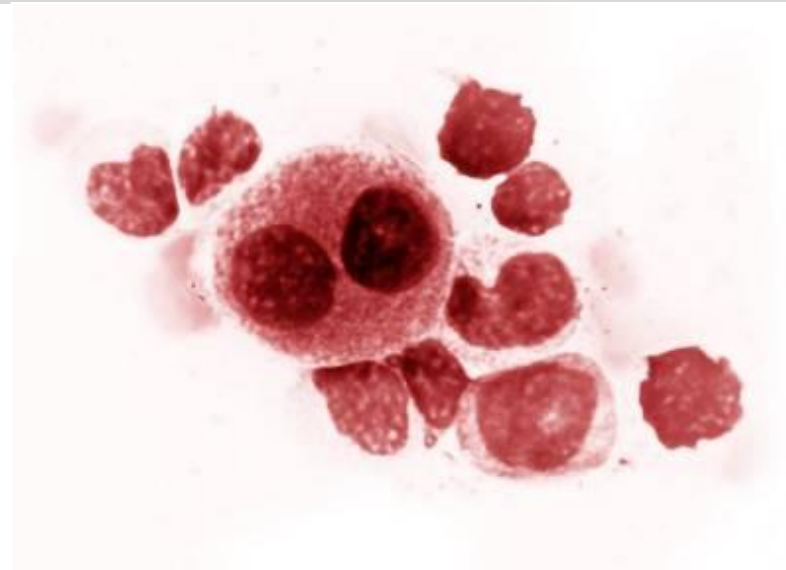


EMSCO



The European MDS studies coordination
office

Supporting Clinical Research, Education and Consulting in the
field of MDS across Europe

FISM Torino, 1. Apr. 2014

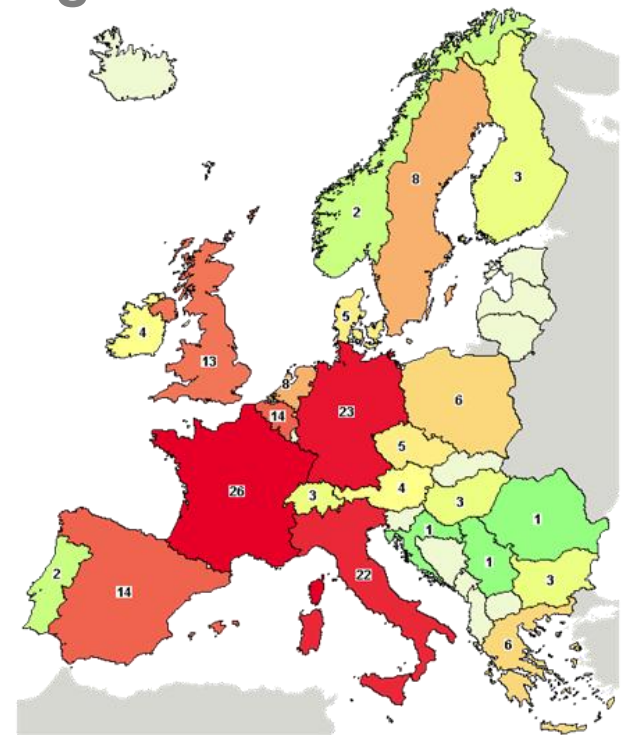
MDS Clinical Trials in Europe 2014

380 world wide clinical trials in MDS (open trials/known status)
72 European MDS clinical trials currently running

France	- 26 trials
Germany	- 23 trials
Italy	- 22 trials
Spain	- 14 trials
Great Britain	- 13 trials

The French Groupe Francophone des Myélobénoplasies (GFM) and the German MDS study group (GMDS-SG) sponsor 14 clinical trials in MDS

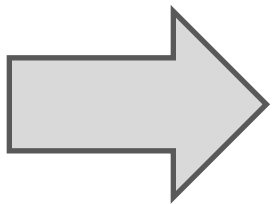
GMIHO (Dresden, Germany) is a specialist “Principal Investigator Network”, which pools scientific expertise to offer an efficient infrastructure for clinical trials. Sponsors 3 clinical trials in MDS



Trends in MDS

The Industry has MDS candidate drugs in development in Phase II and will need to launch Phase III trials in the next 5 years.

1. International trials are required to enroll enough patients
2. EC statistics 2007 – 2009 showed a 10% drop in clinical trials in the EU and a 33% drop in the number of EU patients entering clinical trials
3. MDS has become a widely studied disease where both, French GFM and German MDS study groups are very active.
4. MDS classification has become more complex and changes in clinical trial structure must reflect that there are smaller subgroups which require more sites

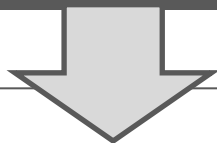


Over the next 5-7 years new medications in MDS will come into clinical testing, **international clinical trials** are necessary

EMSCO: MDS Studies Coordination Office

Phase 1:

An Office has been set-up located in Dresden and administered by the GMIHO in Berlin



Phase 2 (2013):

1. Sustainable and financially independent EMSCO – external funding
2. Website, logo
3. Common trials (GFM/GMDS-SG) are in planning with the goal to identify hurdles and practical problems (e.g. submission to IRB and national authorities, insurance, central randomization, monitoring etc.)



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Phase 3 (2014/2015)

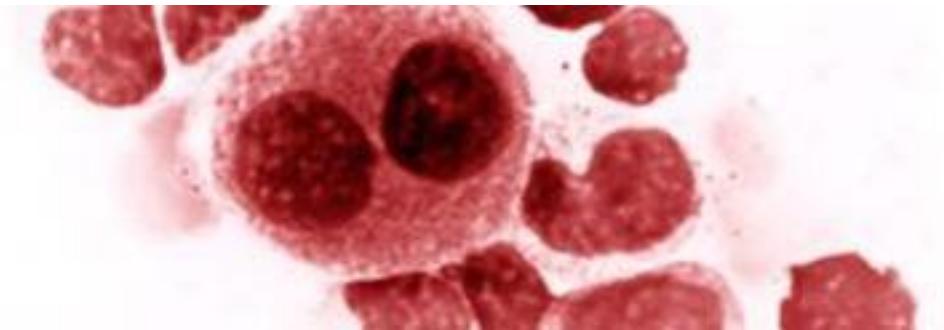
Three Pillars of EMSCO

**Academic Clinical
Research**

Education

Consulting

- **European Platform** for MDS trials
- **Single-point of contact** - efficient and coordinated European trials in MDS
- **Standardization** of SOPs and treatment paradigms – reduces regulatory uncertainty regarding international trials
- **Improvement in best practices** and comparability of trial results across national borders



Phase 3 (2014/2015)



Academic Clinical Research

SPONSOR



TITLE

A Randomized Phase III study of **Decitabine** with or without Hydroxyurea versus Hydroxyurea in patients with advanced proliferative **Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia**

PARTICIPANTS

FRANCE
GERMANY
ITALY



Prospective validation of a predictive model of response to **romiplostim** in patients with IPSS low or intermediate-1 risk myelodysplastic syndrome (**MDS**) and thrombocytopenia

GFM
GMDSSG
FISM?

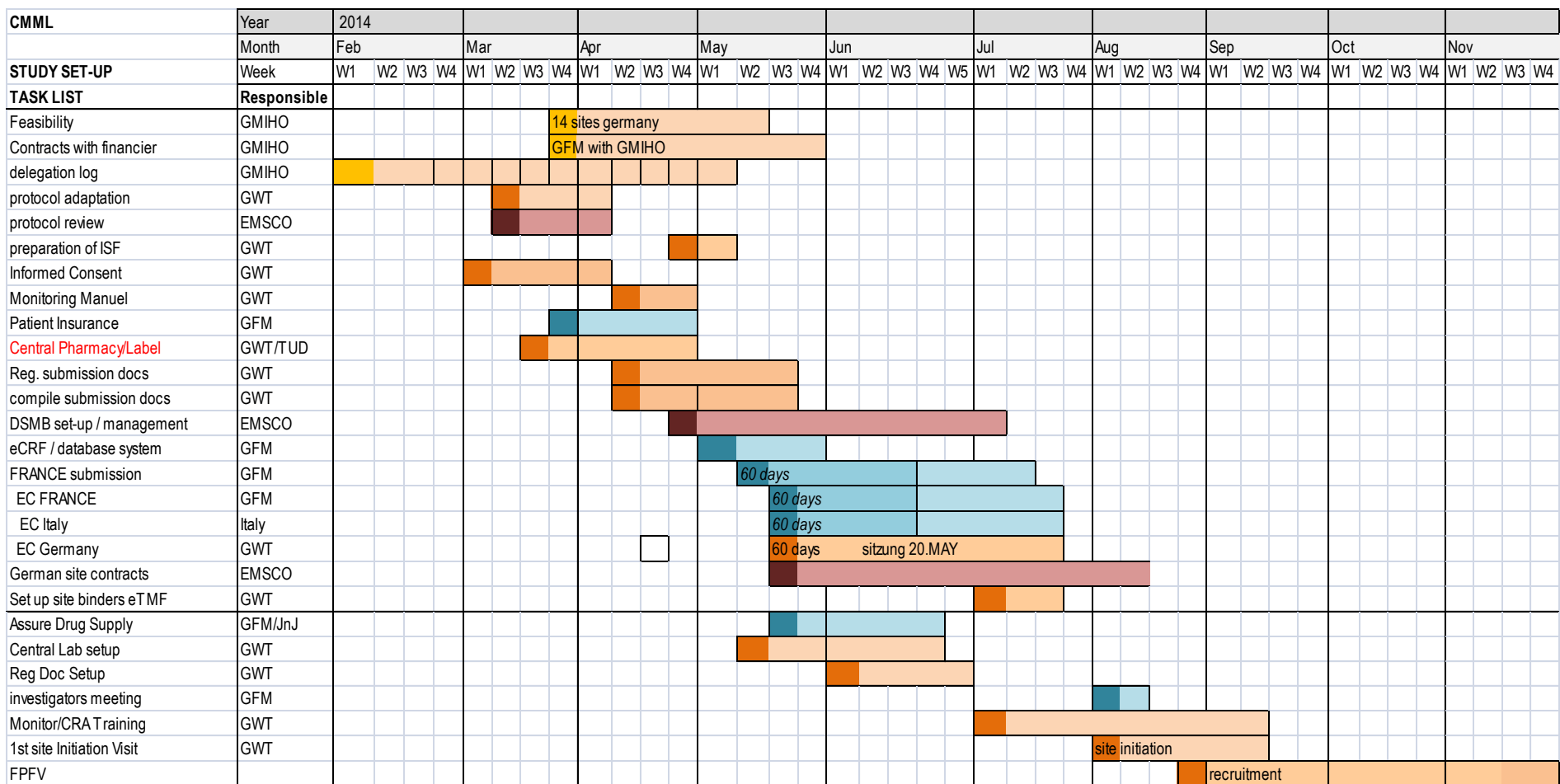
International Trial Challenges

Some Critical Questions:

- Can the costs be supported in an IIT Setting?
- Who Should be the Sponsor?
- Costs Positions (i.e. IRB, MoH, Audits) differ between EU member states
- Reimbursement expectations between sites of EU member states
- Labels and Distribution of the Study Drug becomes complex (Annex 13) for shipping between EU member states



GFM DACHY CMML – TRIAL STARTUP TIMELINE



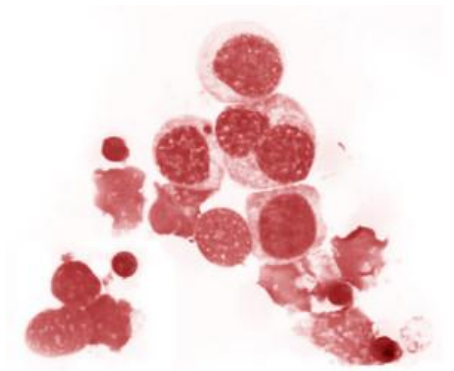
EUROPE – TRIAL STARTUP TIMELINE

EUROPE	Year	person	hours	2013				2014				2014																														
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kickoff-meeting internal	GMIHO																																									
EudraCT	GMIHO																																									
delegation log (FR)	GMIHO	SF	38																																							
protocol draft	GMIHO	KL	60																																							
protocol AMGEN - review	AMGEN	SF																																								
Informed Consent	GWT		12																																							
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Feasibility France	GFM																																									
Contracts financier/lab	GMIHO	CH	60																																							
protocol final	GMIHO	SF	33																																							
Central Pharmacy/label	GWT /TUD																																									
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Updated IB / IMPD Romipl	GWT/AMGEN																																									
Patient Insurance	GMIHO		60																																							
Reg. submission docs	GWT	CH	40																																							
compile submission docs	GWT		10																																							
signatures for submission	GMIHO																																									
eCRF / database system	GWT		100																																							
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EC Germany	GWT																																									
Patient/Study specific manuals	GWT																																									
Central Lab setup	GWT																																									
SAP	FL																																									
Pharmacovig Manuel	GWT																																									
Site Contact/Reg Doc Setup	GWT																																									
Site Contracts	GWT																																									
Set up site binders eTMF	GWT																																									
investigators meeting	GMIHO																																									
Monitoring Manual	GWT																																									
Monitor/CRA Training	GWT																																									
1st site Initiation Visit	GWT																																									
FPFV (3 week course)																																										

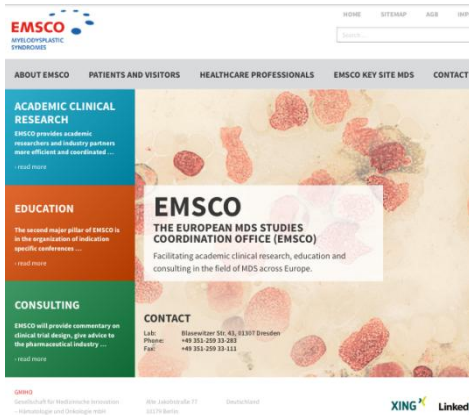


Ongoing EMSCO Activities

1. Inter-european clinical trials in MDS (EUROPE, CMML DAC-HY)
2. European site mapping – key/prime sites for MDS clinical trials
3. Organization of MDS Colloquium Mar. 2014
4. Organization of 3rd French-German MDS meeting Berlin, 10-11 Sep. 2014 – *Italy is Invited to participate!*
5. Creation of „open source“ clinical trial documents (i.e. contract templates, eCRF)
6. Establish competency center for MDS
7. Invite sites and Investigators to participate in EMSCO and become listed on the website

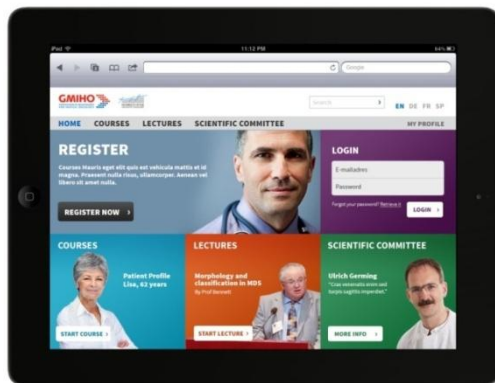


Promotions



Newsletter: Reaching 2000 Hematologists in Germany

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Websites: Educational material in cooperation with Prof. U. Germing

www.mdsdiagnosis.com



We would like Italy to offer CME points for this site!



Mission Statement EMSCO

The European MDS studies coordination office (EMSCO)- Facilitating academic clinical research, education and consulting in the field of MDS across Europe

EMSCO builds bridges between academic and pharmaceutical clinical developers by:

- Facilitating research
- Improving data quality
- Accelerating translation and optimizing trial recruitment in MDS to ultimately improve patient outcomes

Thank you for your attention!

About EMSCO

EMSCO is a branch of the GMIHO which was initially founded by the **German Society of Hematology and Oncology** to facilitate clinical trials in Germany because German universities have been historically reluctant to take over sponsorship for investigator initiated clinical trials.

Recently GMIHO was taken over by the GWT which is a S.a.r.l. The owner of the GWT is the TUDAG which stands for the **Technical University of Dresden AG**. The primary goal of TUDAG is to support scientists in managing and sponsoring research projects. TUDAG (and like wise GWT und GMIHO) serve as a platform for scientists to conduct research projects with more flexibility than can be offered in a legal structure beholden to government regulation.

Funds gained through the projects however serve the public at the end, [as dictated by the charter of the TUDAG]. About 500 scientists use the above mentioned structure in Germany. Several trials of the German MDS SG have been carried out with GMIHO as Sponsor, e.g. LEMON5 trial and the German MDS Register.