

**Supplementary Table 1.** CBC parameters of healthy volunteers and MDS patients

	MDS patients		Healthy volunteers		
	MN	SD	MN	SD	P
<b>RBC (T/L)</b>	2.9	0.6	4.6	0.4	****
<b>Hb (g/L)</b>	93.8	18.1	140.2	9.2	****
<b>Hct (%)</b>	28.2	5.4	42.0	2.7	****
<b>MCV (fL)</b>	99.1	12.3	92.2	4.4	****
<b>MCH (pg/cell)</b>	33.0	4.3	30.8	1.6	****
<b>MCHC (g/dL)</b>	33.3	1.0	33.4	0.8	
<b>RDW (%)</b>	19.1	4.5	13.7	0.7	****
<b>PLT (G/L)</b>	154.7	143.8	252.9	48.8	****
<b>MPV (fL)</b>	9.6	1.4	8.7	0.8	****
<b>WBC (G/L)</b>	4.7	3.8	5.8	1.2	****
<b>UWBC (G/L)</b>	4.7	3.8	5.8	1.2	****
<b>% NE</b>	54.4	19.8	55.3	7.3	
<b>% LY</b>	30.6	18.7	31.9	7.1	
<b>% MO</b>	11.2	8.2	8.7	2.1	
<b>% EO</b>	2.6	3.4	3.3	2.3	****
<b>% BA</b>	1.2	1.3	0.8	0.6	
<b>Abs NE (G/L)</b>	2.9	2.9	3.2	0.8	**
<b>Abs LY (G/L)</b>	1.1	1.1	1.8	0.6	****
<b>Abs MO (G/L)</b>	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.1	**
<b>Abs EO (G/L)</b>	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	****
<b>Abs BA (G/L)</b>	0.05	0.09	0.03	0.05	
<b>% NRBC</b>	0.4	0.8	0.04	0.1	****
<b>Abs NRBC (G/L)</b>	0.02	0.05	0.002	0.003	****

\*\*: P < 0.01 ; \*\*\*\*: P < 0.0001

**Supplementary Table 2.** Research parameters of healthy volunteers and MDS patients (MDS-LS parameters are highlighted in grey)

	MDS patients						Healthy volunteers						MDS patients						Healthy volunteers						
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	MN	SD	MN	SD	P		MN	SD	MN	SD	P		MN	SD	MN	SD	P		MN	SD	MN	SD	P		
<b>NRBC</b>	MN-V	152.3	14.0	147.7	5.3	**	MN-V	95.1	6.6	88.2	3.1	****	MN-V	184.5	13.7	171.1	5.8	****	SD-V	23.4	4.6	18.3	2.0	****	
	SD-V	22	6.4	16.7	1.0	****	SD-V	16.3	3.6	14.2	0.9	****	SD-V	23.4	4.6	18.3	2.0	****	MN-C	123.6	6.2	124.5	4.2	*	
	MN-C	143	6.7	144.7	4.6	**	MN-C	116.1	5.7	115.6	4.1	****	SD-C	9.6	3.9	7.6	1.0	****	SD-C	6.7	4.5	5.2	0.8	*	
	SD-C	5.9	2.1	4.5	0.5	****	SD-C	9.6	3.9	7.6	1.0	****	SD-C	6.7	4.5	5.2	0.8	*	MN-MALS	132.6	7.3	70.6	3.8	****	
	MN-MALS	13.9	9.3	140.7	4.4	****	MN-MALS	71.9	7.3	70.6	3.8	****	SD-MALS	18.4	3.5	16.5	0.9	****	SD-MALS	88.2	6.1	87.8	3.1	****	
	SD-MALS	13.1	4.1	10.3	1.2	****	MN-JUMALS	73.1	10.8	69.1	6.7	**	MN-JUMALS	97.9	7.6	96.7	4.5	****	MN-JUMALS	131.0	10.1	138.8	4.3	****	
	MN-JUMALS	14.5	4.5	10.8	0.7	****	SD-JUMALS	21.7	3.4	20.9	1.5	****	SD-JUMALS	13.1	3.9	12.4	1.1	****	SD-JUMALS	127.4	10.4	136.0	7.0	****	
	MN-L-MALS	127.4	10.4	136.0	7.0	****	MN-L-MALS	62.8	5.5	63.3	3.0	****	SD-L-MALS	20.3	3.2	18.4	0.8	****	SD-L-MALS	74.1	6.3	74.4	3.8	****	
	SD-L-MALS	15.0	3.7	13.0	2.4	****	MN-J-ALS	41.2	4.4	38.9	2.7	***	MN-J-ALS	86.8	14.7	89.3	14.0	****	MN-J-ALS	158.4	19.6	165.4	14.5	****	
	MN-J-ALS	31.2	5.8	28.5	4.6	****	SD-J-ALS	12.5	2.7	10.6	1.2	****	SD-J-ALS	24.8	4.9	23.6	4.2	****	SD-J-ALS	96.3	7.5	92.4	4.7	****	
<b>Eosinophils</b>	MN-AL2	155.0	8.7	153.7	5.2	****	SD-AL2	14.2	5.1	10.3	1.3	****	SD-AL2	13.2	3.8	11.1	0.9	****	SD-AL2	15.9	5.6	11.6	1.3	****	
	MN-V	160.0	16.7	160.2	5.6	****	MN-V	167.0	24.3	155.5	12.0	**	MN-V	30.0	9.5	26.2	10.5	**	RUO	LHD	8.0	8.2	5.8	3.8	****
	SD-V	20.1	7.8	16.7	1.5	***	SD-V	133.7	7.3	135.9	4.1	**	SD-C	2.8	1.0	2.1	0.7	***	EGC	PDW	18.0	1.2	16.7	0.5	****
	MN-C	149.3	12.7	146.5	4.9	****	MN-C	133.7	7.3	135.9	4.1	**	SD-C	2.8	1.0	2.1	0.7	***	EGC	ECC	1.3	3.9	0.1	0.1	****
	SD-C	9.1	9.4	4.4	1.8	****	MN-J-MALS	138.1	10.4	147.0	5.5	****	MN-J-MALS	7.9	2.4	6.6	2.1	**	MN-J-MALS	144.7	13.5	152.4	7.4	**	
	MN-J-MALS	194.8	11.2	202.7	4.7	****	SD-J-MALS	10.0	5.4	8.8	2.5	****	SD-J-MALS	12.2	5.4	11.4	3.5	****	SD-J-MALS	12.2	5.4	11.4	3.5	****	
	SD-J-MALS	11.1	4.8	8.4	0.7	****	MN-J-ALS	125.6	11.0	136.2	5.7	****	MN-J-ALS	10.0	5.4	8.8	2.5	****	SD-J-ALS	10.0	5.4	8.8	2.5	****	
	MN-J-ALS	203.5	12.1	213.1	5.7	****	SD-J-ALS	119.7	17.6	128.8	12.1	***	MN-J-ALS	119.7	17.6	128.8	12.1	***	SD-J-ALS	21.3	6.7	19.8	6.8	***	
	SD-J-ALS	12.4	5.1	9.2	0.8	****	MN-JAL2	165.3	17.0	162.1	10.1	****	MN-JAL2	165.3	17.0	162.1	10.1	****	SD-JAL2	20.6	6.7	15.8	5.4	****	
	MN-JAL2	133.4	10.4	126.1	4.4	****	SD-JAL2	12.6	4.6	10.5	1.8	****	SD-JAL2	20.6	6.7	15.8	5.4	****	SD-JAL2	12.6	4.6	10.5	1.8	****	
<b>NNRBC</b>	MN-V	41.0	5.7	46.5	6.3	****	MN-V	122.0	22.8	141.7	12.0	****	SD-V	50.2	9.1	54.8	5.1	****	SD-C	38.8	4.1	33.5	3.0	****	
	SD-V	7.5	3.7	6.2	5.7	****	MN-C	108.4	18.7	126.4	15.9	****	MN-C	177.5	17.4	203.6	20.7	****	SD-C	108.4	18.7	126.4	15.9	****	
	MN-C	58.5	33.8	83.8	36.8	****	MN-MALS	40.2	5.0	42.1	5.0	**	MN-MALS	177.5	17.4	203.6	20.7	****	SD-C	38.8	4.1	33.5	3.0	****	
	SD-C	37.6	19.2	23.7	21.0	****	MN-JUMALS	171.0	20.3	200.3	10.6	****	MN-JUMALS	45.0	6.2	49.5	3.5	****	SD-C	108.4	18.7	126.4	15.9	****	
	MN-MALS	93.2	14.0	116.0	25.0	****	MN-J-ALS	186.1	14.9	211.0	9.0	****	MN-J-ALS	39.6	2.9	36.8	2.1	****	SD-C	108.4	18.7	126.4	15.9	****	
	MN-H-ALS	110.1	20.6	125.2	26.4	****	SD-L-ALS	71.0	11.2	90.5	6.8	****	SD-L-ALS	29.9	6.0	35.4	4.4	****	SD-C	108.4	18.7	126.4	15.9	****	
	SD-L-ALS	26.4	11.1	20.7	17.5	*	MN-AL2	172.3	17.5	183.7	7.2	****	MN-AL2	33.2	5.5	35.8	2.7	****	SD-C	108.4	18.7	126.4	15.9	****	
	MN-AL2	97.2	11.3	99.8	11.2	****	SD-AL2	10.2	4.3	6.8	6.2	****	SD-AL2	33.2	5.5	35.8	2.7	****	SD-C	108.4	18.7	126.4	15.9	****	
	SD-AL2	10.2	4.3	6.8	6.2	****	SD-AL2	33.2	5.5	35.8	2.7	****	SD-AL2	33.2	5.5	35.8	2.7	****	SD-C	108.4	18.7	126.4	15.9	****	

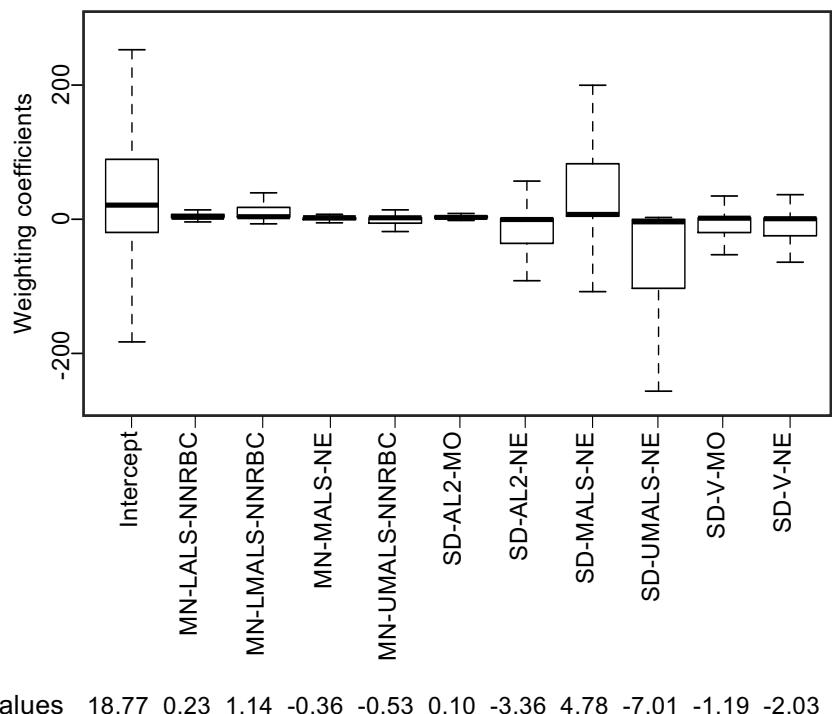
\*: P < 0.05; \*\*: P < 0.01; \*\*\*: P < 0.001; \*\*\*\*: P < 0.0001

**Supplementary Table 3.**  
**MDS-LS and biological characteristics of two external independent cohorts**  
**(MDS patients and healthy controls)**

#	MDS patients					#	Healthy controls			
	Hb (g/L)	Plt (G/L)	Ne (G/L)	PB blasts (%)	MDS-LS		Hb (g/L)	Plt (G/L)	Ne (G/L)	MDS-LS
1	92	19	0.1	3	<b>-176.4</b>	26	152	310	3.7	<b>-11.9</b>
2	124	79	1.5	7	<b>-36.6</b>	27	143	276	6.4	<b>0.0</b>
3	113	44	4	0	<b>-34.7</b>	28	155	201	6.9	<b>14.4</b>
4	127	91	1.2	6	<b>-41.6</b>	29	156	156	3.1	<b>8.9</b>
5	100	90	0.7	0	<b>-63.9</b>	30	134	273	3.9	<b>11.8</b>
6	92	130	0.1	0	<b>-57.2</b>	31	139	170	3.1	<b>13.4</b>
7	89	51	1.6	0	<b>-77.2</b>	32	130	201	2.3	<b>3.7</b>
8	129	24	0.7	0	<b>-73.8</b>	33	146	178	3.5	<b>9.6</b>
9	135	23	16	7	<b>-96.1</b>	34	124	232	4.1	<b>13.9</b>
10	80	385	12.3	0	<b>-116.0</b>	35	140	233	5.6	<b>20.2</b>
11	102	248	1.9	0	<b>-21.5</b>	36	147	247	5.2	<b>14.8</b>
12	88	199	4.4	0	<b>-48.5</b>	37	154	295	4.9	<b>11.2</b>
13	79	125	2.3	0	<b>-16.3</b>	38	129	294	5.6	<b>2.2</b>
14	103	116	2.8	0	<b>-5.6</b>	39	161	181	4.6	<b>14.5</b>
15	88	158	1	0	<b>-88.6</b>	40	133	218	4.2	<b>3.4</b>
16	126	62	3.2	0	<b>-45.8</b>	41	136	195	4.7	<b>-5.8</b>
17	134	110	1.8	0	<b>4.3</b>	42	137	167	3.5	<b>-27.3</b>
18	102	36	5.6	0	<b>0.8</b>	43	169	170	4.8	<b>15.6</b>
19	79	146	2.1	0	<b>-46.2</b>	44	137	211	4.9	<b>2.0</b>
20	93	43	0.1	7	<b>-101.8</b>	45	145	158	2.8	<b>18.5</b>
21	71	233	4.5	0	<b>-37.4</b>	46	149	226	4.1	<b>21.1</b>
22	111	644	2.6	0	<b>-98.0</b>	47	133	210	3.3	<b>-3.0</b>
23	95	284	4.7	0	<b>-27.6</b>	48	140	270	7.1	<b>8.5</b>
24	83	276	0.8	1	<b>-95.5</b>	49	148	252	5.6	<b>4.1</b>
25	93	208	0.6	0	<b>-69.2</b>	50	140	313	5.8	<b>2.4</b>
<b>mean</b>	101	153	3.1	1	<b>-58.8</b>	<b>mean</b>	143	222	4.6	<b>7.4</b>
SD	18.9	140.5	3.7	2.5	41.6	SD	11	47.0	1.3	10.4

**Supplementary Table 4.** Description of parameters

Parameters	Significance	Technology
<b>Conventional parameters</b>		
RBC (T/L)	red blood cells	Coulter principle
Hb (g/L)	hemoglobin	photometry
Hct (%)	hematocrit	calculation
MCV (fL)	mean corpuscular volume	Coulter principle
MCH (pg/cell)	mean corpuscular haemoglobin	calculation
MCHC (g/dL)	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	calculation
RDW (%)	red cell distribution width	calculation
PLT (G/L)	platelets	Coulter principle
MPV (fL)	mean platelet volume	Coulter principle
WBC (G/L)	white blood cells	Coulter principle
UWBC (G/L)	uncorrected white blood cells	Coulter principle
% NE	neutrophils	VCS
% LY	lymphocytes	VCS
% MO	monocytes	VCS
% EO	eosinophils	VCS
% BA	basophils	VCS
% NRBC	nucleated red blood cells	VCS
<b>Research Use Only (RUO)</b>		
LHD	low hemoglobin density	calculation
MAF	microcytic anemia factor	calculation
PDW	platelet distribution width	calculation
EGC	early granulated cells	VCS
WNOP	WBC estimate (corrected) from the NRBC optical channel	VCS
<b>Cell Population Data (CPD)</b>		
MN-V-X, SD-V-X	mean and SD of volume of X	VCS
MN-C-X, SD-C-X	mean and SD of conductivity of X	VCS
MN-UMALS-X, SD-UMALS-X	mean and SD of upper median angle light scatter of X	VCS
MN-LMALS-X, SD-LMALS-X	mean and SD of low median angle light scatter of X	VCS
MN-LALS-X, SD-LALS-X	mean and SD of low angle light scatter of X	VCS
MN-AL2-X, SD-AL2-X	mean and SD of axial light loss of X	VCS
MN-MALS-X, SD-MALS-X	mean and SD of median angle light scatter of X (UMALS + LMALS)	VCS



**Supplementary Figure 1:** Values of weighting coefficients of the 10 selected parameters and intercept after 10,000 iterations