Table 1 - Patient and control demographics and clinical characteristics

Patient characteristics	RNA-seq #			Functional experiments	
	JDM pre-treatment	JDM on-treatment	Controls	JDM	Controls
Number of participants	10	11	4	82	35
Age at onset (years), median [range]	9.14 [3.71-15.19]	8.03 [2.56-15.19]	N/A	5.81 [0.79-15.37]	N/A
Age at diagnosis (years), median [range]	9.35 [3.96-15.36]	8.45 [2.73-15.36]	N/A	6.11 [1.28-16.20]	N/A
Age at sample (years), median [range]	9.78 [4.00-15.39]	9.56 [3.79-16.13]	9.34 [7.15-11.12]	7.50 [1.28-25.74]	11.45 [6.33-17.98]
Time since diagnosis (years), median [range]	0.12 [0.000.82]	0.97 [0.77-1.12]	N/A	0.07 [0.00-14.69]	N/A
Sex Female/Male (%F)	8/2 [80.00]	7/4 [63.64]	2/2	56/26 [68.29]	23/12 [65.71]
Clinical information at time of sample:					
PGA*(median [range])	7.1 [3.0-9.6]	1.5 [0.0-6.7]	N/A	3.5 [0.0-9.0]	N/A
CMAS* (median [range])	16 [0-31]	46 [23-53]	N/A	41 [0-53]	N/A
CK* value (median [range])	7282 [68-25937]	1355 [66-12689]	N/A	118 [17-25937]	N/A
Medication at time of sample [n=yes(%)]:					
Oral steroids	1 (10.00)	9 (81.82)	N/A	36 (34.28)	N/A
Methotrexate	0 (0.00)	11 (100.0)	N/A	40 (38.09)	N/A
Ciclosporin	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	N/A	1 (0.95)	N/A
Azathioprine	0 (0.00)	1 (9.09)	N/A	3 (2.86)	N/A
Cyclophosphamide	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	N/A	4 (3.81)	N/A
Hydroxychloroquine	0 (0.00)	1 (9.09)	N/A	9 (8.57)	N/A
Myositis Specific Autoantibody (MSA)~ [n=positive(%)]:					
anti-Mi2	2 (20.00)	3 (27.27)	N/A	5 (5.75)	N/A
anti-TIF1g	1 (10.00)	2 (18.18)	N/A	11 (12.64)	N/A
anti-NXP2	3 (30.00)	1 (9.09)	N/A	15 (17.24)	N/A
anti-MDA5^	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	N/A	9 (10.34)	N/A
anti-SRP	1 (10.00)	1 (9.09)	N/A	4 (4.60)	N/A
anti-OJ	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	WA	1 (1.15)	N/A
anti-HMGCR	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	N/A	1 (1.15)	N/A
Myositis Associated Autoantibody (MAA) [n=positive(%)]:					
anti-PmScl 75	0 (0.00)	1 (9.09)	WA	5 (5.75)	N/A
anti-Ro52^	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	N/A	2 (2.30)	N/A
anti-U1RNP	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	N/A	3 (3.45)	N/A
Unknown bands	2 (20.00)	1 (9.09)	N/A	8 (9.20)	N/A
Negative	1 (10.00)	2 (18.18)	N/A	23 (26.44)	N/A
Not Done	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	N/A	2 (2.30)	N/A
ANA" [n=positive(%)]:	4 (40.00)	6 (54.55)	N/A	43 (55.84)"	N/A

<sup># 6</sup> RNA-seq samples were paired

<sup>\*</sup>Physical Global Assessment (PGA) [0-10] (2.65% of samples mssing data), Childhood Myositis Assessment Scale (CMAS) [0-53] (19.47% of samples mssing data),

Creatine Kinase (CK) [U/L - >0 measured in serum] (15.92% of samples mssing data)

<sup>^2</sup> patients were positive for both anti-MDA5 and anti-Ro52

<sup>~</sup>MSA/MAA method - Immunoprecipitation (70.11%), Extended myositis Immunoblot, RUH, Bath (26.44%), Extended Myositis Immunoblot, RMCH, Manchester (1.15%), Not done (2.30%) ANA" - data for ANA result missing in n=5 patients