## **Supplementary Table 1.** Variables included in the analyses

- 1. Clinical subgroup (JDM/JPM/JCTM)
- 2. Gender
- 3. Race (analyzed as White/Non-White and White/Black/Hispanic/Asian/Other)
- 4. Age at diagnosis
- 5. Age at onset
- 6. Delay in diagnosis
- 7. Ever hospitalized
- 8. Anti-nuclear antibodies (analyzed as positive vs. negative and by titer)
- 9. Onset speed
- 10. Illness severity at onset
- 11. Date of diagnosis
- 12. Muscle enzymes, highest (creatine kinase, aldolase, aspartate aminotransferase, alanine aminotransferase, lactate dehydrogenase)
- 13. Any myositis-specific antibody
- 14. Any myositis-associated antibody
- 15. Anti-signal recognition particle autoantibodies
- 16. Any anti-tRNA synthetase autoantibody
- 17. Specific anti-tRNA synthetase autoantibodies (-histidyl, -alanyl, -glycyl, -asparaginyl, -isoleucyl, -threonyl)
- 18. Anti-Ku autoantibodies
- 19. Anti-Mi2 autoantibodies
- 20. Anti-p155/140 autoantibodies
- 21. Anti-MJ autoantibodies
- 22. Anti-Sm autoantibodies
- 23. Anti-Ro autoantibodies
- 24. Anti-La autoantibodies
- 25. Anti-U1RNP autoantibodies
- 26. Any Anti-URNP autoantibodies (Anti-U1RNP, Anti-U2RNP, Anti-U3RNP, Anti-U4RNP, Anti-U5RNP autoantibodies) or Anti-trimethyl guanosine cap autoantibodies
- 27. Anti-PM-Scl autoantibodies
- 28. Anti-small ubiquitin-like modifier activating enzyme autoantibodies
- 29. Anti-Th autoantibodies

The following clinical variables were analyzed, and were present prior to or at the time of diagnosis:

- 30. Weight loss
- 31. Fatigue
- 32. Adenopathy
- 33. Dysphonia
- 34. Muscle cramps
- 35. Arthralgia
- 36. Contractures
- 37. Dyspnea at rest
- 38. Abdominal pain
- 39. Abdominal perforation
- 40. Constipation

- 41. Heliotrope rash
- 42. Gottron's papules
- 43. Photosensitivity
- 44. Periungual capillary abnormalities
- 45. Skin ulcers
- 46. Erythroderma
- 47. Lipodystrophy
- 48. Pneumothorax/mediastinum
- 49. Gastroesophageal reflux
- 50. Mucous membrane involvement
- 51. Other erythematous rashes
- 52. Malar rash
- 53. Linear extensor erythema
- 54. Interstitial lung disease
- 55. Arthritis
- 56. Fever
- 57. Raynaud's phenomenon
- 58. Dyspnea on exertion
- 59. Mechanic's hands
- 60. Heart palpitations
- 61. Dysphagia
- 62. Proximal weakness
- 63. Distal weakness
- 64. Combined proximal and distal weakness
- 65. Muscle atrophy
- 66. Falling
- 67. Carpal tunnel
- 68. Myalgias
- 69. Asymmetric weakness
- 70. "V-sign" rash
- 71. "Shawl-sign" rash
- 72. Cuticular overgrowth
- 73. Sclerodactyly
- 74. Calcinosis
- 75. Sicca symptoms
- 76. Diarrhea
- 77. Edema
- 78. Infarcts, non-digital
- 79. Digital infarcts
- 80. Other vasculitic rashes
- 81. Pruritus
- 82. Panniculitis
- 83. Skin atrophy
- 84. Syncope