7)
Bone Marrow Blasts % Missing data	- 108 (3.2%)	3 (1 - 8) _
Outcome Median follow-up (years) ^{\$} Missing OS data	- 152 (4.5%)	3.44 -



Validation cohort (N=1120)			
Characteristic	No. of cases (%)	Median (1Q - 3Q)	
Cohort Clinical sequencing JMPD JALSG MDS212	627 (56%) 314 (28%) 179 (16%)		
Gender Male Female	751 (67%) 369 (33%)		
Age at diagnosis Missing data	- 121 (11%)	65 (54 - 75) -	
WHO 2016 classification MDS t-MDS MDS-del5q MDS-SLD MDS-MLD MDS-MLD MDS-RS-SLD/MLD MDS-EB1/2 MDS-U AML AML-MRC MDS/MPN CMML aCML MDS/MPN-U MDS/MPN-RS-T Missing data	9 (0.9%) 7 (0.6%) 169 (15.1%) 100 (8.9%) 34 (3%) 437 (39%) 15 (1.3%) 121 (10.8%) 43 (3.8%) 4 (0.4%) 6 (0.5%) 4 (0.4%) 171 (15.3%)		
IPSS-R risk group Very-good Good Int Poor Very-poor Missing data	22 (4.2%) 60 (11.4%) 77 (14.6%) 101 (19.1%) 166 (31.4%) 102 (19.3%)		
Blood counts Hemoglobin (g/dL) Platelets (10 ⁹ /L) ANC (10 ⁹ /L)		8.4 (7.4 - 10.0) 76 (39 - 138) 1.2 (0.5 - 2.4)	
Bone Marrow Blasts % Missing data	- 554 (49%)	6.8 (2 - 15) -	
Outcome Median follow-up (years) ^{\$} Missing OS data	- 241 (22%)	1.1	



Chromosome / Chromosome Arm







Patient	TP53 Variant 1	Protein Change 1	VAF 1	TP53 Variant 2	Protein Change 2	VAF 2	note
p1	17_7577498_C_T	p.?	0.37	17_7577529_A_T	p.I251N	0.24	
p2	17_7578176_C_T	p.?	0.22	17_7578190_T_C	p.Y220C	0.15	
p3	17_7577538_C_T	p.R248Q	0.16	17_7577570_C_T	p.M237I	0.04	third splice-site mutation at VAF 0.16
p4	17_7577498_C_T	p.?	0.21	17_7577515_T_G	p.T256P	0.2	
p5	17_7577520_A_T	p.I254N	0.46	17_7577539_G_A	p.R248W	0.43	
p6	17_7577106_G_C	p.P278A	0.41	17_7577120_C_T	p.R273H	0.02	
p7	17_7578190_T_C	p.Y220C	0.34	17_7578268_A_C	p.L194R	0.34	
p8	17_7577536_T_A	p.R249W	0.39	17_7577568_C_T	p.C238Y	0.41	
p9	17_7578442_T_C	p.Y163C	0.39	17_7578538_T_A	p.N1311	0.38	
p10	17_7579312_C_T	p.T125T	0.15	17_7579349_A_C	p.F113C	0.15	
p11	17_7578392_C_A	p.E180*	0.05	17_7578403_C_T	p.C176Y	0.06	
p12	17_7578190_T_C	p.Y220C	0.45	17_7578191_A_G	p.Y220H	0.44	
p13	17_7577538_C_T	p.R248Q	0.34	17_7577570_C_T	p.M237I	0.32	
p14	17_7578460_A_C	p.V157G	0.15	17_7578478_G_C	p.P151R	0.65	
p15	17_7578455_C_G	p.A159P	0.04	17_7578524_G_C	p.Q136E	0.07	
p16	17_7577018_C_T	p.?	0.38	17_7577097_C_A	p.D281Y	0.37	
p17	17_7578394_T_A	p.H179L	0.42	17_7578415_AC_A	p.V172fs*2	0.41	
p18	17_7579311_C_T	p.?	0.32	17_7579358_CG_C	p.R110fs*13	0.35	







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truncated hotspot (273, 248, 220, 175) other-missense

Treated cohort subsets					
	HMA cohort (N=656)	Lenalidomide cohort (N=101)	HSCT cohort (N=310)		
Characteristic	No. of cases (%)				
TP53 allelic state Wild type Mono-allelic Multi-hit	511 (78%) 24 (4%) 121 (18%)	72 (73%) 12 (12%) 17 (15%)	274 (88%) 7 (2%) 29 (9%)		
TP53 allelic state, with outcome data Wild type Mono-allelic Multi-hit	497 22 119	69 10 16	265 7 24		
Gender Male Female	428 (65%) 228 (35%)	35 (35%) 66 (65%)	188 (61%) 122 (39%)		
WHO 2016 classification MDS-del5q MDS-SLD/MLD MDS-RS-SLD/MLD MDS-EB1/2 MDS-U AML/AML-MRC MDS/MPN Missing data	$\begin{array}{c} 4 \ (0.6\%) \\ 84 \ (13\%) \\ 31 \ (5\%) \\ 351 \ (54\%) \\ 6 \ (1\%) \\ 63 \ (10\%) \\ 113 \ (17\%) \\ 4 \ (0.6\%) \end{array}$	$50 (50\%) \\3 (3\%) \\3 (2\%) \\28 (28\%) \\4 (4\%) \\6 (7\%) \\6 (6\%) \\1 (0.9\%)$	5 (1.6%) 59 (19%) 21 (6.6%) 144 (46%) 7 (2%) 26 (9%) 45 (14%) 3 (0.9%)		
Cytogenetics IPSS-R Very-good Good Int Poor Very-poor Missing data	11 (2%) 340 (51%) 100 (16%) 58 (9%) 111 (17%) 36 (5%)	- 63 (63%) 6 (6%) 3 (3%) 18 (18%) 11 (11%)	3 (0.9%) 177 (56%) 46 (15%) 35 (11%) 25 (9%) 24 (8%)		

