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Multi-omics comparisons of different forms of centronuclear myopathies and the effects of several therapeutic strategies

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Omics analyses are powerful methods to obtain an integrated view of complex biological processes, disease progression, or therapy efficiency. However, few studies have compared different disease forms and different therapy strategies to define the common molecular signatures representing the most significant implicated pathways. In this study, we used RNA sequencing and mass spectrometry to profile the transcriptomes and proteomes of mouse models for three forms of centronuclear myopathies (CNMs), untreated or treated with either a drug (tamoxifen), antisense oligonucleotides reducing the level of dynamin 2 (DNM2), or following modulation of DNM2 or amphiphysin 2 (BIN1) through genetic crosses. Unsupervised analysis and differential gene and protein expression were performed to retrieve CNM molecular signatures. Longitudinal studies before, at, and after disease onset highlighted potential disease causes and consequences. Main pathways in the common CNM disease signature include muscle contraction, regeneration and inflammation. The common therapy signature revealed novel potential therapeutic targets, including the calcium regulator sarcolipin. We identified several novel biomarkers validated in muscle and/or plasma through RNA quantification, western blotting, and enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) assays, including ANXA2 and IGFBP2. This study validates the concept of using multi-omics approaches to identify molecular signatures common to different disease forms and therapeutic strategies.

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, omics strategies (e.g., transcriptome, proteome) have become powerful methods to obtain an unbiased and integrated view of complex biological processes, disease progression, or therapy efficiency.[1,2] Most previous studies focused on a single disease or therapeutic approach. However, omics have the potential to identify molecular signatures common to different disease forms or to several therapeutic strategies. In this study, we performed omics analyses in mouse models faithfully mimicking different forms of centronuclear myopathies (CNMs) and myotubular myopathies treated or not with different therapeutic strategies to identify common disease and therapy signatures.

CNMs and myotubular myopathies are a sub-group of congenital myopathies whose clinical signs develop from birth to adulthood. They are rare genetic diseases with a strong medical impact on patient survival and quality of life.[3,4] CNMs are characterized by generalized muscle weakness and hypotonia impairing breathing capacity.[5] Histological hallmarks of patients' muscle include the presence of internal or central nuclei that are normally at the fiber periphery, aggregation of oxidative staining, hypotrophy of myofibers that also present with a rounder shape, predominance of oxidative type I fiber, and structural disorganization of sarcomeres and triads.[6] Several genes were found mutated in different forms of CNM. The most common and severe form, X-linked CNM, which is also called myotubular myopathy (MIM: 310400), is due to loss-of-function mutations in *MTM1* coding for the lipid phosphatase myotubularin.[7] Dominant forms are linked to mutations in *DNM2* (dynamin 2; MIM: 160150) coding the large GTPase DNM2 implicated in membrane trafficking and fission.[8] Some *DNM2* mutations lead to a neonatal form, such as the Ser619Leu missense mutation, while others are associated with later onset.[9,10] Recessive and dominant forms are also due to mutations in *BIN1* (amphiphysin 2; MIM: 255200), coding for the membrane curvature remodeling protein BIN1.[11,12] These three forms represent the main forms of CNM. Nevertheless, additional genes are implicated in phenotypes overlapping with CNM such as *RYR1*, *TTN*, *SPEG*, *CACNA1S*, or *PYROXD1*.[3,13,14] *SPEG* is linked

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to CNM with cardiomyopathy, while the histopathology associated with the other genes combines internal nuclei with additional defects such as cores or protein inclusions.

Previous studies in cellular and animal models and in patients' muscle biopsies for the canonical CNM forms suggested several pathomechanisms in skeletal muscle, including defects in triad structure and deficient excitation-contraction coupling, altered organelle positioning and function, abnormal neuromuscular junction (NMJ), deficient satellite cells, and dysregulation of autophagy.[4,15–17]

Defects in the genes implicated in the three canonical CNM forms were modeled *in vivo* in different organisms, ranging from yeast to *C. elegans*, *Drosophila*, zebrafish, and mice.[17,18] In addition, spontaneous mutations in either *MTM1* or *BIN1* were found in dogs developing CNM.[19–22] In mice, the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ knockout mouse develops a progressive myopathy with a histopathology mimicking patient hallmarks.[23] Additional *Mtm1* knockout lines were generated and showed a similar phenotype, while the *Mtm1*$^{RC/y}$ knockin led to a milder phenotype.[24–26] Concerning *Dnm2*, knockin mice for the most common mutations in the mildest form (Arg465Trp; *Dnm2*$^{RW/+}$) or the severe neonatal form (Ser619Leu; *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$) were generated and reproduce a mild or severe muscle weakness, respectively, with CNM-like histopathology without centralized nuclei.[27,28] For *Bin1*, full loss of BIN1 in *Bin1*$^{-/-}$ mice is perinatally lethal, preventing the comparison with the other CNM models.[29,30] We recently created a mouse model with a skeletal muscle-specific *Bin1* deletion that is viable and faithfully reproduces the decreased muscle force and most histopathological hallmarks of CNM (*Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$; unpublished data). Herein, we focus on omics analysis of *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice, since they represent faithful models for the three canonical CNM forms and the mice share a similar skeletal muscle organization with patients.

Several therapeutic proofs of concepts were recently validated in different CNM models, including the three CNM mice investigated in the present study.[17] Adeno-associated virus (AAV) transduction of MTM1 or its closer homolog MTMR2 rescued the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mouse, and AAV-MTM1 was further validated in the MTM1 Labrador model and recently injected in patients in a clinical trial.[31–33] DNM2 level was found increased at least in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice and MTM1 patients, whereas normalization of DNM2 level rescued the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mouse, the *Bin1*$^{-/-}$ and *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ mice, and both *Dnm2*$^{RW/+}$ and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice.[28,34–36] DNM2 was reduced through three methods: genetic cross with a *Dnm2*$^{+/-}$ mouse, short hairpin RNA (shRNA), or antisense oligonucleotides (ASOs).[34,37,38] Overexpression of BIN1 through genetic cross with a Tg*BIN1* mouse or AAV-*BIN1* expressing human *BIN1* rescued *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ and *Bin1*$^{-/-}$ mice.[39] In addition, treatment with tamoxifen, an estrogen modulator already used in clinic for breast cancer, partially rescued the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mouse, potentially representing a drug repurposing strategy.[40,41] Additional potential therapies have been tested in mice and other CNM models, and they include *Dnm2* allele-specific silencing or *trans*-splicing, *Pik3c2b* downregulation, mTOR or acetylcholine esterase inhibitors.[17]

To identify the main pathomechanisms, potential biomarkers, and novel therapeutic targets for different forms of CNM, we performed transcriptome and proteome analyses of muscles from *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice either developing the disease or treated with three different therapies, including two methodological approaches for one of the targets. We identified disease and therapeutic molecular signatures common to the three main forms of CNM.

RESULTS

Animal models, treatments, and omics strategies

In mice, muscle embryonic development proceeds from embryonic day (E)10.5 to birth that happens at about E19.[42] Then, muscle growth during postnatal maturation follows two phases: one based on satellite cells fusion up to 2–3 weeks, and a second based on growth factor signaling from weaning (around 3 weeks of age) to adulthood at 7 weeks (Figure 1A).[43,44] *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice develop a progressive myopathy from 2 to 3 weeks, leading to a strong muscle hypotrophy and decreased locomotor activity, and death by about 8 weeks. *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ mice have near normal locomotor activity and decreased muscle force at 8 weeks. *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice have some feeding defects at birth, correlating with decreased body weight, strong muscle atrophy, and decreased locomotor activity, and survive in adulthood. All of these mice have CNM-like histopathology by 7–8 weeks. Based on the key steps of muscle maturation and on the disease progression in the different models, we performed RNA sequencing (RNA-seq) for transcriptome analysis in tibialis anterior (TA) muscle from the three CNM mice at 7 weeks. In addition, RNA-seq was done at E18.5 and 2 weeks for a longitudinal follow-up of *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice. Mass spectrometry for proteome analysis was performed in TA at E18.5, 2 weeks, and 7 weeks for a longitudinal follow-up in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice (Table S1).

Several therapeutic approaches were applied to *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice and consisted of either *BIN1* overexpression by crossing with Tg*BIN1* mice (*Mtm1*$^{-/y}$Tg*BIN1*), tamoxifen supplementation in food, or DNM2 downregulation by crossing with *Dnm2*$^{+/-}$ mice (*Mtm1*$^{-/y}$*Dnm2*$^{+/-}$) (Figure 1B; Table S1). DNM2 was also downregulated with another method, systemic injection of ASOs (ASO *Dnm2*), in *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice and compared to injection of PBS or control ASO. All of these treated cohorts were analyzed by RNA-seq in TA at 7 weeks and compared to the above untreated mice. In addition, RNA-seq and mass spectrometry of TA from *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$*Dnm2*$^{+/-}$ mice were performed at E18.5, 2 weeks, and 7 weeks. Muscle samples were obtained from our previous studies reporting therapeutic efficacy.[28,34,39,40]

In addition, in order to identify dysregulated muscle proteins that are potentially circulating, mass spectrometry was performed in sera from wild-type (WT) mice at 7 weeks and compared with the above muscle transcriptome and proteome data.

Influence of the genetic and environment backgrounds

To assess the impact of the genetic background and animal housing on the transcriptome, we analyzed different RNA-seq data from different cohorts of the same *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mouse line on different genetic backgrounds and raised in different animal houses. Four different

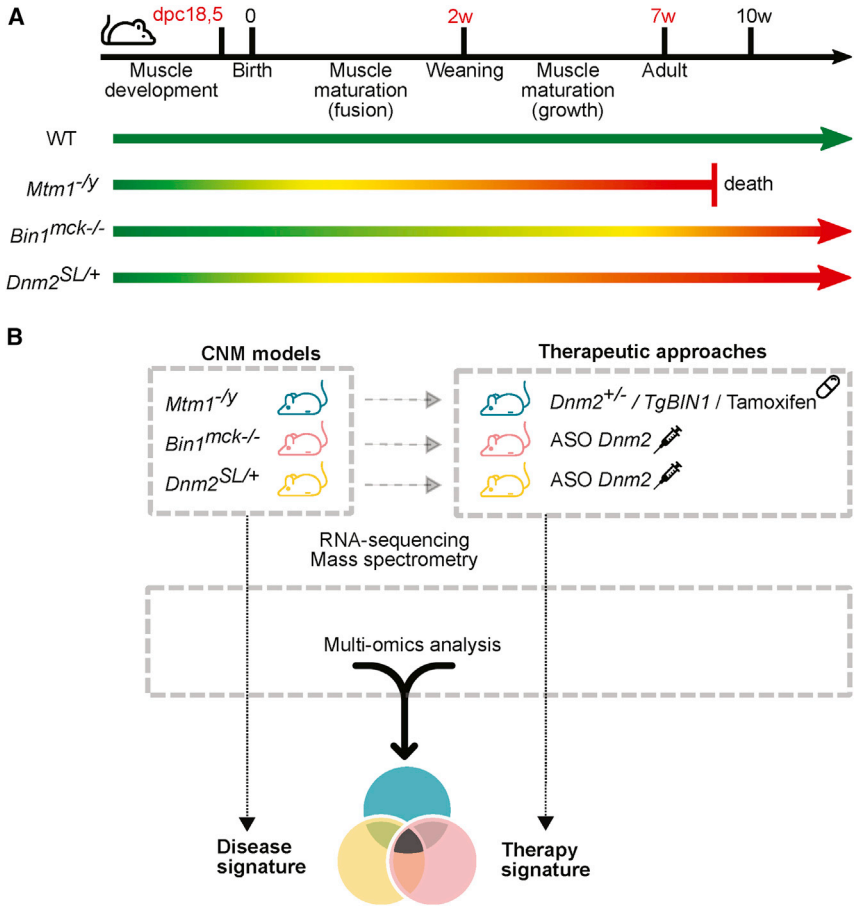


Figure 1. Experimental design

(A) Timeline of the different steps occurring during muscle development in mice. The green arrow represents the normal lifespan of control mice (WT). The phenotype of the three mouse models (*Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$) used in this study is illustrated by the colored arrows with a color gradient ranging from green for non-affected mice, yellow for the onset of myopathy, and red for affected mice. (B) Molecular analyses were performed on different mouse models, *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$, untreated or treated by different therapeutic approaches (overexpression of *BIN1*, tamoxifen supplementation, or downregulation of *Dnm2* either by genetic cross or by ASO injection). Disease signature refers to the common dysregulated genes in the three mouse models compared to WT littermates, while the therapy signature refers to the common genes rescued following the different treatments.

cohorts were evaluated (Table 1): cohort MTM1-a was crossed on the 129Pas background and bred in France, cohort MTM1-b was on a 50% 129Pas and 50% C57BL/6N background and raised in the same animal facility in France, cohort MTM1-c was raised in Switzerland on the 129Pas background, and cohort MTM1-d was bred in Canada on a C57BL/6J background. Muscles used for transcriptomics for the first three cohorts were TA analyzed at 7 weeks. The transcriptome for cohort MTM1-d was previously published and done from quadriceps at 5 weeks.[41] We compared differentially expressed genes between *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ and WT mice for the different cohorts. The threshold used to define dysregulated genes was set at $\log_2$-fold change ($\log_2$FC) ±1 and a p value of <0.05. The number of dysregulated genes in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice ranged from 1,275 to 1,981 (Figure 2A). A total of 287 genes were found commonly dysregulated across the different cohorts. These genes correspond to the disease signature following MTM1 loss, and their expression is not impacted by any environmental or housing parameters, the genetic background, or the muscle analyzed (Table S2). As expected, the most divergent transcriptome was from cohort 4 that differs from the other cohorts by both the genetic background and the muscle, as 56% of dysregulated genes are specific to this cohort versus 23%–33% for the other cohorts.

All of the common dysregulated genes followed the same trend in the different cohorts. We found that 67 common genes were downregulated and 220 common genes were upregulated. Gene Ontology (GO) analysis revealed an enrichment for muscle development and contraction, cell adhesion, and immune cells (Figure 2B). The most upregulated protein-coding genes were *Sox11*, *Krt18*, *Mt3*, *Msln*, *Hsf2bp*, and *Fosl1*, and the most downregulated genes were *Mstn*, *Cdh4*, *Edn3*, *Mtm1*, *Ighm*, *Fam19a4*, *Nt5c1a*, and *Amd1* (Table 2). We thus report the disease signature for MTM1-CNM that is independent of the genetic and environmental backgrounds in mice.

Conserved disease signatures linked to *MTM1* mutations among species

We next explored the conservation of the disease signature linked to MTM1 loss in different species. In humans (biceps brachii or quadriceps), Noguchi et al.[45] performed microarray analysis on a set of 4,200 genes previously known to be expressed in skeletal muscle from eight patients with different *MTM1* mutations. 183 genes were significantly dysregulated compared to unaffected individuals. Of note, *MTM1* was not reported as dysregulated in this study. In dogs, Dupont et al.[46] used RNA-seq to analyze two hindlimb muscles from Labradors lacking MTM1. They found 824 and 1,122 genes differentially expressed in the biceps femoris and the vastus lateralis, respectively, with 400 genes dysregulated in both muscles. In this study, we used the 632 genes that we identified in the RNA-seq analyses conducted in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mouse cohorts MTM1-a, MTM1-b, and MTM1-c at 7 weeks (Figure 2A; Table S3).

Interspecies analysis revealed five differentially expressed genes shared by mice, dogs, and humans (Figure 2C). Among them,

Table 1. Description of the mouse cohorts used in the study, including country, age, background, muscle and sequencer used

	Country	Age (weeks)	Background	Muscle	Sequencer
Cohort 1, MTM1-a	France	7	129Pas	tibialis anterior	HiSeq 4000
Cohort 2, MTM1-b	France	7	50% 129Pas; 50% C57BL/6N	tibialis anterior	HiSeq 4000
Cohort 3, MTM1-c	Switzerland	7	129Pas	tibialis anterior	HiSeq 4000
Cohort 4, MTM1-d	Canada (Maani et al.[41])	5	C57BL/6J	quadriceps	HiSeq 2500
Cohort DNM2	France	7	C57BL/6N	tibialis anterior	HiSeq 4000
Cohort BIN1	France	7	C57BL/6N	tibialis anterior	HiSeq 4000

CHRND and *CHRNA1* coding for two subunits of the acetylcholine receptor in the NMJ were upregulated (Figure 2D). *MYOG* (myogenin), coding for a transcription factor key in muscle differentiation, was upregulated in dogs and mice and downregulated in humans. *POPDC3* was upregulated in humans and mice and downregulated in dogs, is also implicated in muscle development, and was found mutated in limb-girdle muscular dystrophy.[47] Most of the dysregulated genes were specific to each species; therefore, we analyzed them by GO enrichment and it revealed a few processes that might be species-dependent, such as hemostasis dysregulation in humans or specific impact on kinase pathways in dogs (Figure S1; Table S4).

As the human data were based on microarray analysis of only a subset of genes, additional comparisons were done between dogs and mice and identified 63 additional dysregulated genes (vastus lateralis versus TA) (Figure 2C; Table S5) or 49 genes (biceps femoris versus TA) (Figure S1; Table S6). GO terms related to these genes were highly enriched in muscle development (Figure 2E). Among these genes, *Chrna1*, *Chrnd*, and *Chrng* highlight the NMJ, and *Myog* and *Pax7* highlight the transcriptional regulation of muscle differentiation and regeneration. Other examples confirmed by qRT-PCR included downregulation of *Mstn* (myostatin), a ligand of transforming growth factor β (TGF-β) receptor involved in muscle growth, and upregulation of *Fst* (follistatin), coding for an inhibitor of myostatin (Figure 2F). We found upregulation of *Igfbp2*, coding an insulin-like growth factor-binding protein potentially involved in muscle differentiation and hypertrophy. *Cilp* was upregulated and codes for a regulator of IGF1 (insulin-like growth factor type 1) and TGF-β signaling. Genes coding for potential regulators of the Rac1-actin pathway, *Tiam2* and *Arhgap36*, were also upregulated.

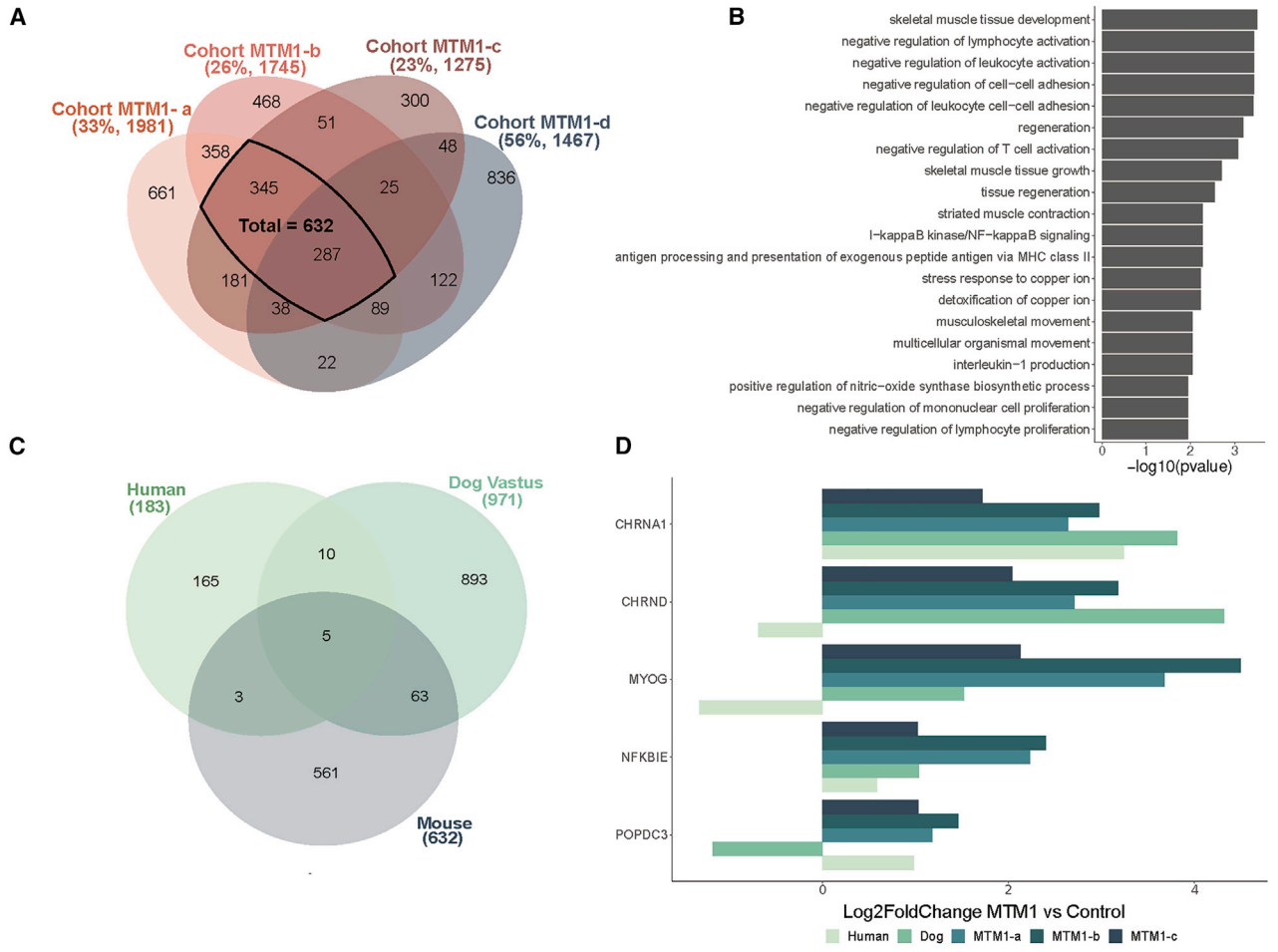
Overall, defects in muscle development and the NMJ appear conserved in mice, dogs, and humans with MTM1-CNM. The more detailed investigations in mice and dogs highlighted additional pathways of interest such as muscle growth and repair.

Longitudinal molecular profiling of *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice through disease progression

Several pathways were identified in the MTM1-CNM disease signatures at an age when mice, dogs, and patients are strongly affected. To define the primary molecular causes versus consequences of the disease, we performed longitudinal analyses of the transcriptome and proteome of TA muscles from *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice at pre-symptomatic age (E18.5) and early (2 weeks) and late (7 weeks) disease stages (Figure 1A). We used the cohort MTM1-a, including untreated *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice, *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice rescued by *Dnm2* genetic downregulation, treated and healthy *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$*Dnm2*$^{+/-}$ mice, and their WT littermates (Table S1).

Principal component analysis (PCA) on transcriptome data showed that age explains most of the variance between the mouse groups as underlined by the first principal component (PC1 58%, PC2 13%, PC3 5% variance; Figure 3A; Figure S2). Separation of the genotypes appeared at PC4 (4% variance). Interestingly, this separation appeared at 2 weeks and increased at 7 weeks. No genes were significantly dysregulated at E18.5, indicating no difference between genotypes at late embryonic stage. A total of 1,175 genes were dysregulated at 2 weeks and 1,981 at 7 weeks (Figure 3B; Table S7). Potential disease causes found at 2 weeks are defects of muscle contraction, sarcomere organization, and cell adhesion (GO term analysis; Figure 3B; Figure S3). Disease consequences found only at 7 weeks highlighted activation of the inflammation pathway, suggesting infiltration of affected muscles by immune cells. Volcano plots display the most dysregulated genes at 2 and 7 weeks (Figures 3C and 3D). As examples, the three most upregulated genes at both ages were *Sln* (sarcolipin), *Krt8*, and *Krt18* (keratins) (Figures 3C and 3D). Dysregulation of these and other genes was confirmed by qRT-PCR (Figures S4 and S5). The downregulation of *Mstn*, observed in late disease stage in dogs and mice, was already apparent at the 2-week early stage in mice (Figure 3E). An example for sarcomere organization is *Ahnak2*, whose protein product (AHNAK2) localizes to Z-line. *Tnnt2* (cardiac troponin) and *Myl4* (cardiac myosin light chain) are implicated in muscle contraction, expressed in embryonic but not adult skeletal muscle and in adult cardiac muscle under normal conditions, and found upregulated in this myopathy. The cell adhesion was represented for example by Itga3 (integrin). Genes underlying the activation of the inflammation pathway at 7 weeks include *Cxcl1* (chemokine) and *Tlr2* (Toll-like receptor).

In parallel, PCA was also performed on proteome data and showed that the variance between the mouse groups is first explained by age (PC1; 39% variance; Figure 4A) followed by genotypes (PC2; 7%). Similarly to the transcriptome data, the genotype separation appeared at 2 weeks and increased at 7 weeks, indicating no difference at



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E18.5. Out of 1,462 proteins consistently detected in each of the muscle samples, 168 proteins were dysregulated at 2 weeks and 496 at 7 weeks in the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice compared to WT mice (Figure 4B; Table S8). Potential disease causes found at 2 weeks were related mainly to muscle sarcomere and contraction (GO terms analysis; Figure S6). At 7 weeks, defects of the muscle contraction pathway were persistent, and at this late disease stage dysregulation of ribosomal biogenesis (translation) appeared. The transcriptome and proteome data analysis consistently highlighted muscle contraction defects as a main early sign of the disease. The late dysregulation of ribosomal biogenesis may reflect a compensatory mechanism following alteration of protein homeostasis correlated with the strong fiber hypotrophy in MTM1-CNM. Examples of dysregulated proteins implicated in muscle contraction include MYH2 (myosin heavy chain) mutated in a proximal myopathy with ophthalmoplegia (MIM: 606337), and TNNC1 (troponin) mutated in dilated cardiomyopathy (MIM: 611879) (Figures 4C–4E). These proteins strongly correlate pathways and gene families found through the above transcriptome analysis: MYH2 and MYL4 are myosin heavy and light chains, respectively, and TNNT2 and TNNC1 are troponins. All four proteins are implicated in muscle contraction. Pearson correlation analysis did not underline a high correlation between specific genes and proteins at 2 and 7 weeks (Figure S7), as generally reported in the literature.[48] In conclusion, while the same dysregulated genes/proteins are not necessarily highlighted by the transcriptome and proteome analyses, the same pathways and functions are consistently defective in early and late disease stages. Dysregulation in muscle contraction appears to be an early defect in the MTM1-CNM pathology in mice.

Disease signature common to several CNM forms

Next, we explored whether a common disease signature can unify the different CNM forms linked to either *MTM1*, *BIN1*, or *DNM2* mutations. First, we compared the levels of these genes/proteins in the different corresponding models, that is, the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice (Table 3; Figure S8). Apart from the lack of MTM1 and BIN1 proteins in their respective knockout mice, DNM2 was found slightly elevated (2.2-fold; $p = 0.057$;[28]) in the *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice. No strong alteration of the level of their RNA was detected in the corresponding RNA-seq data. A slight increase in both BIN1 and DNM2 proteins was found in the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice, and DNM2 protein was slightly increased in *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ mice.

Then, dysregulated genes were extracted from each individual cohort at 7 weeks—cohorts MTM1-a, MTM1-b, MTM1-c, BIN1 (*Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$), and DNM2 (*Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$)—and compared to their respective WT littermates. For each cohort, disease models were well separated from the WT controls on PC1 of the PCA (Figures 3A and 5A; Figure S9). The number of dysregulated genes correlated with the severity of the related models at this age: more than 1,200 genes for the most severe *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice that barely survive beyond 9 weeks, 780 genes for the *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice with strong locomotor deficiency, and 308 for the *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ mice with a conserved locomotor function. Among the 25,494 genes detected in all of the different transcriptomes, 155 common dysregulated genes were identified (Figure 5B; Tables S7, S9, S10, S11, S12, and S13). The main cellular component GO terms highlighted the NMJ, basement membrane, sarcomere, and activation of the inflammation pathway, previously identified as the main pathways dysregulated in the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ cohorts (Figure 5C). Thus, the main disease signature common to the three CNM models underlines defects in sarcomere maturation and function, in NMJ maturation as a main cause of muscle weakness, and alteration in cell adhesion and basement membrane as a potential explanation for the altered fiber shape. As previously noted for the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ cohorts, a potential increase in the inflammation transcriptome supports the infiltration of immune cells in the different models. Several genes associated with inflammation were shared between the different CNM forms as indicated by GO terms linked with macrophages (Figure 5C). Since inflammation was not previously demonstrated in CNM models, we labeled macrophages with an anti-CD68 antibody on TA muscle sections. We found a significant increase in macrophage infiltration in the three CNM mouse models (Figures 5D and 5E).

qRT-PCR analyses confirmed the dysregulation of all 14 genes tested in the three different mouse models (Figures S10–S12). In particular, the common CNM disease signature encompassed genes coding for myosin (MYL4) and troponin (TNNT2) for sarcomere organization and contraction, acetylcholine receptor subunits (CHRNA1, CHRNA9, CHRND), the SOX11 and MYOG transcription factors, the calcium regulator sarcolipin (SLN), myostatin, and follistatin, as well as several proteins further studied below (ANXA2, S100A4, CILP, FETUB, SERPINB1A, and IGFBP2) (Figure 5F). Genes specifically dysregulated in each CNM form have been analyzed by GO enrichment and revealed some specific features as hemostasis defects in the BIN1 cohort, or cardiac and lipid metabolism for the DNM2 cohort, which remain to be further explored (Figure S13; Table S14).

Interestingly, orthologs of several genes in the common disease signature were previously associated with neuromuscular diseases: *LMNA* in Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophy, *KLHL40* in nemaline

Figure 2. MTM1-CNM signature in different species

(A) Venn diagram illustrating the shared dysregulated genes based on the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ versus WT comparison of four mouse cohorts. The percentages of uniquely dysregulated genes and the number of differentially expressed genes in each cohort are indicated in brackets. (B) Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis of differentially expressed genes common to the four *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mouse cohorts. The 20 GO biological process terms with the lowest p values are displayed. (C) Venn diagram illustrating the shared dysregulated genes based on MTM1 versus control comparison in three different species: humans, mice (TA) and dogs (*Vastus lateralis*). (D) mRNA $\log_2$fold change expression of differentially expressed genes common to the three species. (E) GO enrichment analysis of differentially expressed genes common to mice and dogs. The 20 GO biological process terms with the lowest p value are displayed. (F) mRNA $\log_2$fold change expression of differentially expressed genes common between mice and dogs determined by RNA-seq (dogs, mice) and qRT-PCR (mice).

Table 2. List of the most dysregulated genes in MTM1-CNM mice

Gene name	Log_2FC cohort MTM1-a	Log_2FC cohort MTM1-b	Log_2FC cohort MTM1-c	Log_2FC cohort MTM1-d
Sox11	6.16	4.70	5.80	3.97
Krt18	5.25	3.20	7.78	5.23
Gm28653	5.24	2.64	5.13	3.80
Mt3	4.76	3.31	5.28	4.66
Gm13583	4.65	3.17	6.53	8.15
Msln	4.61	3.28	3.96	4.19
Hsf2bp	4.32	3.48	4.24	4.21
Fosl1	4.21	2.69	4.81	6.85
C130080G10Rik	−1.88	−2.13	−3.36	−5.96
Amd1	−2.04	−2.66	−3.17	−2.72
Nt5c1a	−2.05	−2.54	−2.79	−3.77
Fam19a4	−2.31	−3.00	−2.55	−3.77
Ighm	−2.33	−2.89	−3.34	−2.55
Mtm1	−2.43	−2.12	−2.10	−2.55
Edn3	−2.51	−3.27	−2.93	−1.98
Cdh4	−2.57	−3.91	−3.63	−2.85
Mstn	−2.59	−1.79	−1.89	−2.72

myopathy, *CHRNA1* and *CHRNAD* for myasthenic syndrome, and *HSPB1* and *PDK3* for Charcot-Marie-Tooth peripheral neuropathy. Overall, the main defective pathways found in the MTM1-CNM models are also altered in the BIN1-CNM and DNM2-CNM models, revealing the existence of a pathomechanism common to most CNM forms.

Therapy signature common to several rescuing approaches for different CNM forms

The transcriptome responses to different treatments of these three CNM mouse models was assessed in TA muscle at 7 weeks. *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice were treated with the drug tamoxifen (cohort MTM1-c), or following genetic crosses with mice either overexpressing human BIN1 (cohort MTM1-b; *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$Tg*BIN1*) or with *Dnm2* downregulation (cohort MTM1-a; *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$*Dnm2*$^{+/-}$) (Figure 1B). A different methodology to reduce DNM2, systemic injection of ASO *Dnm2*, was used to treat *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ (cohort BIN1) and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ (cohort DNM2) mice. All of these therapies improved the phenotypes of the different disease models ([28,34,39,40] and unpublished data for *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$). In each cohort, four groups were studied: treated (=rescued) and untreated CNM disease models and treated and untreated WT controls.

PCA showed that untreated and treated WT controls cluster together, suggesting that treatments had no general effects on WT mice (Figures 3A and 6A; Figure S9). For example, only 112 genes were dysregulated in tamoxifen-treated WT mice, while *Dnm2* was indeed found downregulated together with 15 other genes in WT mice treated with ASO *Dnm2* (Table S12). The transcriptome of tamoxifen-treated *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice was similar to that of diseased *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice, suggesting that tamoxifen did not have a strong transcriptional effect. Genetic downregulation of *Dnm2* in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$*Dnm2*$^{+/-}$ led to a partial rescue of the transcriptome of *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice. When analyzing *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$*Dnm2*$^{+/-}$ mice over time, we found a partial rescue of 255 genes of 1,175 genes dysregulated in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice at 2 weeks, and 725 genes of 1,981 dysregulated genes at 7 weeks of the disease stage (Figure 6B; Table S7). *Myh3*, *Myh8*, and *Sln* are among the best normalized genes at 2 weeks. Acute downregulation of *Dnm2* with ASO *Dnm2* in both *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice also partially rescued their transcriptomes (Figure 6A). Genetic overexpression of *BIN1* in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$Tg*BIN1* normalized the transcriptome to a WT level. As a metric to compare the molecular efficacy of the different therapies, we calculated the ratio of the number of genes dysregulated in the rescued group versus the disease group over the number of genes dysregulated in the disease group versus the WT control; in other words, the ratio of the therapy signature over the disease signature. The percentage of rescued genes was 0.5% for the MTM1-c cohort (tamoxifen), 36% for the MTM1-a cohort, 43% for the DNM2 cohort, 47% for the BIN1 cohort (Dnm2 downregulation), and 96% for the MTM1-b cohort (BIN1 overexpression; 1,680 genes of 1,745). Overall, BIN1 overexpression appears to be the most efficient therapy to normalize the transcriptome defects of CNM in mice.

To determine the common therapy signature, we compared the transcriptome of the rescued mice versus the transcriptome of the diseased mice for all cohorts except the MTM1-c cohort, as tamoxifen treatment had no strong transcriptomic impact. We found 42 genes defining the therapy signature common to all therapies in all CNM forms and that were retrieved in the disease signature for most of them (Figure 6B; Tables S9 and S15). Comparison of the rescued versus WT transcriptomes identified no genes in common that were resistant to all different therapies tested. The expression levels of several of these 42 genes was confirmed by qRT-PCR (Figure 6C; Figures S4, S5, and S10–S12). Depending on the cohorts, expression of these genes was partially or fully rescued upon treatment. For example, *Anxa2* expression was not rescued in the MTM1-a cohort (*Mtm1*$^{-/y}$*Dnm2*$^{+/-}$), while *Cilp*, *Fetub*, and *Igfbp2* were all dysregulated in the different diseased models, and their expression levels were rescued to WT levels following any treatments.

The proteins corresponding to these 42 genes of the common therapy signature could represent novel therapeutic targets. To help pre-selecting the best candidates, we retrieved the 35 corresponding human orthologs and interrogated a drug database (https://drugcentral.org) (Figure 6D). Two proteins (SCN5A, SBK3) appeared directly targeted by several drugs, such as the antiarrhythmic quinidine for the SCN5A sodium channel, or nintedanib, an inhibitor of SBK3 and tyrosine kinases used for pulmonary fibrosis and cancer. Other therapeutic targets that were dysregulated in most cohorts include myosins, troponins, myostatin, or acetylcholine receptor subunits, for which *in vivo* modulation methods were already validated for other diseases.

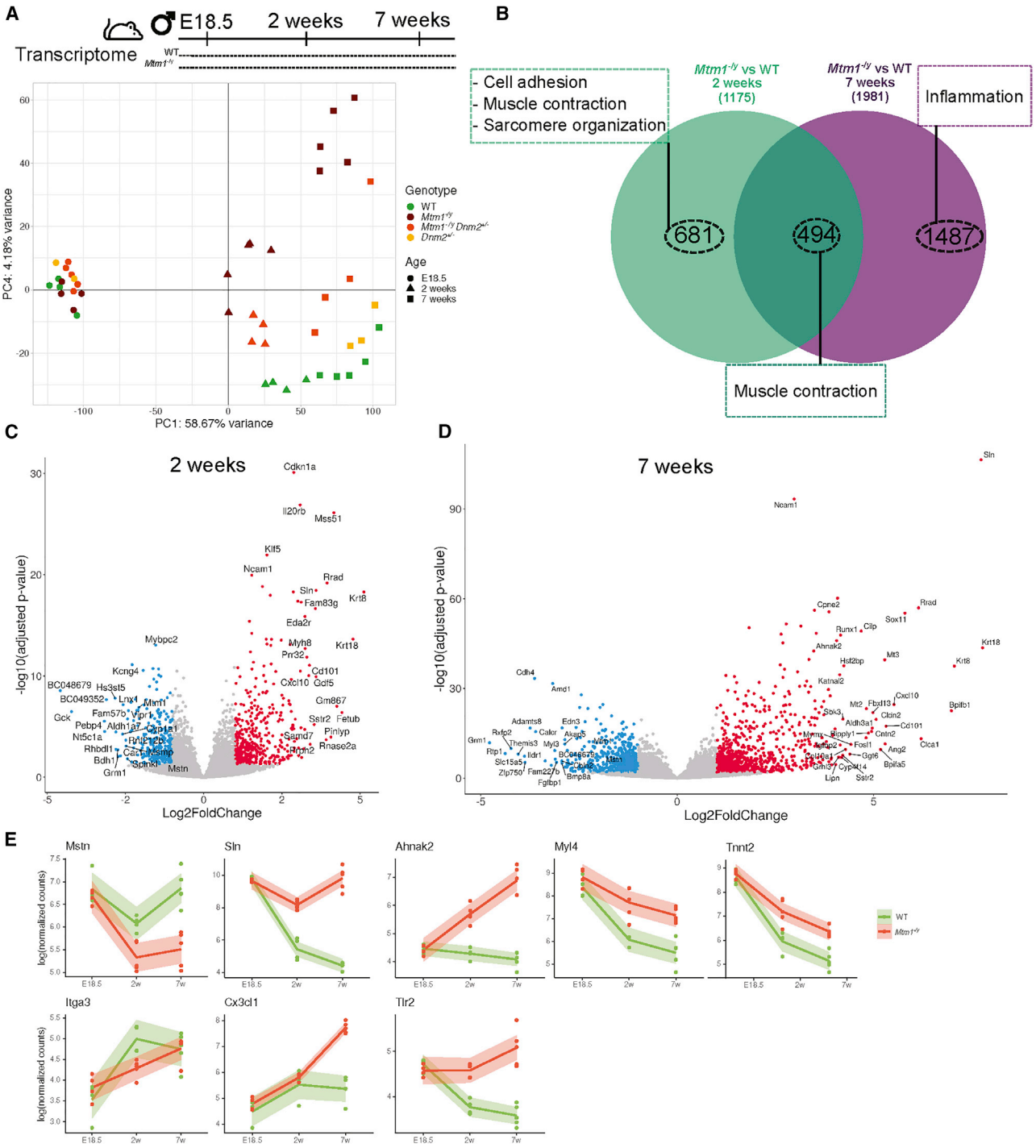


Figure 3. Longitudinal mRNA profiling of *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice

(A) Principal component analysis of RNA-seq data. The first and fourth axes are represented. Colored symbols represent genotypes, and shapes represent ages for each mouse. (B) Venn diagram illustrating the shared and specific dysregulated genes based on the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ versus WT comparison at 2 and 7 weeks. The most enriched GO biological processes are represented by dashed boxes. (C and D) Volcano plots representing the differentially expressed genes at (C) 2 weeks and (D) 7 weeks. Upregulated genes are in red, and downregulated genes are in blue. (E) Gene expression data (log-normalized counts) determined by RNA-seq for *Mstn* (muscle growth), *Sln* (calcium homeostasis), *Ahnak2* (sarcomere organization), *Myl4* and *Tnnt2* (muscle contraction), *Itga3* (cell adhesion), and *Cxc3cl1* and *Tlr2* (inflammation pathway) across time. Each dot represents an individual mouse; the shaded area represents the confidence interval at 0.95.

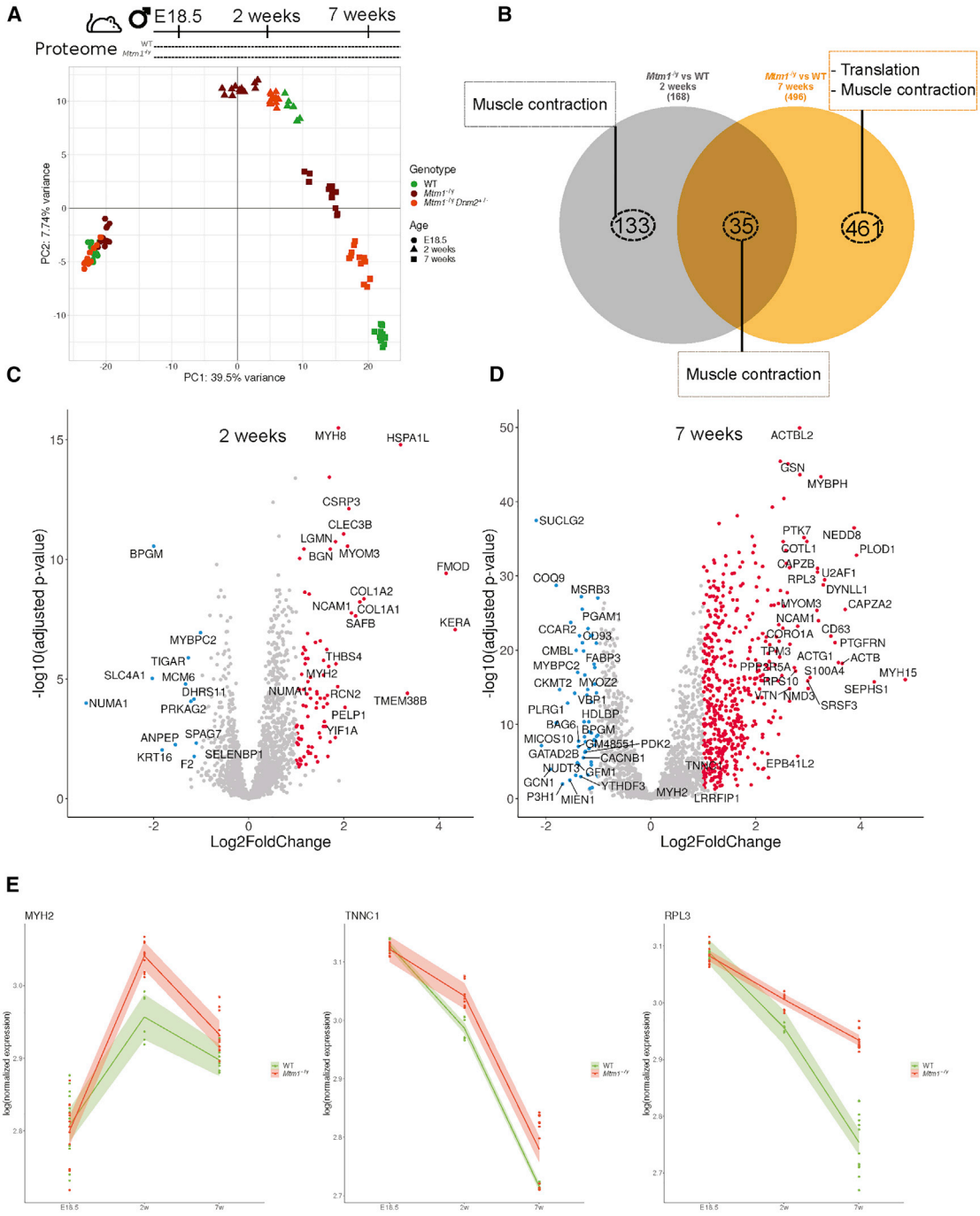


Figure 4. Longitudinal protein profiling of *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice

(A) Principal component analysis of mass spectrometry data. Colored symbols represent genotypes, and shapes represent ages for each mouse. Technical and biological replicates are shown. (B) Venn diagram illustrating the shared and specific dysregulated proteins based on the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ versus WT comparison at 2 and 7 weeks; the most enriched GO biological processes are represented by dashed boxes. (C and D) Volcano plots displaying the differentially expressed proteins at (C) 2 weeks and (D) 7 weeks. Upregulated proteins are in red, and downregulated proteins are in blue. (E) MYH2 and TNNC1 (muscle contraction) and RPL3 (ribosomal biogenesis) expression data obtained by mass spectrometry across time. Each dot represents technical and biological replicates; the shaded areas represent the confidence interval at 0.95.

Table 3. RNA and protein levels of Mtm1 (MTM1), Bin1 (BIN1), and Dnm2 (DNM2) in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ and *Dnm2*$^{RW/+}$ mice

Mouse line	RNA/protein	MTM1	BIN1	DNM2
Mtm1$^{-/y}$	protein (WB)	absent	fold = 2	fold = 2.5
			p < 0.05	p < 0.001
		age 5 weeks	age 7 weeks	age 5 weeks
		Cowling et al.[34]	Lionello et al.[39]	Cowling et al.[34]
	RNA (qPCR)	fold = 0.5	N/D	fold = 1.3
		p = 0.0095		p < 0.05
		age 7 weeks		age 7 weeks
	RNA (transcriptomic)	fold = 0.2	fold = 1.4	fold = 1.02
		p = 1.98E−09	p = 0.046	p = 0.95
		age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks
Bin1$^{mck-/-}$	protein (WB)	fold = 1.07	absent	fold = 1.5
		p = 0.95		p = 0.052
		age 8 weeks		age 8 weeks
				unpublished data
	RNA (qPCR)	fold = 0.97	absent	fold = 1.4
		p = 0.28	p = 0.0091	p < 0.05
		age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks
				unpublished data
	RNA (transcriptomic)	fold = 0.93	fold = 0.10	fold = 1.1
		p = 0.63	p = 1.63E−209	p = 0.42
		age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks
Dnm2$^{SL/+}$	protein (WB)	fold = 0.7	fold = 0.95	fold = 2.2
		p = 0.016	p > 0.05	p = 0.057
		age 8 weeks	age 8 weeks	age 8 weeks
				Massana Muñoz et al.[28]
	RNA (qPCR)	fold = 1.2	N/D	fold = 0.9
		p = 0.15		p > 0.05
		age 7 weeks		age 7 weeks
				Massana Muñoz et al.[28]
	RNA (transcriptomic)	fold = 0.87	fold = 1.37	fold = 1.04
		p = 0.023	p = 2.34E−09	p = 0.77
		age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks
Dnm2$^{RW/+}$	protein	fold = 1.2	fold = 1.8	fold = 1.05
		p = 0.4	p = 0.07	p = 0.6
		age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks	age 7 weeks

WB, western blot; N/D, not determined.

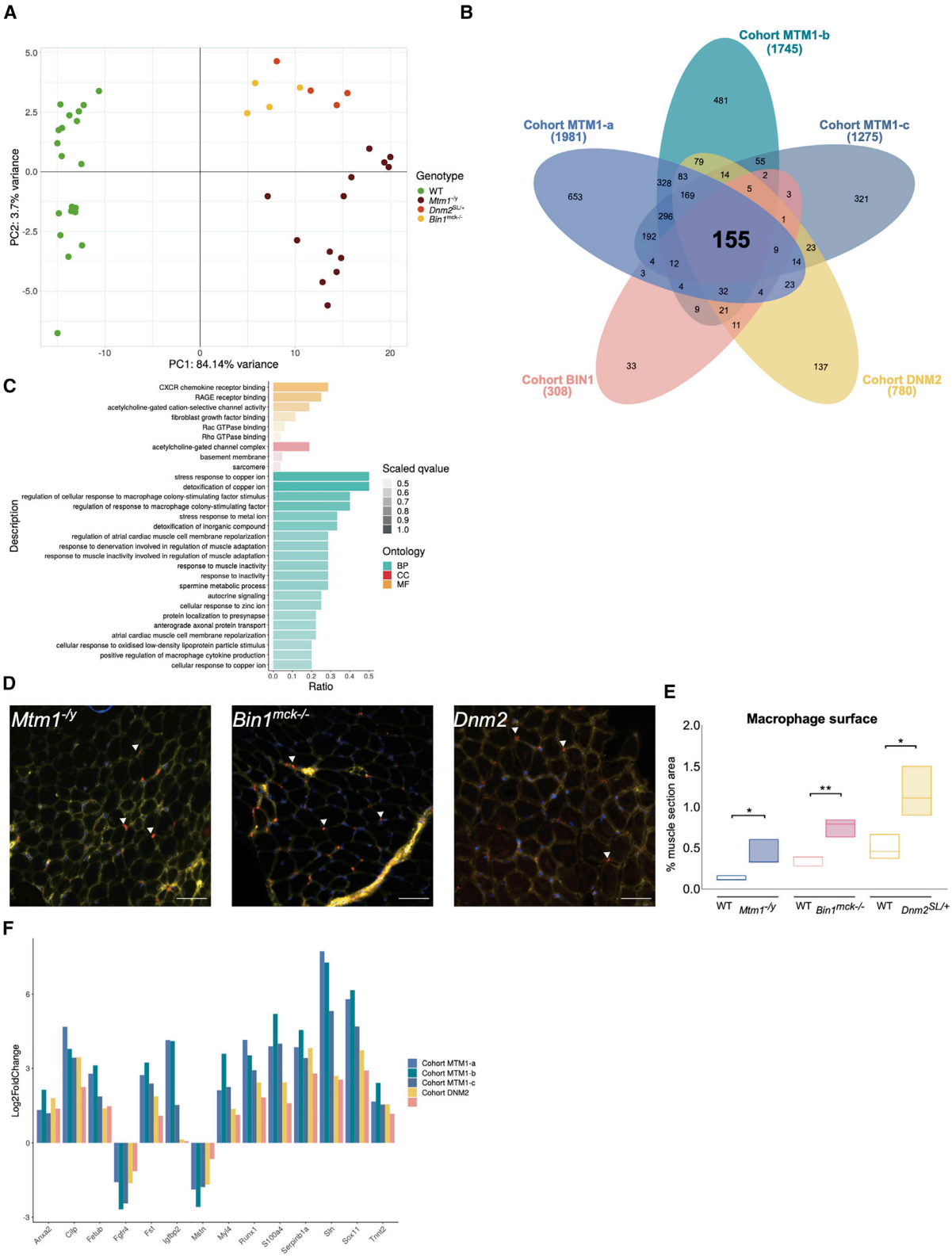
Taken together, comparison of the three CNM models and several therapies underlined a common disease signature and a common therapy signature indicating potential therapeutic targets and biomarkers to follow disease severity or progression and therapy efficacy.

Identification of muscle and circulating biomarkers correlating with disease and therapy

To identify potential circulating biomarkers of disease state and therapy efficacy, we compared the list of genes in the disease signature and the therapy signature with proteins detected by mass spectrometry on the serum of WT mice at 8 weeks (Table S16), with public databases listing proteins detected in different fluids in humans and mice (GTEx, BioGPS, Illumina, GXD), and with the literature (Figure 7A). The following proteins were selected: ANXA2, CILP, FETUB, IGFBP2, and MSTN. To identify the best biomarkers, they were further screened by qRT-PCR, western blotting, and an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) in muscle and in plasma. The levels of all of these RNAs were altered in the disease state and responded to the therapies in the three CNM mouse models, as validated by qRT-PCR in muscle (Figure 6C; Figures S4, S5, and S10–S12). ANXA2, FETUB, and CILP proteins were found dysregulated in muscle from some or all CNM models by western blot (Figure 7B; Figure S14). For example, *Anxa2* (ANXA2) was significantly upregulated in muscles from 7-week-old *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice at both the RNA and protein levels, and its RNA was found already upregulated, albeit to a lesser extent, at 2 weeks in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice (2-fold at 2 weeks and 2.46-fold at 7 weeks).

Concerning circulating biomarkers, ELISA assays confirmed the presence of ANXA2, CILP, IGFBP2, and MSTN in the plasma from WT mice, as previously detected in serum by mass spectrometry (Figure 7C). Unlike in muscle, CILP levels in plasma were not changed in any CNM mouse models. Interestingly, the plasma level of IGFBP2 was significantly increased in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice. The alteration of *Igfbp2* RNA levels in the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ muscle increased with age and disease progression, from 6-fold at 2 weeks (early disease stage) to 17-fold at 7 weeks (late disease stage). To assess whether circulating IGFBP2 is a biomarker common to several CNM forms, ELISA assays were performed in *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ plasma at 7 weeks. The level of IGFBP2 was changed only in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice, suggesting it could be a biomarker specific to the MTM1-CNM form. Similarly, dysregulation of plasma protein content of ANXA2 and MSTN was revealed by ELISA, specifically for the BIN1-CNM or MTM1-CNM models, respectively. In both cases, these biomarkers responded to the therapies. The increase in ANXA2 plasma protein content in *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ mice was normalized upon DNM2 decrease with ASO *Dnm2*. The strong decrease in MSTN plasma protein content in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice was normalized upon BIN1 overexpression.

Overall, this screening strategy, from RNA-seq-based discovery, to qRT-PCR and western blot in muscle, and to ELISA in plasma, discovered ANXA2 as a muscle biomarker for several CNM forms and CILP and FETUB for specific CNM forms. IGFBP2, ANXA2, and MSTN were found as circulating biomarkers for specific CNM



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forms, and ANXA2 and MSTN plasma levels responded to the therapies.

DISCUSSION

We performed a multi-omics meta-analysis of CNMs through the comparison of mouse models for the three main CNM forms and the comparison of three therapies with different targets. We identified disease signatures for MTM1-CNM conserved in different genetic and environmental backgrounds and in different species (mice, dogs, humans). Longitudinal transcriptome and proteome analysis of *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice suggested early causal pathomechanisms and late compensatory adjustments. A disease signature common to the three CNM forms was defined, suggesting a common pathomechanism for CNM independent of the mutated genes. Comparison of the molecular effect of the different therapies revealed a correlation between the molecular normalization and the phenotypic rescue. In addition, novel potential therapeutic targets were suggested. Further molecular and biochemical investigations identified several biomarkers for disease state and therapy efficacy in muscle (RNA, proteins) and in plasma.

Pathomechanism of CNMs

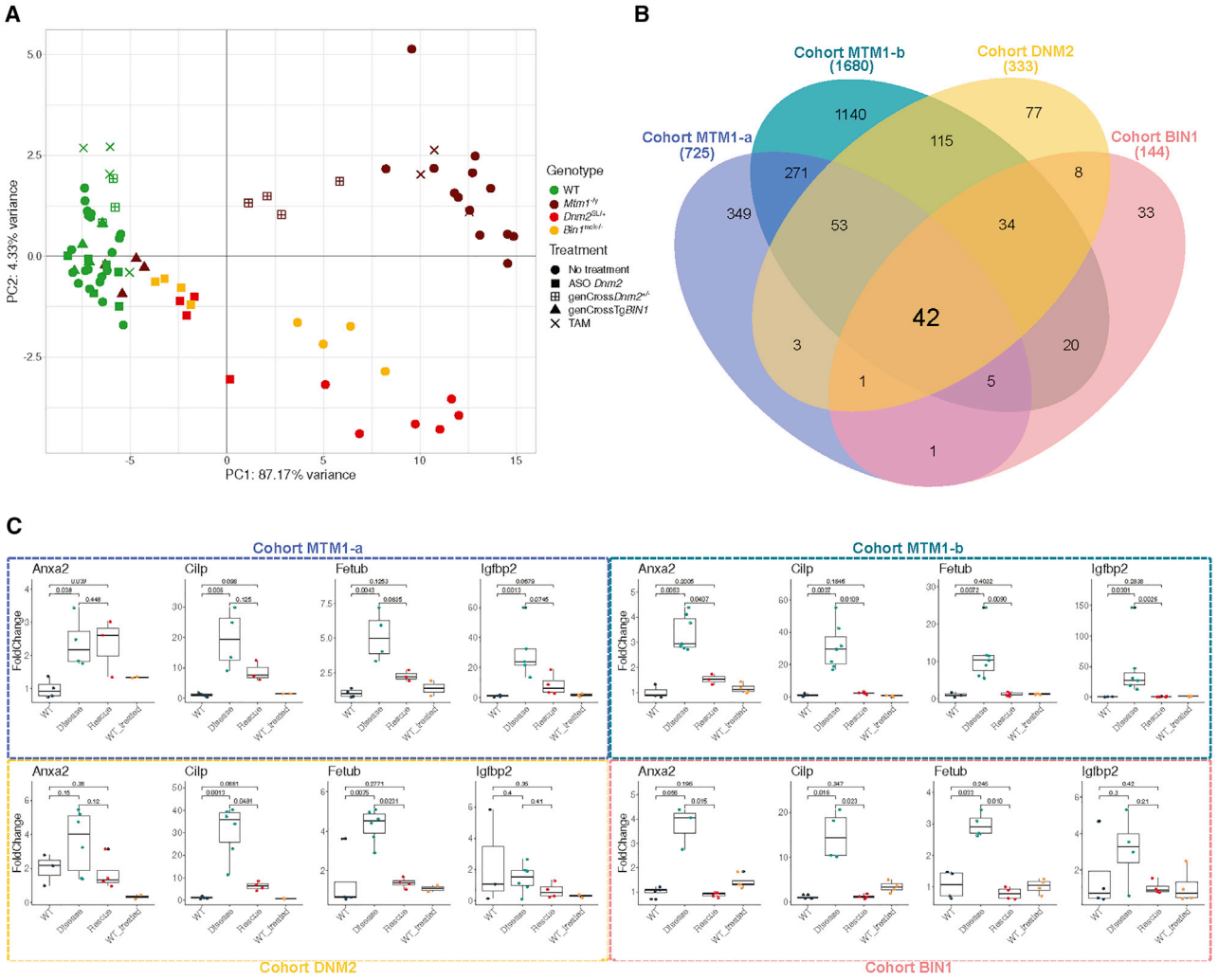
We compared the muscle transcriptomes of the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice faithfully reproducing the muscle weakness and histological hallmarks of the three main CNM forms.[28,49] The overall transcriptomes easily distinguished the CNM models from their WT littermates.

For MTM1-CNM, to identify the specific disease signature independent from the genetic backgrounds or environment, we increased data heterogeneity by characterizing several *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ groups on 129Pas, C57BL/6J, or mixed backgrounds bred in different animal houses, and then focused on the common transcriptome dysregulation. Next, this signature was compared to available transcriptome data from one MTM1 canine model and to a partial microarray analysis (4,200 genes) of patient muscle biopsies.[45,46] Our conclusions were supported by previous findings. Dysregulation of NMJ components (CHRNA1, CHRND, CHRNG) were recently reported in the MTM1 dog, and alteration of the NMJ function was suggested in a mtm1 knockdown zebrafish and in *Mtm1* mouse models.[46,50,51] We found a high increase in *Sln* expression in the three CNM mouse models, and upregulation of *Sln* was previously reported following microarray analysis of the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mouse.[49] In addition, longitudinal analyses of the muscle transcriptome and proteome of *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice at pre-symptomatic (E18.5), early (2 weeks), and late (7 weeks) disease stages highlighted the same dysregulated pathways, although the same dysregulated genes/proteins were not necessarily found (Figures 3 and 4). These ages were chosen to potentially distinguish between early causes of the disease and late consequences or compensatory mechanisms. Further functional investigations are needed to confirm their causality. In addition, the proteome analysis only covered the most abundant proteins. For example, BIN1 and DNM2 were not detected in the muscle proteomes. However, BIN1 and DNM2 proteins were both increased in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice using specific antibodies as determined by western blot (Table 3).[34,39] Interestingly, we recently showed that the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice can be rescued by either decreasing DNM2 or increasing BIN1,[37,39] strongly supporting the idea that a DNM2 increase is a disease cause while a BIN1 increase is a compensatory mechanism.

The comparison of the *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ muscle transcriptomes revealed a common disease signature, encompassing sarcomere organization, muscle contraction, muscle development, and cell adhesion. All of these pathways were already the main ones found dysregulated at 2 weeks in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice, supporting the hypothesis that their dysregulation represents the main pathomechanism for all CNM forms (Figures 3, 4, and 5). In addition to these pathways, inflammation activation (transcriptome) and ribosomal biogenesis (proteome) were found only at 7 weeks, suggesting that their dysregulation is a consequence or a response to the disease state. Based on these data and on the knowledge that the three CNM proteins regulate membrane remodeling, we propose a model for the pathomechanism of CNM. Alteration of the triad membrane structure would lead to impaired calcium signaling and defective muscle contraction, explaining the strong muscle weakness and hypotonia seen in patients. The myofiber hypotrophy seen in patients and mouse models correlates with alteration of muscle development and regeneration and may be related to dysregulation of IGF modulators as IGFBP2 and/or to the reported decrease in satellite cells in patients.[52] The strong myofiber hypotrophy would then trigger a later adaptation on protein homeostasis, as underlined by the increase of the ribosome biogenesis genes found only at 7 weeks. Indeed, defects of protein homeostasis correlate with the alteration of autophagy and the ubiquitin-proteasome pathways found in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice.[25,53,54] In parallel, a primary defect in cell adhesion would impact the basement membrane and mechanotransduction and may explain defects in muscle contraction and also the altered fiber

Figure 5. CNM disease signature in mice

(A) PCA on RNA-seq data on the 155 genes commonly differentially expressed between the five cohorts; each dot represents a mouse. The three different CNM mouse models are represented by red, orange, and yellow dots and the WT controls are represented by green dots. (B) Venn diagram illustrating the shared and specific dysregulated genes between the five CNM cohorts. (C) GO enrichment analysis for biological processes (BPs), cellular component (CC), and molecular function (MF) of the 155 common differentially expressed genes between the five CNM cohorts. GO terms with highest ratio and lowest q-value are represented. The ratio represents the number of genes dysregulated divided by the total number of genes in the category. The color scale is based on the q-value; dark colors indicate most significantly over-represented terms, while lighter colors indicate the least significant terms. (D) Macrophage localization by immunofluorescence in transverse section from TA muscle at 7 weeks in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$, and *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ mice. Nuclei: DAPI (blue), macrophages (red), plasma membrane (WGA, yellow). Arrowheads point to macrophages. Scale bars, 100 μm. (E) Quantification of macrophages. t test: *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$. (F) Transcriptomic expression changes between diseased and WT mice for the five cohorts. The log_2fold change expression of *Anxa2*, *Cilp*, *Fetub*, *Fgfr4*, *Fst*, *Igfbp2*, *Mstn*, *Myl4*, *Runx1*, *S100a4*, *Serpinb1a*, *Sln*, *Sox11*, and *Tnnt2* are represented by the bars.



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shape found in patients and mice. This is in agreement with the accumulation of integrins in *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mouse and patient myofibers, and with the proposed link between MTM1 and beta integrin recycling.[39,55,56] The observed increased in interfiber space, together with the alteration of muscle regeneration, would cause the late increase in genes implicated in inflammation activation. As we detected a significant increase in RNA markers of inflammatory cells while performing whole-tissue RNA-seq, we conclude there is a significant infiltration of inflammatory cells that was confirmed by immunofluorescence labeling and quantification (Figures 5D and 5E). An inflammatory component was not previously reported for CNM but is common in dystrophies.[57] Furthermore, the dysregulated pathways found here were barely underlined previously in the other CNM forms linked to *BIN1* or *DNM2*. Overall, although some of these pathways were previously found altered in MTM1-CNM, these omics analyses allowed us to obtain a more complete and detailed overview of the pathomechanisms and extend it to several other CNMs. The GO term analysis of the common disease signature identified here for different CNM forms mostly reflects general muscle dysfunction and compensatory mechanisms put in place by the myofibers to cope with these defects, and thus highlights pathways also dysregulated in a large number of muscle diseases. However, differences appear when looking at the gene level that may reveal plasticity to impact or compensate the main muscle pathways depending on the sub-class of myopathies and on the primary genetic defect.

To a greater extent, we found several genes mutated in different neuromuscular diseases in the common CNM disease signature. Notably, *LMNA* is mutated in Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophy, and the encoded protein lamin A/C regulates nuclear envelope stability (MIM: 181350 and 616516).[58] Of note, lamin A/C and BIN1 both bind the LINC complex that regulates nuclear shape and positioning, and BIN1-CNM patients have an altered nuclear envelope structure.[59] *KLHL40* is mutated in another congenital myopathy and is a substrate adaptor for the E3-ubiquitin ligase Cullin-3 (MIM: 615348).[60,61] Similarly, MTM1 binds the Cullin-3 partner UBQLN2, and MTM1-CNM is linked to defects in the ubiquitin-proteasome pathway.[54] Several dysregulated genes in all CNM models are mutated in cardiomyopathy: *SCN5A* (MIM: 601154), *TNNT2* (MIM: 601494), and *MYL4* (MIM: 617280). In addition, MYH2 and TNNC1, which are found to be upregulated in the proteome of 2-week *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ mice, are also mutated in a proximal myopathy (MIM: 605637) or a cardiomyopathy (MIM: 611879), respectively. Such findings are commonly observed in myopathies where upregulation of genes usually expressed in embryonic muscle or adult cardiac muscle are re-expressed in the affected skeletal muscle. Finally, *CHRNA1* (MIM: 601462) and *CHRND* (MIM: 616322) are mutated in congenital myasthenic syndromes, correlating with the defect in NMJ found in MTM1-CNM models.[50,51,62]

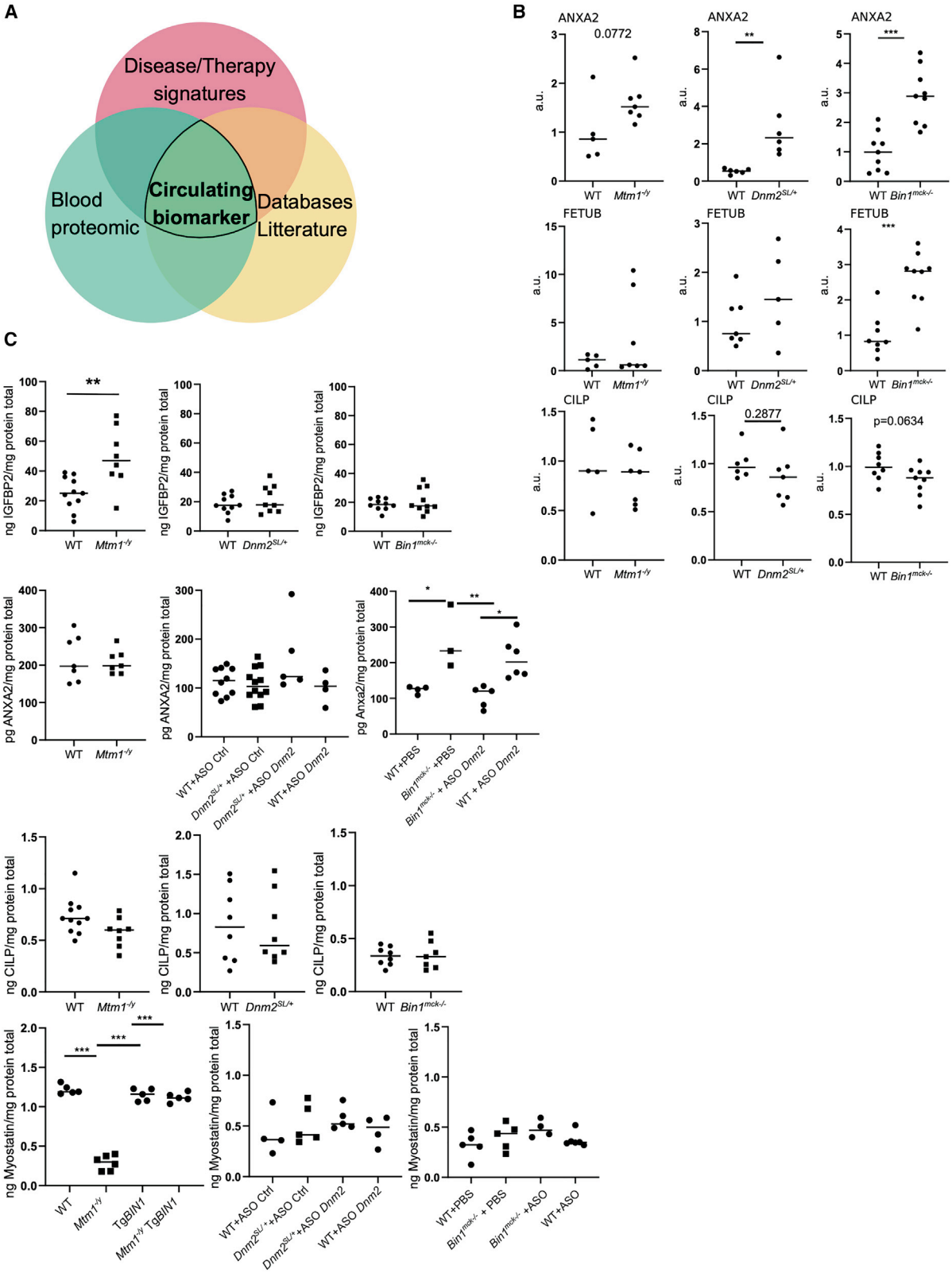
Common therapeutic targets for CNMs

We compared here three therapies involving three different targets in MTM1-CNM models, BIN1 overexpression, tamoxifen treatment and DNM2 regulation, and two methodologies for the latter target. For the first time, this allows a molecular comparison of the different therapies for CNM. BIN1 overexpression appears to be the most efficient therapy to normalize the molecular defects. The percentage of rescued genes varies greatly with 96% for BIN1 overexpression, 36% for DNM2 downregulation, and 0.5% for tamoxifen in the MTM1-CNM mouse model. In the AAV-MTM1 treated dogs, the percentage of rescued genes was 52% and 43% depending on the muscles analyzed.[46] These findings highlight a correlation between the phenotypic and molecular rescue, as modulations of either MTM1, BIN1, or DNM2 improved the lifespan and locomotor and histological phenotypes very efficiently, while tamoxifen treatment resulted in a partial increase in lifespan and a significant amelioration of the histopathology, although to a lesser extent than with genetic crosses.[17,31,34,37,39–41] As a potential explanation for the different rescue efficiency of the transcriptome dysregulation, BIN1 may directly modulate the general transcription program in a disease context, while MTM1 and DNM2 may directly impact the cellular (proteins, membrane) defects. Indeed, BIN1 binds the transcription factor MYC and can shuttle between the cytoplasm and the nucleus in muscle cells.[63–65] Of note, BIN1 overexpression was achieved through genetic cross and is thus chronic from embryogenesis, while AAV-MTM1 and tamoxifen treatments are postnatal. However, transcriptome comparisons between chronic (*Dnm2*$^{+/-}$ genetic cross for MTM1-a) and acute DNM2 downregulation (ASO *Dnm2* injection for DNM2 and BIN1 cohorts) showed similar percentages of rescued genes: 36% in MTM1-a, 43% in DNM2, and 47% in BIN1 cohorts (Figure 6). The rescuing effect of tamoxifen treatment is not based on transcriptome remodeling but might directly involve membrane and protein functions.

We evaluated the toxicity of the different therapies used in this study by comparing the WT treated versus WT mice. Treatment of WT mice did not show a strong impact on the transcriptomes, while it was not reported in AAV-MTM1-treated dogs. For example, injection of ASO *Dnm2* decreased *Dnm2* expression but had few off-targets. No detectable phenotypic toxicities were observed in the treated WT mice. However, in humans, even if the same gene is targeted

Figure 6. Common therapy signature in CNM mice treated with different therapies

(A) PCA on RNA-seq data of the 42 genes commonly rescued in the four cohorts. Each symbol represents a mouse. The three different CNM mouse models are represented by red, orange, and yellow, and the WT controls are represented in green. Treatments are represented by different symbols: squares for the downregulation of *Dnm2,* either by ASO injection (full square) or by genetic cross (boxed +); the triangle represents the overexpression of human *BIN1*; and the cross represents the administration of tamoxifen. (B) Venn diagram illustrating the shared and specific dysregulated genes between rescued and diseased mice in each mouse cohort. (C) mRNA expression levels of *Anxa2*, *Cilp*, *Fetub*, and *Igfbp2* in CNM mice either diseased or rescued upon therapy, and in untreated and treated controls. Boxplots displaying normalized Ct values. Pairwise significance calculated by a Dunn's test are represented. (D) Among the 42 genes identified in the therapy signature, 35 have human orthologs and 2 (*Scn5a* and *Sbk3*) encode proteins targeted by known drugs.



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(either BIN1 or DNM2), the therapeutic compound and formulation may differ and the delivery method and corresponding dose will change. Here, for BIN1 overexpression we used the human cDNA while for DNM2 downregulation we used ASOs specific to the mouse *Dnm2* gene. We also detected the expected overexpression of the human *BIN1* gene in the MTM1-b cohort. BIN1 overexpression only changed the expression of three genes in the treated WT mice (Figure S9), while rescuing most transcriptome dysregulation in the $Mtm1^{-/y}$ mice, suggesting this therapy modulates the transcriptome mainly in a disease context (i.e., normalization).

The present data revealed several potential targets that were not directly targeted in the experiments (i.e., not MTM1, BIN1, or DNM2). Genes of interest are expected to be dysregulated in disease and normalized upon efficient therapies, i.e., part of the therapy signature. In addition, known drugs targeting these gene products may be an asset, as this will allow drug repurposing and a faster clinical development. Several genes coding for subunits of the acetylcholine receptor are dysregulated. In particular, acetylcholine esterase inhibitors used in a clinical trial to treat myasthenic syndromes were tested with some success in different CNM forms,[62] *Scn5a* is also found upregulated in the disease signature and normalized in the therapy signature, and it encodes a subunit of the sodium channel that can be inhibited by quinidine, a stereoisomer of quinine. *Mstn* encoding the myokine myostatin, an inhibitor of muscle growth, is significantly decreased in disease models of all cohorts except the $Bin1^{mck-/-}$ mouse ($\log_2FC = -0.6$ while our threshold was -1). Inhibitors of myostatin are being tested in the clinic for other muscle diseases, and one of them (ActRIIB-mFc) showed only a very mild amelioration of the $Mtm1^{RC/y}$ knockin mouse.[66] The mild amelioration can be explained by the fact that myostatin is already strongly decreased in the disease state and thus could hardly be better suppressed.[67] *Sln* encoding the calcium regulator sarcolipin is strongly upregulated in disease models of all cohorts except the MTM1-c cohort. Reducing sarcolipin expression through genetic cross or shRNA improved Duchenne muscular dystrophy phenotypes in mice.[68] As a last example, myosins and troponins also meet these criteria and are targeted by several pharmacological regulators that may improve the muscle contraction defects of CNM. Indeed, all discussed modulations should be first validated in laboratory models, as it is unclear whether dysregulation of some pathways are disease causing or compensatory.

Potential biomarkers for disease progression and therapy efficacy

We developed a strategy to identify potential biomarkers, combining RNA-seq, qRT-PCR, and western blotting in muscle with mass spectrometry and ELISA assays in blood, supported by database and literature mining. The validity of these biomarkers for monitoring disease progression and therapy efficacy has to be confirmed in human samples. This will require muscle and blood sampling of untreated and treated patients with different CNM forms together with adequate aged-matched controls. We found that the *Mstn* RNA level is strongly decreased in $Mtm1^{-/y}$ and $Dnm2^{SL/+}$ mice and to a lesser extent in $Bin1^{mck-/-}$ mice ($\log_2FC = -0.6$), and it was normalized upon modulation of *MTM1*, *BIN1*, and *Dnm2* (Figures S5 and S9–S11).[46] In agreement, MSTN was recently found decreased in plasma from MTM1- and DNM2-CNM patients and responded to ASO *Dnm2* treatment in $Mtm1^{-/y}$ mice.[69] In addition, MSTN plasma level was also normalized upon BIN1 overexpression (Figure 7C). ANXA2 is a calcium-dependent phospholipid-binding protein that has a role in muscle repair,[70] and it was validated here as a muscle biomarker for all of the CNM forms that we have tested. ANXA2 was detected in plasma, increased in the $Bin1^{mck-/-}$ mouse model, and normalized upon ASO *Dnm2* injection. Moreover, several reports cited ANXA2 to be a valuable biomarker in different cancers.[71,72]

In particular, these potential biomarkers could be used in clinical trials to monitor the progression/reversion of the disease and/or efficacy of the therapy. Currently, there are two clinical trials ongoing to treat CNM. First, there is the clinical trial (ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT03199469) for X-linked myotubular/CNM in patients under 5 years of age based on *MTM1* gene replacement using AAV. Second, a clinical trial based on the decrease/normalization of *DNM2* with ASO (DYN101) is ongoing in patients with mutations in *MTM1* and *DNM2* over 16 years of age (ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT04033159) and is planned for patients between 2 and 17 years of age (ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT04743557).

Conclusions

Herein, we report the first multi-omics analysis of animal models for several CNM forms, and of the effect of different therapies allowing us to reveal a common disease signature and a common therapy signature. We determined the global pathological mechanism and deciphered the molecular impact of therapies. Longitudinal analyses of the treated and untreated MTM1-CNM model highlight potential causes and consequences of the pathology. In addition, we identified several novel biomarkers detectable in muscle and/or plasma through different validated methodologies. These findings and the associated data should be an asset to the community for further investigations. More generally, this study validates the concept of using omics to identify molecular signatures common to different disease forms or to several therapeutic strategies.

Figure 7. Muscle and circulating biomarkers for disease and rescue states

(A) Venn diagram illustrating the strategy to extract biomarkers from the comparison of disease and therapy signatures, proteins detected by mass spectrometry in the sera of WT mice, public databases (GTEx, BioGPS, Illumina, GXD), and literature. (B) Protein levels of ANXA2, FETUB, and CILP in gastrocnemius with standardization by Ponceau red staining in $Mtm1^{-/y}$ (cohort MTM1-a), $Bin1^{mck-/-}$, and $Dnm2^{SL/+}$ mouse models at 7 weeks. Protein levels are represented as the fold difference from the average of the WT ($4 \leq n \leq 9$). Student's t test: $^{*}p < 0.05$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{***}p < 0.001$. (C) Plasma levels of IGFBP2, ANXA2, CILP, and MSTN (ng/mg or pg/mg protein total) from untreated and treated $Mtm1^{-/y}$, $Bin1^{mck-/-}$, and $Dnm2^{SL/+}$ mouse models and WT controls ($3 \leq n \leq 12$). Student's t test for untreated cohorts: $^{**}p < 0.01$. Tukey's test for treated cohorts: $^{*}p < 0.05$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{***}p < 0.001$.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Animals

In this study we used different cohorts of mice. The sample size is given in Table S1. The cohort MTM1-a (WT, *Dnm2*$^{+/-}$, *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, and *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$*Dnm2*$^{+/-}$) was previously phenotyped on a 129Pas genetic background.[34] The cohort MTM1-b (WT, Tg*BIN1*, *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, and *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$Tg*BIN1*) was previously phenotyped on a 50% 129Pas and 50% C57BL/6N genetic background.[39] Both cohorts MTM1-a and MTM1-b were bred in an IGBMC animal house in France. The cohort MTM1-c (WT, WT + tamoxifen, *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$, and *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ + tamoxifen) was previously treated and phenotyped on a 129Pas genetic background.[40] Tamoxifen was administered via supplement pellets of diet (30 mg/kg of tamoxifen). This cohort was bred in the animal house of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of Geneva (Geneva, Switzerland). The cohort DNM2 (WT + ASO control, WT + ASO *Dnm2*, *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ + ASO control, *Dnm2*$^{SL/+}$ + ASO *Dnm2*) was previously treated and phenotyped on a C57BL/6N genetic background.[28] The cohort BIN1 (WT + PBS, WT + ASO *Dnm2*, *Bin1*$^{mck/-}$ + PBS, *Bin1*$^{mck-/-}$ + ASO *Dnm2*) was previously treated and phenotyped on a C57BL/6N genetic background (unpublished data). Both DNM2 and BIN1 cohorts were bred in an IGBMC animal house in France. DNM2 and BIN1 cohorts were treated weekly from 3 to 7 weeks of age with intraperitoneal injections of 25 mg/kg of ASO (IONIS Pharmaceuticals) targeting *Dnm2*. Only males were analyzed in this study, as only *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$ males but not *Mtm1*$^{+/-}$ females are affected. TA muscles were dissected at E18.5, 2 weeks, or 7 weeks and obtained from the previous studies. Data from the MTM1-d cohort (WT, *Mtm1*$^{-/y}$) were retrieved from Maani et al.[41] This cohort was analyzed on a C57BL/6J genetic background and bred in a University of Toronto animal house in Canada. Quadriceps muscle from 5-week-old animals were considered.

Blood collection

To collect plasma, blood samples were collected on EDTA-coated tubes (Microvette 500 K3E, Sarstedt) by mandibular puncture. Samples were then centrifuged at +4°C during 10 min at 2,000 × *g*. To collect serum, mandibular puncture was performed on mice. Blood was collected in a sterile empty tube and kept for 30 min. After coagulation, only the supernatant (serum) was kept for further analysis. Plasma and serum samples were stored at −80°C.

RNA extraction and RNA-seq

RNA was extracted from TA muscles using TRI Reagent (Molecular Research Center, Cincinnati, OH, USA). RNA-seq libraries were prepared using the TruSeq stranded mRNA sample preparation kit and poly(A) selection and sequenced on a HiSeq 4000 as single-end 50-bp reads for cohorts MTM1-a, MTM1-b, MTMT1-c, cohort DNM2, and cohort BIN1.

Transcriptome analysis

Reads were preprocessed using cutadapt (version 1.10) in order to remove adaptor, poly(A), and low-quality sequences (Phred quality score below 20). Reads shorter than 40 bases were excluded from further analysis. Reads were mapped to ERCC (External RNA Controls Consortium) spike sequences using Bowtie version 2.2.8, and reads mapping to spike sequences were excluded from further analysis. Reads were mapped onto the mm10 assembly of *Mus musculus* genome using STAR version 2.5.3. Gene expression quantification was performed from uniquely aligned reads using htseq-count version 0.6.1p1, with annotations from Ensembl version 96 and union mode. Count tables were analyzed by the open-source RStudio environment for R and the Bioconductor software. The DESeq2 package (version 1.16.1) was used to normalize, fit, and compare the data between groups. Cutoff values for differentially expressed gene determinations were as follows: adjusted p value <0.05 and absolute value of $\log_2$FC >1. This pipeline was used for cohorts MTM1-a, MTM1-b, MTM1-c, DNM2, and BIN1.

To determine rescued genes, we developed a metric that quantifies the status of a diseased gene after the therapy. A diseased gene is defined as dysregulated in the comparison of disease versus WT (absolute value of $\log_2$FC >1 & adjusted p value <0.05). The metric is calculated as the ratio between the $\log_2$FC of the two comparisons: rescues versus disease over disease versus WT. We stratified the rescued genes into different categories: excessive rescue (metric > 120), not rescued (0 < metric < 30), partially rescued (30 < metric < 80), rescued (80 < metric < 120), and worsened (metric < 0) (Figure S15).

qRT-PCR

Synthesis of cDNA was performed with SuperScript IV transcriptase (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). qPCR was done in a LightCycler 480 (Roche Diagnostics, Basel, Switzerland) with SYBR Green master mix I (Roche Diagnostics, Basel, Switzerland), and 0.5 μM forward and reverse primers. Primers were validated by amplicon sequencing and melting curve analysis and are listed in Table S17. *Stau1*, *Rps11*, and *Rpl27* were used as housekeeping genes to normalize gene expression.

Protein extraction and liquid digestion

TA muscles were lysed in radioimmunoprecipitation assay (RIPA) buffer supplemented with 1 mM PMSF, 1 mM DTT, and complete mini-EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche Diagnostics, Basel, Switzerland). A DC protein assay kit (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA) was used to determine protein concentration. For serum analysis, most abundant serum proteins were depleted with the proteome purify 2 kit (MIDR002-020, R&D Systems) according to the manufacturer instructions before analysis by liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS).

Protein mixtures were tricarboxylic acid (TCA) precipitated overnight at 4°C. Samples were then centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 30 min at 4°C. Pellets were washed twice with 1 mL of cold acetone and centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 10 min at 4°C. Washed pellets were then urea denatured with 8 M urea in 0.1 mM Tris-HCl, reduced with 5 mM TCEP (tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine) for 30 min, and then alkylated with 10 mM iodoacetamide for 30 min in the dark. Both reduction and alkylation were performed at room temperature

and under agitation (850 rpm). Double digestion was performed with endoproteinase Lys-C (Wako) at a ratio of 1:100 (enzyme/proteins) in 8 M urea for 4 h, followed by an overnight modified trypsin digestion (Promega) at a ratio of 1:100 (enzyme/proteins) in 2 M urea. Both Lys-C and trypsin digestions were performed at 37°C. Peptide mixtures were then desalted on C18 spin-column and dried on a speed vacuum before LC-MS/MS analysis.

LC-MS/MS analysis

Samples were analyzed using an UltiMate 3000 nano RSLC (Thermo Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA) coupled in line with an LTQ-Orbitrap Elite mass spectrometer via a nano-electrospray ionization source (Thermo Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA). Peptide mixtures were loaded on a C18 Acclaim PepMap 100 trap column (75 μm inner diameter [ID] × 2 cm, 3 μm, 100 Å, Thermo Fisher Scientific) for 3.5 min at 5 μL/min with 2% acetonitrile (ACN)/0.1% formic acid (FA) in H_2O and then separated on a C18 Accucore nano-column (75 μm ID × 50 cm, 2.6 μm, 150 Å, Thermo Fisher Scientific) with a 90-min linear gradient from 5% to 35% buffer B (A: 0.1% FA in H_2O/B: 99% ACN, 0.1% FA in H_2O), then a 20-min linear gradient from 35% to 80% buffer B, followed with 5 min at 99% B and 5 min of regeneration at 5% B. The total duration was set to 120 min at a flow rate of 200 nL/min. The oven temperature was kept constant at 38°C.

The mass spectrometer was operated in positive ionization mode, in data-dependent mode with survey scans from *m/z* 350 to 1,500 acquired in the Orbitrap at a resolution of 120,000 at *m/z* 400. The 20 most intense peaks (TOP20) from survey scans were selected for further fragmentation in the linear ion trap with an isolation window of 2.0 Da and were fragmented by collision-induced dissociation (CID) with normalized collision energy of 35%. Unassigned and single charged states were rejected.

The ion target value for the survey scans (in the Orbitrap) and the MS2 mode (in the linear ion trap) were set to 1E6 and 5E3, respectively, and the maximum injection time was set to 100 ms for both scan modes. Dynamic exclusion was used. Exclusion duration was set to 20 s, repeat count was set to 1, and exclusion mass width was ±10 ppm.

Proteome analysis

Proteins were identified by database searching using MaxQuant 1.6.6.0 and *Mus musculus* database (UniProt proteome database). Oxidation (M) was set as variable modification, and carbamidomethylation (C) was set as a fixed modification. Peptides were filtered with a false discovery rate (FDR) at 1%, and the label-free quantitative values were processed using Perseus 1.6.6.0. 3,521 proteins were identified. Statistical analyses were conducted in R-Bioconductor (R 3.6.3). wrMisc and wrProteo packages were used to normalize and to impute missing data with default parameters. Cutoff values for differentially expressed protein determination were as follows: adjusted p value <0.05 and absolute value $\log_2$FC >1.

Western blotting

Denaturation was performed on samples during 5 min at 95°C with 5× lane marker reducing buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) and loaded on 10% SDS-PAGE gel (161-0173, TGX Fast Cast acrylamide kit, Bio-Rad). Proteins were transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane using a Trans-Blot Turbo RTA transfer kit (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA). Loading was controlled by Ponceau S (P7170, Sigma-Aldrich) staining and Cy5 dye fluorophore (RPN4000, QuickStain). Membranes were blocked for 1 h with 5% non-fat dry milk in 0.1% TBS with Tween 20 prior to incubations with primary and secondary antibodies. The primary and secondary antibodies used were as follows: ANXA2 (mouse, 1:1,000, Santa-Cruz Biotechnology sc-28385), CILP-1 (rabbit, 1:1,000, Biorbyt, orb182643), FETUB (rabbit, 1:500, Biorbyt,orb252830), MTM1 (2827, 1:700, homemade [34]), BIN1 (R2405, 1:700, homemade [39]), DNM2 (DNM2-R2865, 1:500, homemade [34]), β-actin (mouse, 1:5,000, homemade), peroxidase-coupled goat anti-rabbit (goat, 1:10,000, Jackson ImmunoResearch, 112-036-062), and peroxidase-coupled goat anti-mouse (goat, 1:10,000, Jackson ImmunoResearch, 115-036-068).

ELISA assays

Plasma proteins were quantified by a Pierce bicinchoninic acid (BCA) protein assay kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Proteins (ANXA2, IGFBP2, CILP, MSTN) were quantified using an ANXA2 ELISA kit (LS-F5798, LSBio), IGFBP2 ELISA kit (ab207615, Abcam), CILP ELISA kit (ABIN5591836, Antibodies-online), and an MSTN ELISA kit (DGDF80, R&D Systems), respectively, according to the manufacturers' instructions.

Muscle immunofluorescence

Transverse cryosections of TA muscles (8 μm) were permeabilized with 0.5% Triton X-100, blocked in 5% BSA, and incubated overnight at 4°C with anti-CD68 (MCA1957GA, Bio-Rad, 1:100) for identifying macrophages, DAPI for staining nuclei, and wheat germ agglutinin (WGA) conjugated to Alexa Fluor (AF) 647 for labeling the extracellular matrix. Slides were incubated with anti-mouse secondary antibodies for 1 h at room temperature (A-11007, Thermo Fisher Scientific, 1:250), observed, and imaged in a Leica DM 4000 microscope. The images were analyzed using ImageJ software (n = 3 mice per group).

Ortholog retrieval and GO analysis

Orthologs between mice and dogs and humans and mice were retrieved by the bitr function in the clusterProfiler package. GO analyses were performed with the clusterProfiler package (version 3.12.0) using the overrepresentation test and the Benjamini-Hochberg correction for multiple testing. Enrichments with a corrected p value lower than 0.05 were considered significant.[7,73]

Data representation and statistical analyses

PCA, volcano plot, and qPCR results were generated in R-Bioconductor (R 3.6.3). PCA was generated from the DESeq2 package (version 1.24.0) with variance-stabilizing transformation. All genes

were used to generate the PCA from Figures 3A and 4A. Disease signature genes (Table S9) were used to generate the PCA from Figure 5A. Therapy signature genes (Table S15) were used to generate the PCA from Figure 6B. Statistical analyses for qRT-PCR were performed by Dunn's multiple comparison test. Western blot and ELISA results were analyzed in GraphPad Prism (v9) using a Student's t test. Venn diagrams were obtained from the InteractiVenn website (http://www.interactivenn.net).[74]

Data availability

The R script used to process the data has been deposited in GitLab and is freely available at http://git.lbgi.fr/djeddi/Myomics. RNA-seq data were deposited in NCBI GEO: GSE160084. The mass spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD021725. The mass spectrometry proteomics data from the circulating proteins in serum have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD021765.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Supplemental Information

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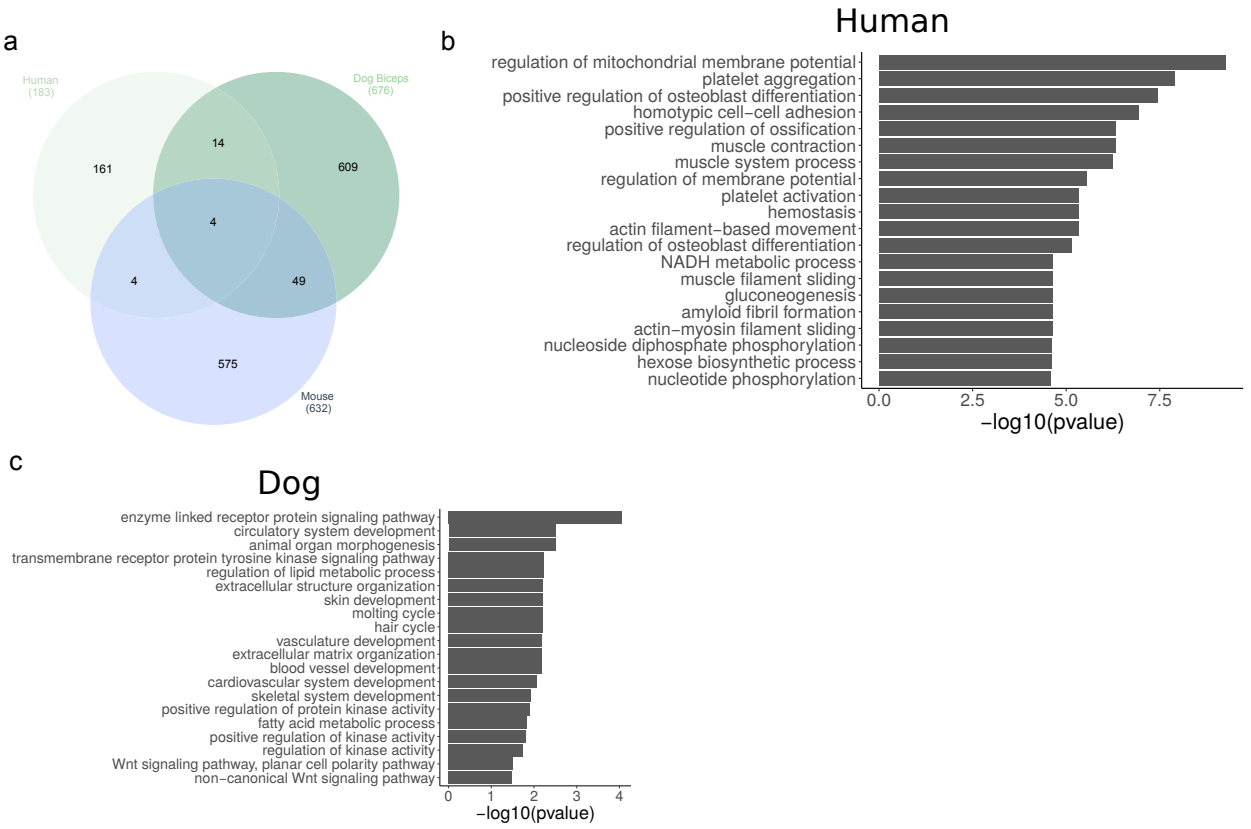


Figure S1. (a)Venn diagram illustrating the common dysregulated genes based on the MTM1 vs controls comparison in three different species: human, mice and dog (Biceps femoris). (b-c) Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis of the specific differentially expressed genes in (b) Human cohort and (c) in Dog cohort. The 20 GO biological process terms with the lowest p-value are displayed.

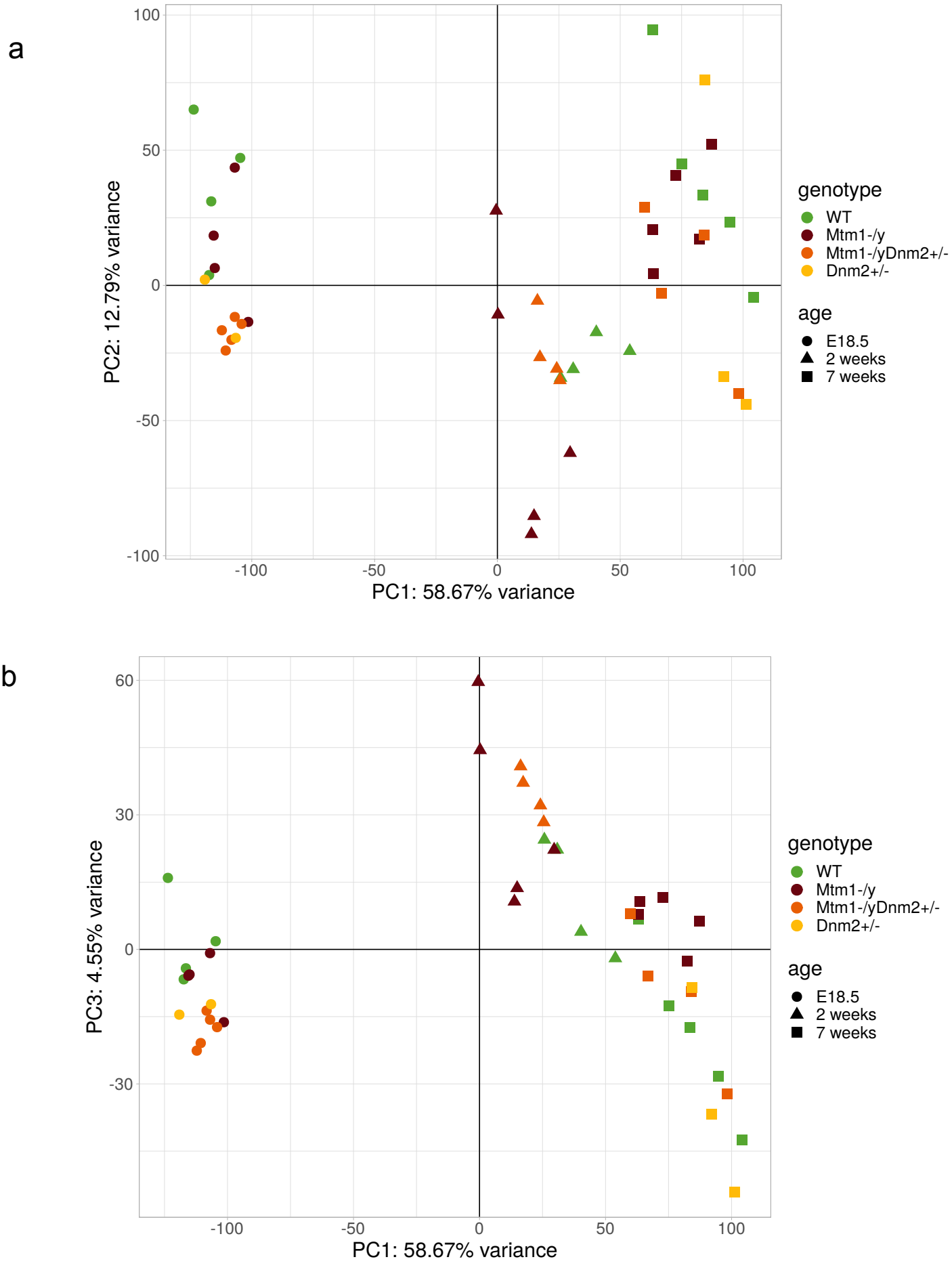


Figure S2. PCA related to Fig 5b. (a) PC1 and PC2 and (b) PC1 and PC3 are represented.

Figure S3. GO enrichment analysis for biological processes (BP), cellular component (CC) and molecular function (MF) of the differentially expressed genes in Mtm1-/y vs WT mice (N =1175 genes) at (a) 2 w and (b) at 7 w (N=1981 genes). GO terms with highest ratio and lowest q-value are represented. The ratio represents the number of genes dysregulated divided by the total number of genes in the category. The color scale is based on the q-value, dark colors indicate most significantly over-represented terms, while lighter colors indicate the least significant terms.

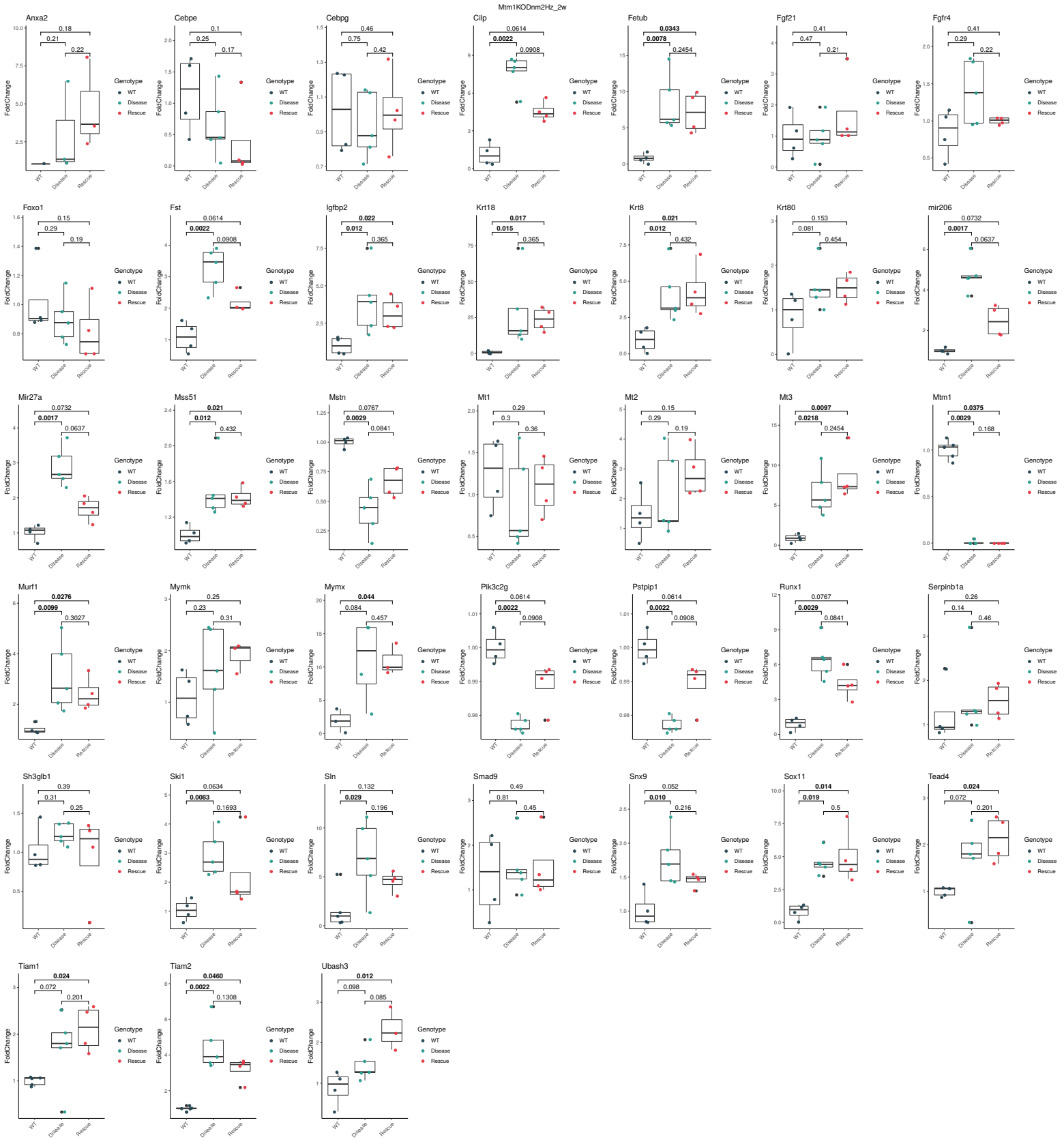
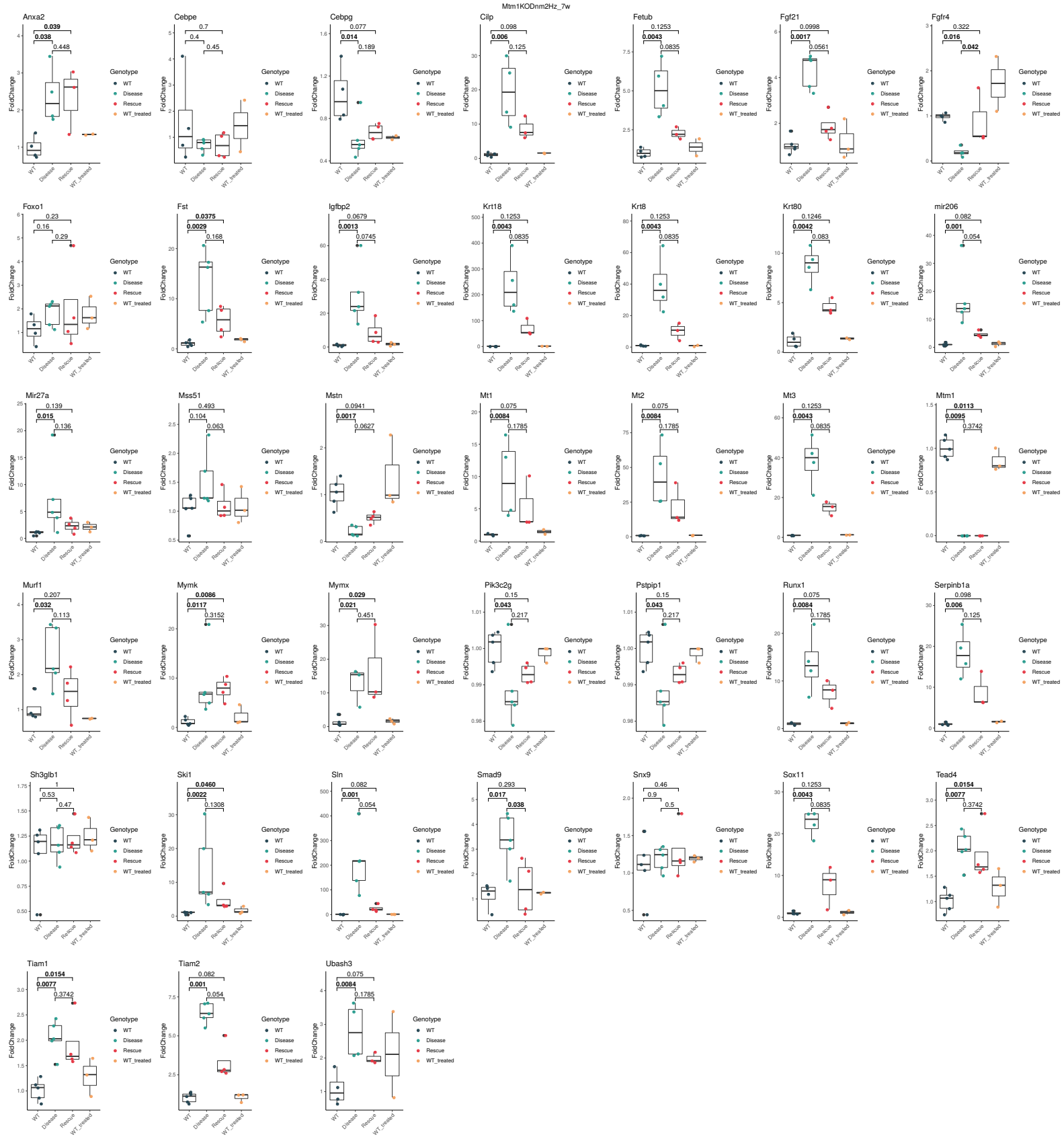


Figure S4. mRNA expression levels of genes of interest in diseased, rescued and control mice in the MTM1-a cohort at 2 w. Boxplots displaying normalized Ct values. Pairwise significance calculated by Dunn's test, $p < 0.05$ are represented in bold.



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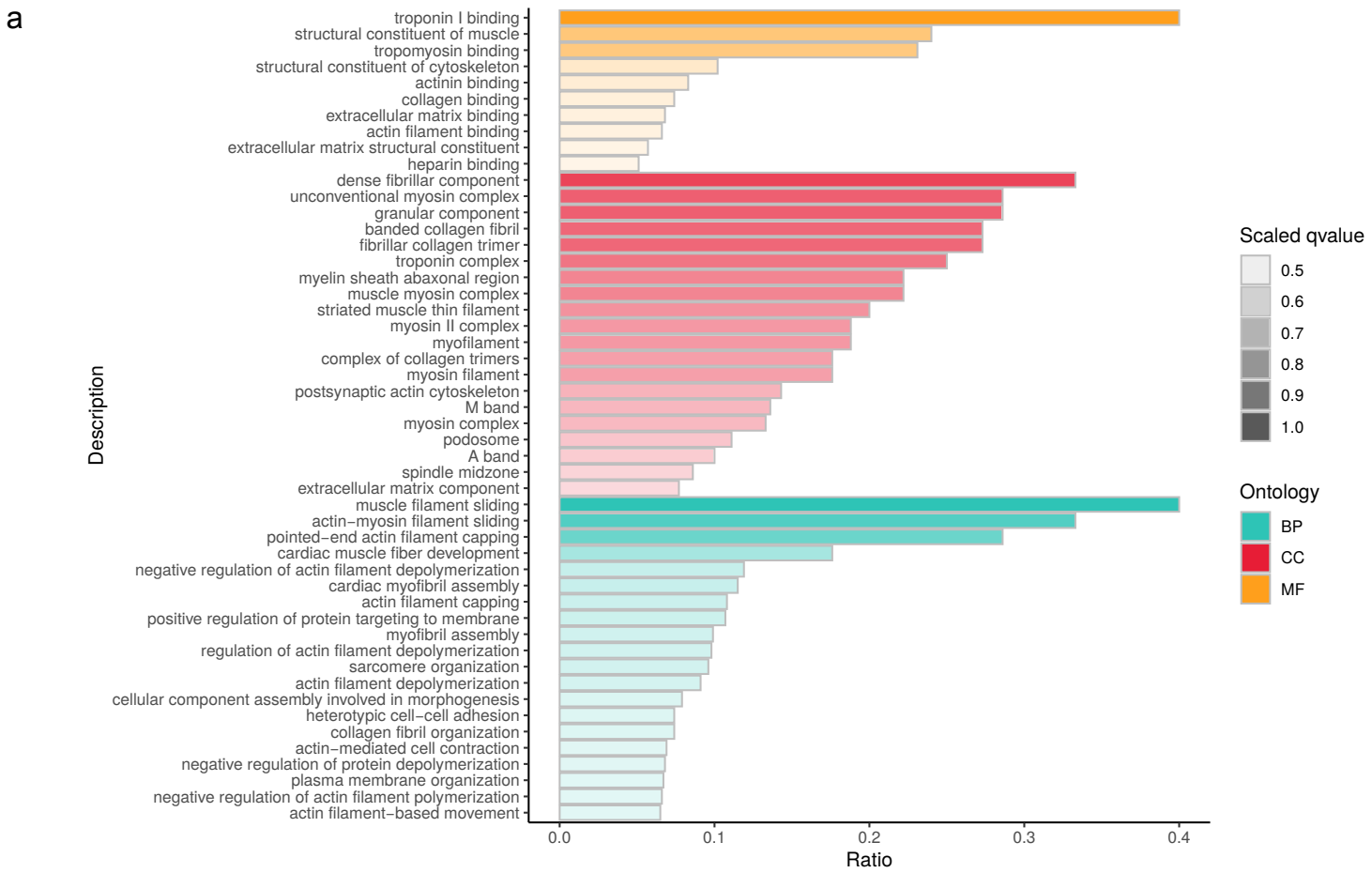
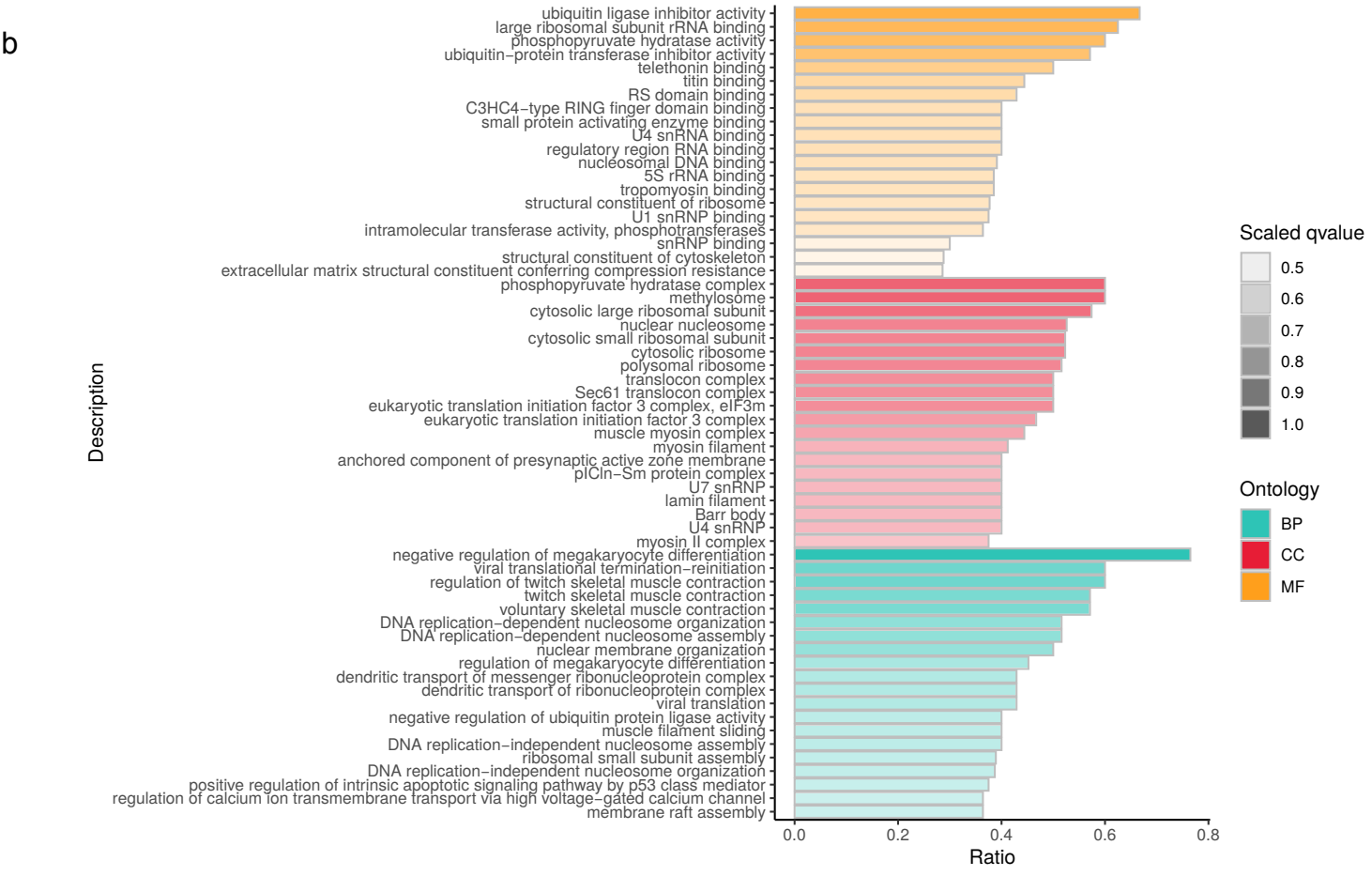




F**igure S6.** GO enrichment analysis for biological processes (BP), cellular component (CC) and molecular function (MF) of the differentially expressed proteins in Mtm1-/y vs WT mice (N =168 proteins) at (a) 2w and (b) at 7 w (N=496 proteins). GO terms with highest ratio and lowest q-value are represented. The ratio represents the number of proteins dysregulated divided by the total number of proteins in the category. The color scale is based on the q-value, dark colors indicate most significantly over-represented terms, while lighter colors indicate the least significant terms.

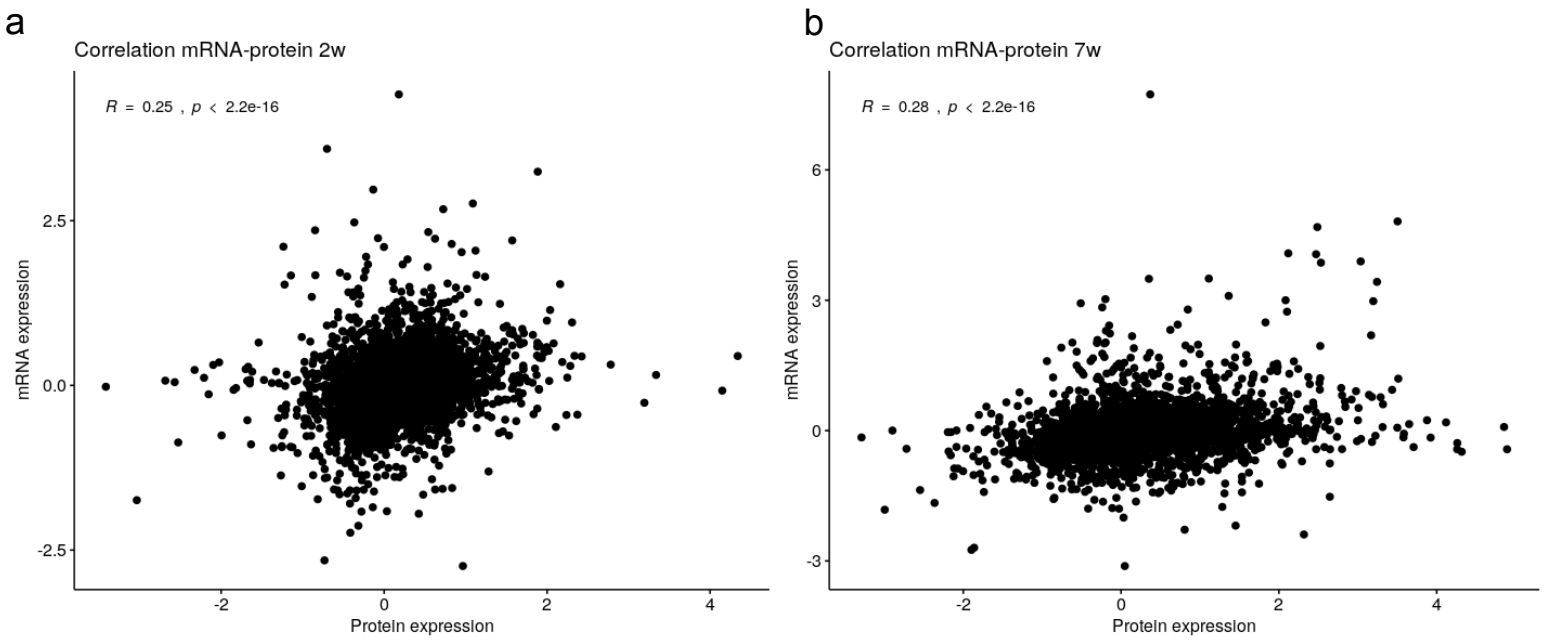


Figure S7. Pearson correlation between mRNA and protein levels measured by RNASeq and mass spectrometry (a) at 2 w and (b) at 7 w.

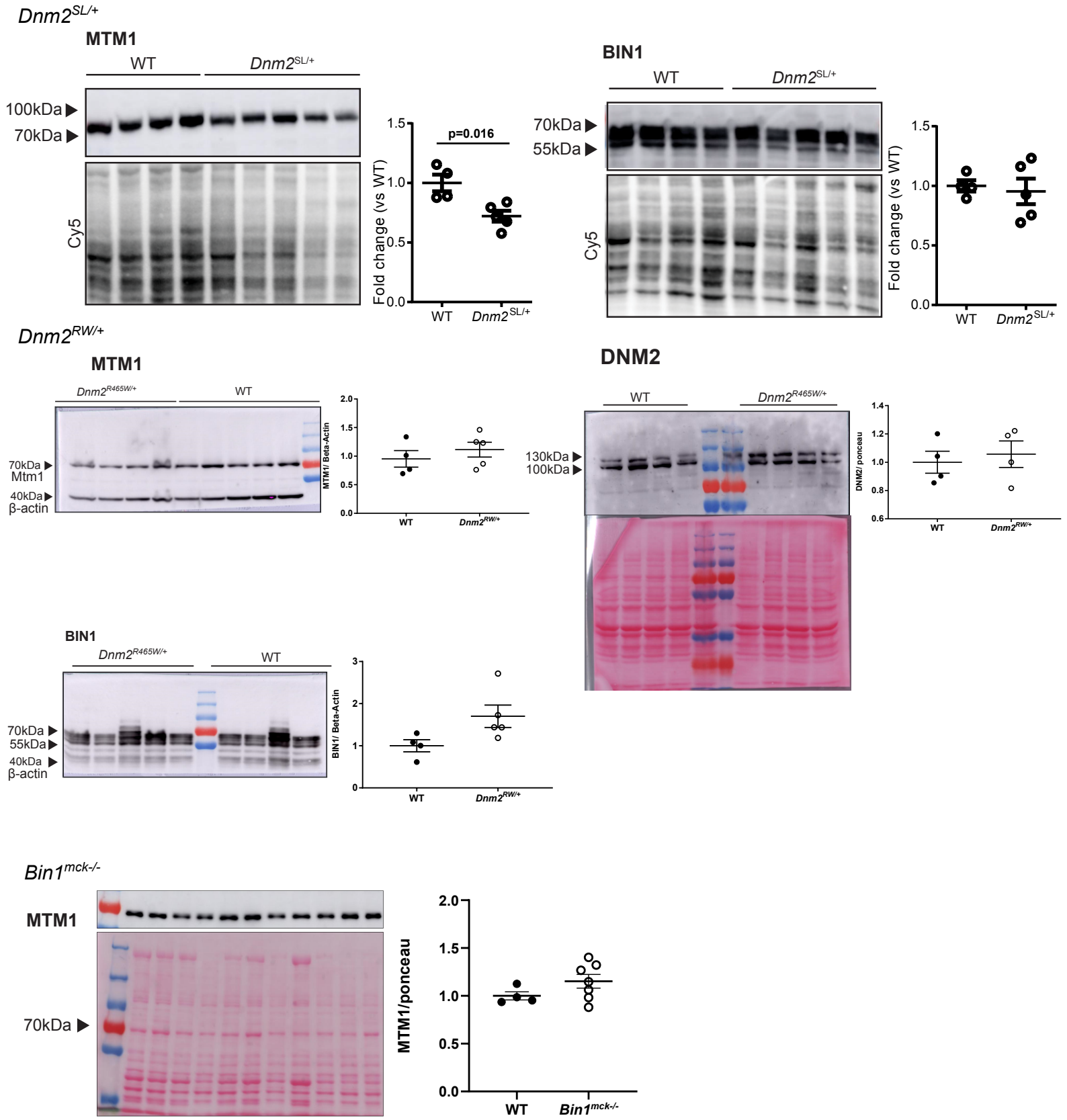


Figure S8. MTM1 and BIN1 protein levels in Dnm2SL/+ Tibialis anterior muscles. MTM1, BIN1 and DNM2 protein levels in Dnm2RW/+ TA muscles. MTM1 protein level in Bin1mck-/- TA muscles. Pairwise significance calculated by t-test, $p < 0.05$ are represented in bold.

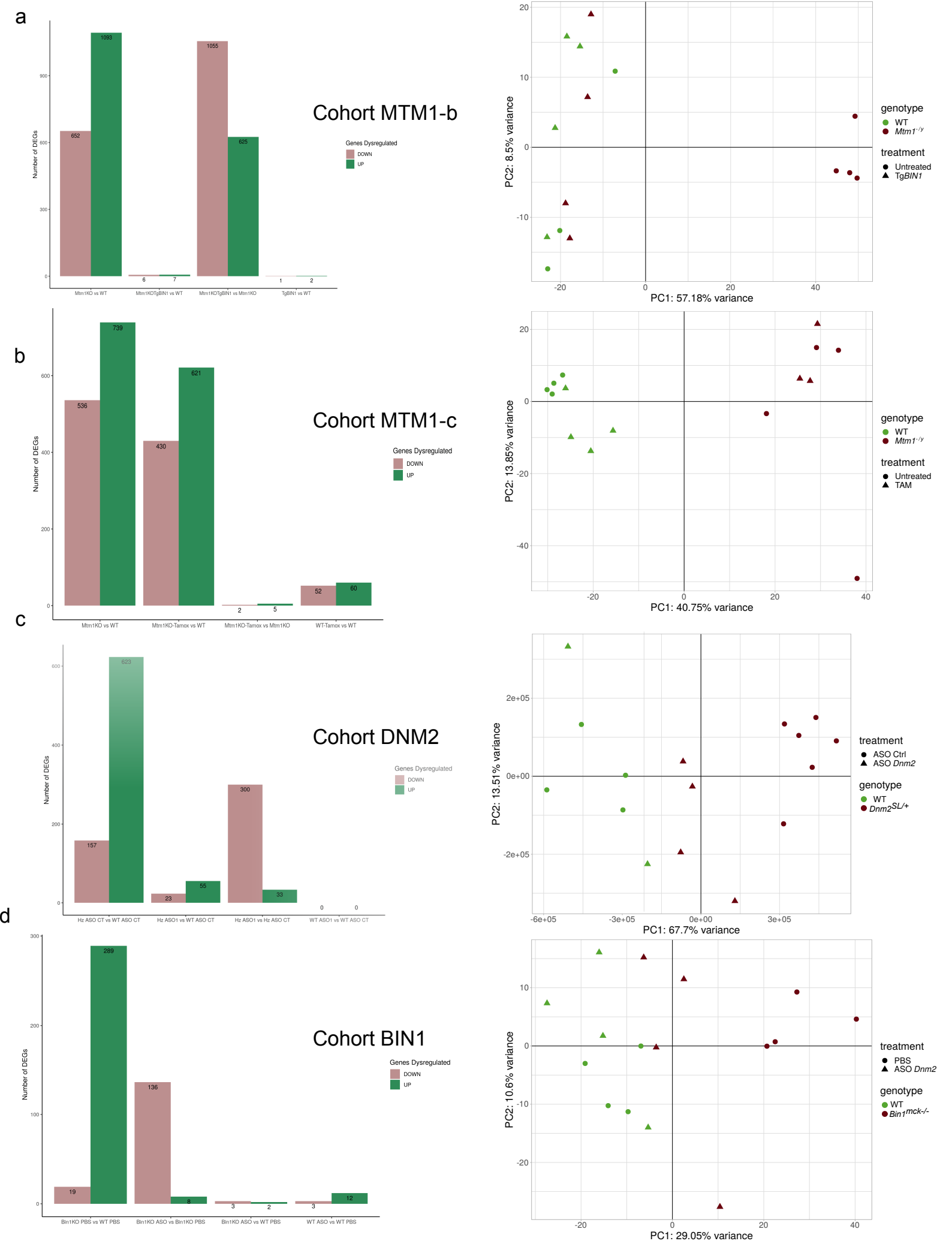


Figure S9. Number of dysregulated genes and the associated PCA for each cohort for four comparisons (Disease vs WT, Disease vs Rescue, Rescue vs Disease, and WT treated vs WT). (a) Cohort MTM1-b. (b) Cohort MTM1-c. (c) Cohort DNM2. (d) Cohort BIN1.

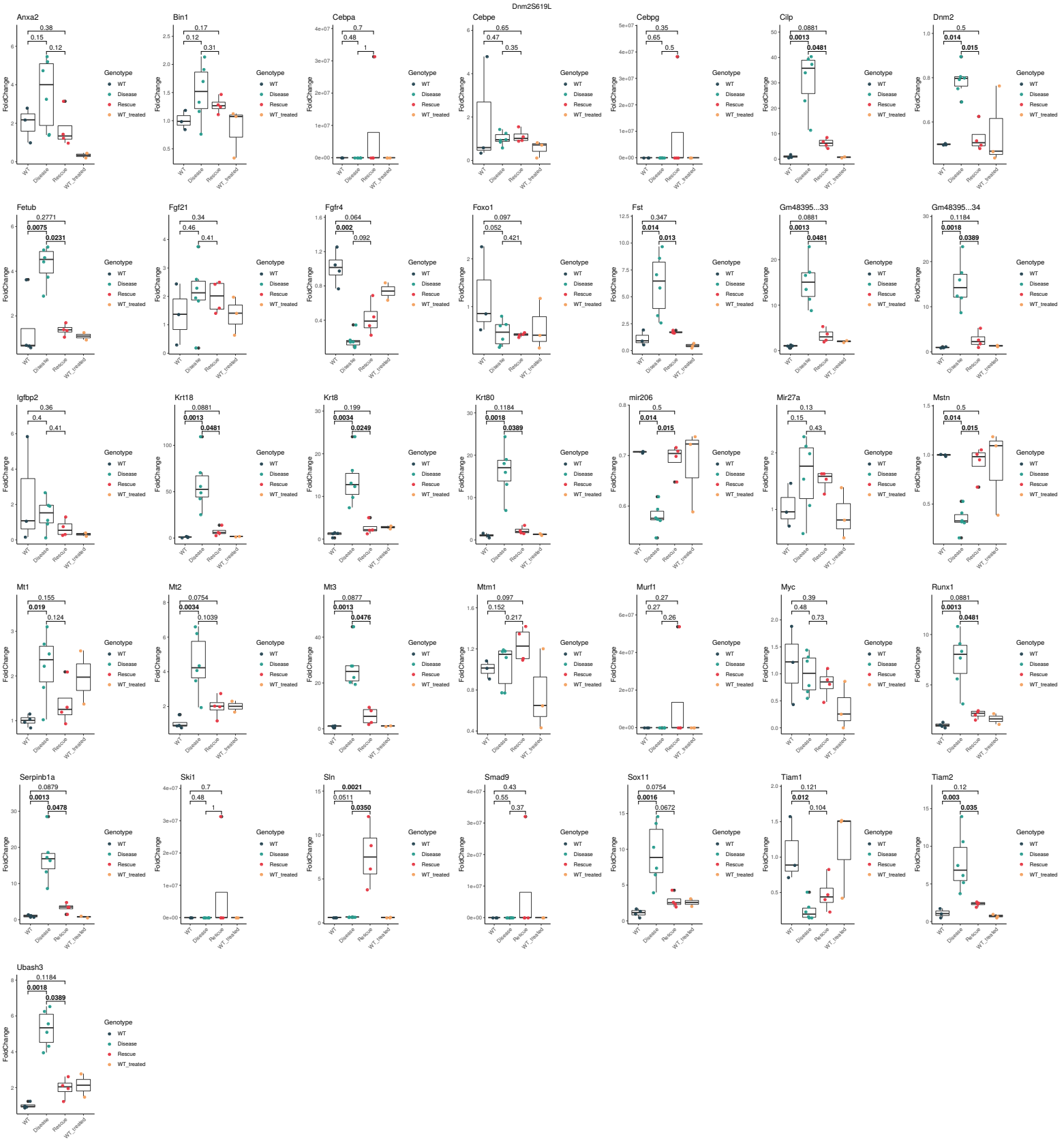
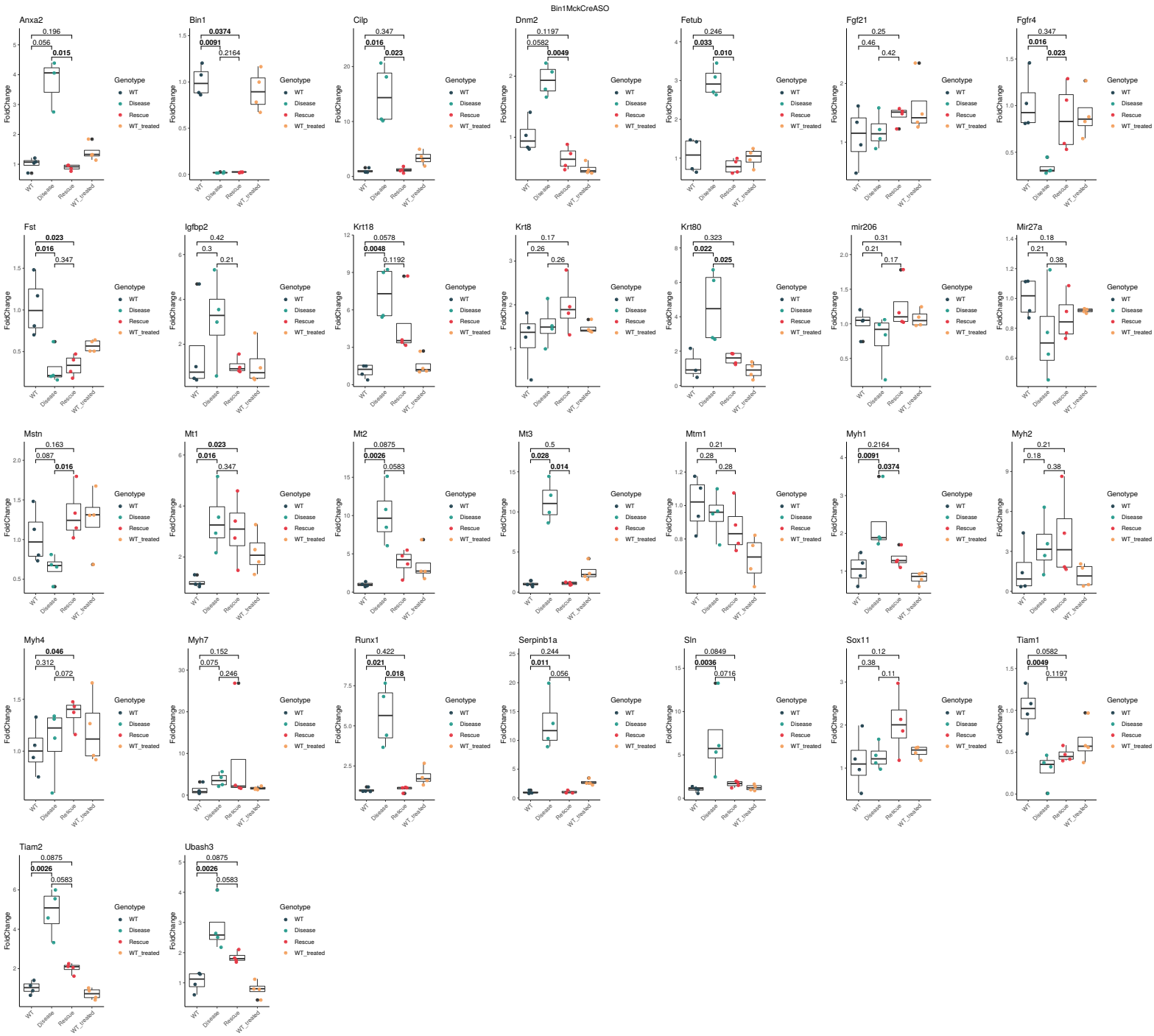


Figure S10. mRNA expression levels of genes of interest in diseased, rescued and control mice in the DNM2 cohort at 7 w. Boxplots displaying normalized Ct values. Pairwise significance calculated by Dunn's test, $p < 0.05$ are represented in bold.

Figure S11. mRNA expression levels of genes of interest in diseased, rescued and control mice in the MTM1-b cohort at 7 w. Boxplots displaying normalized Ct values. Pairwise significance calculated by Dunn's test, $p < 0.05$ are represented in bold.



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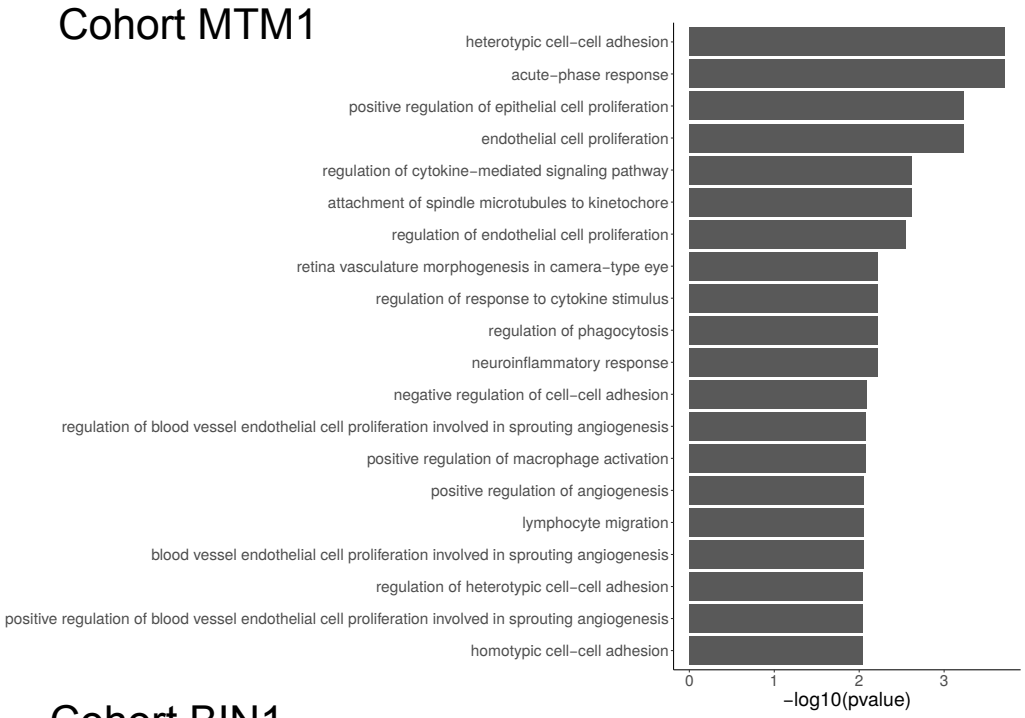

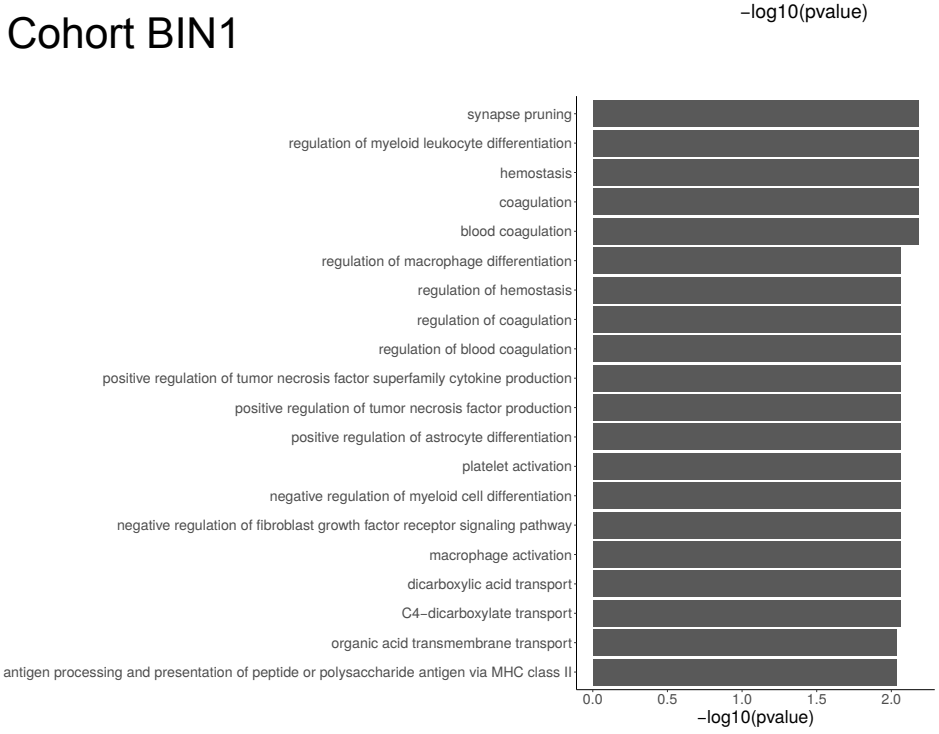

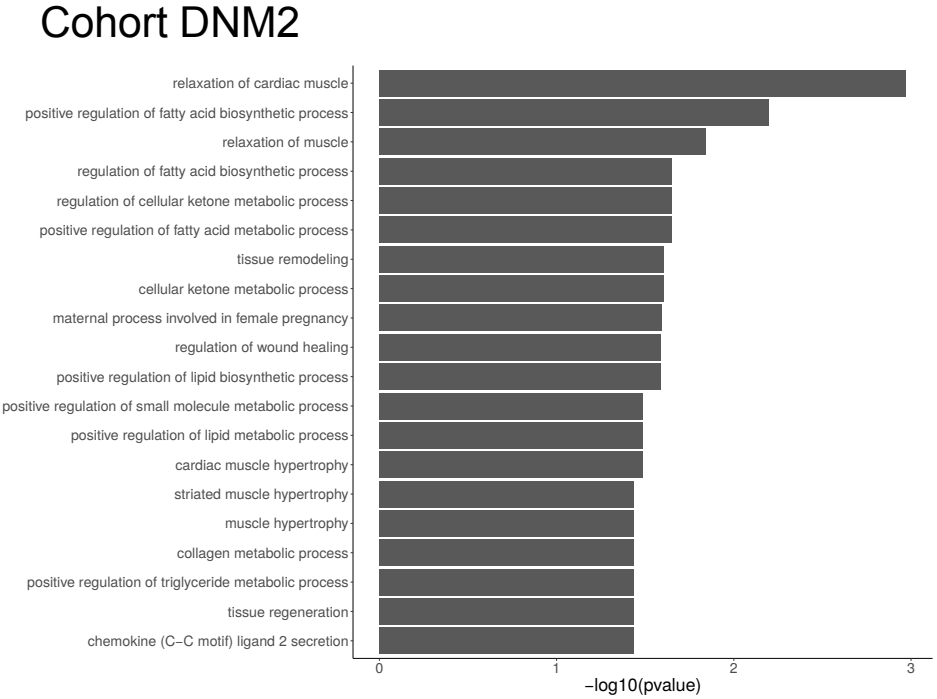

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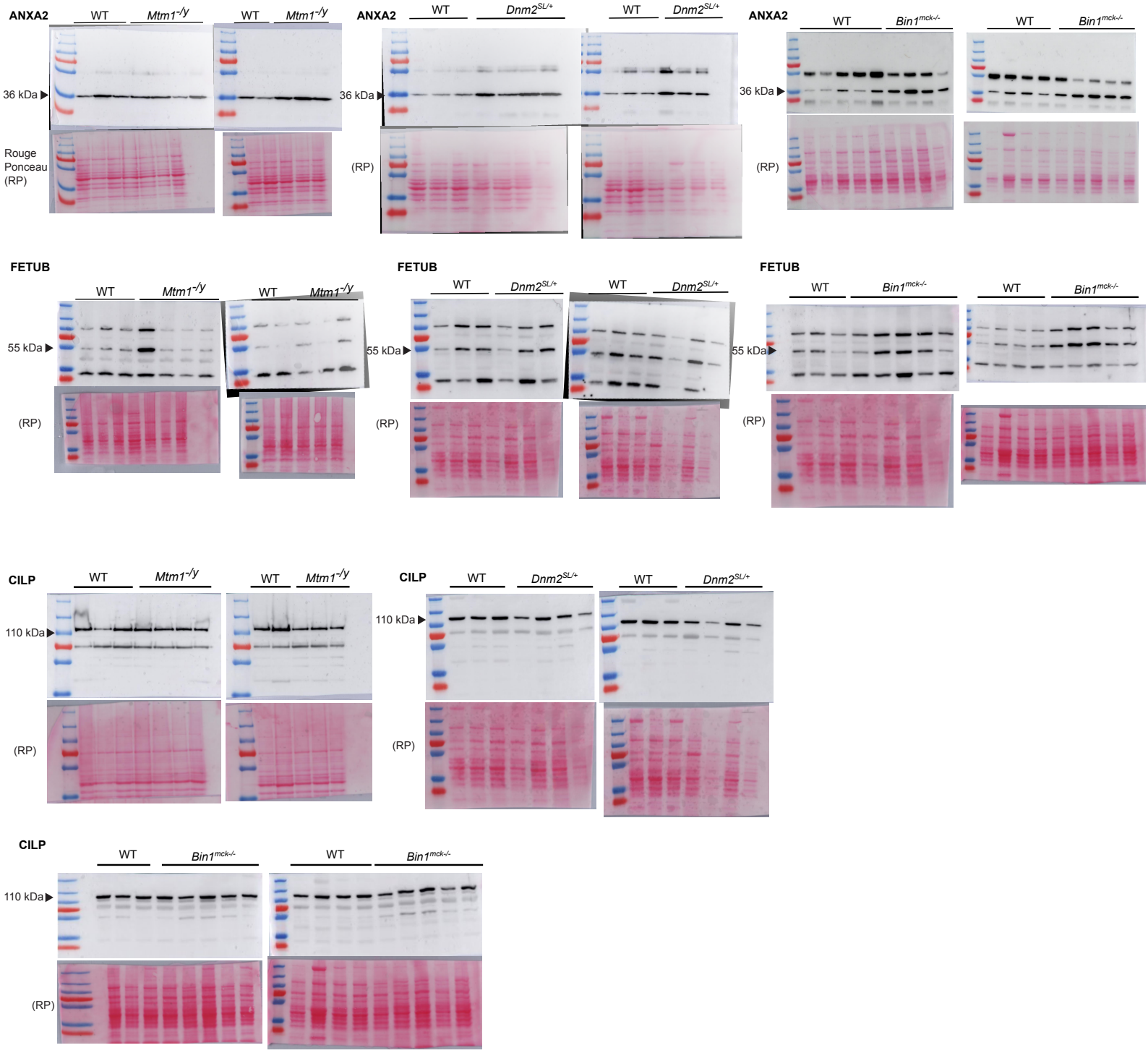

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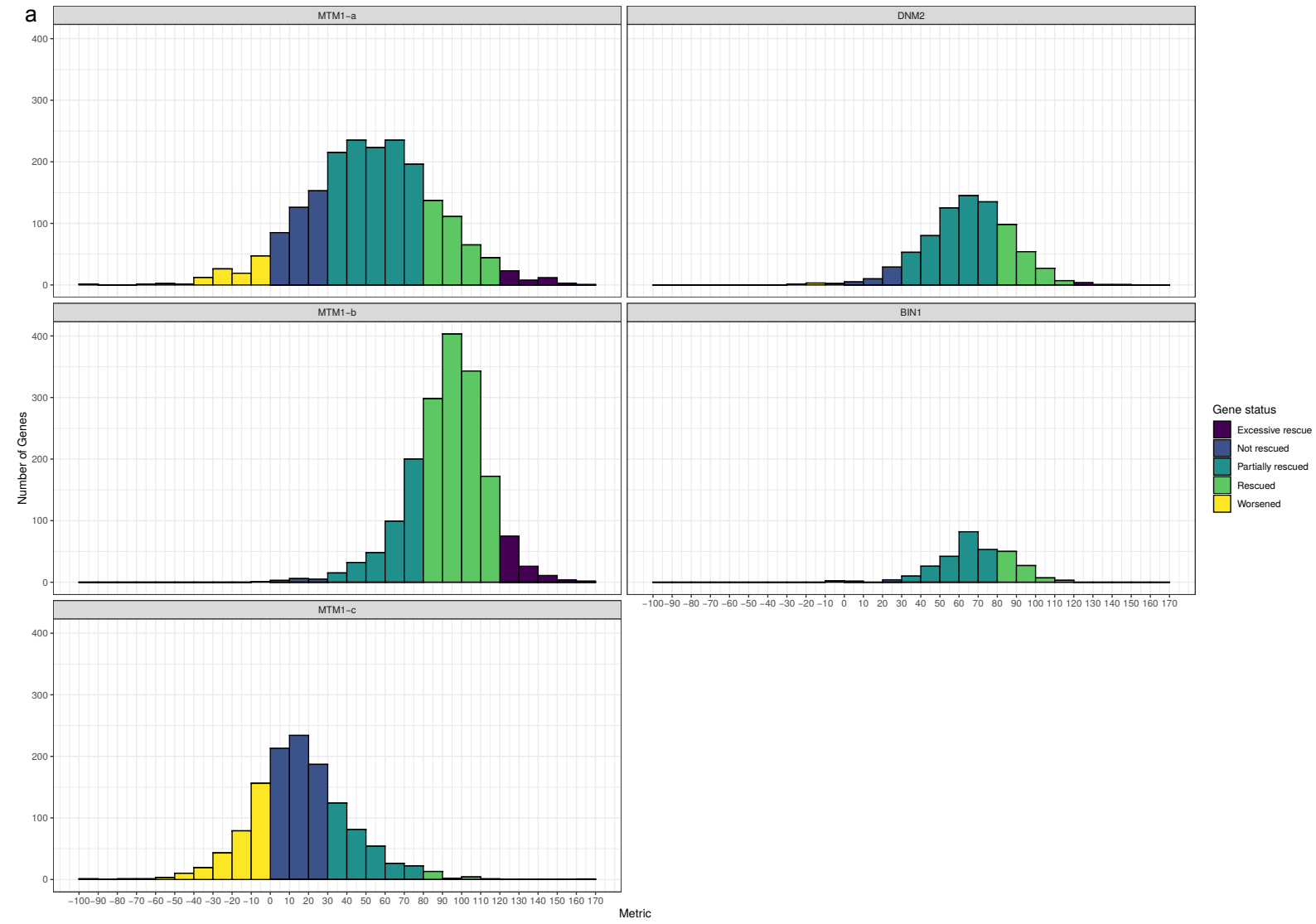
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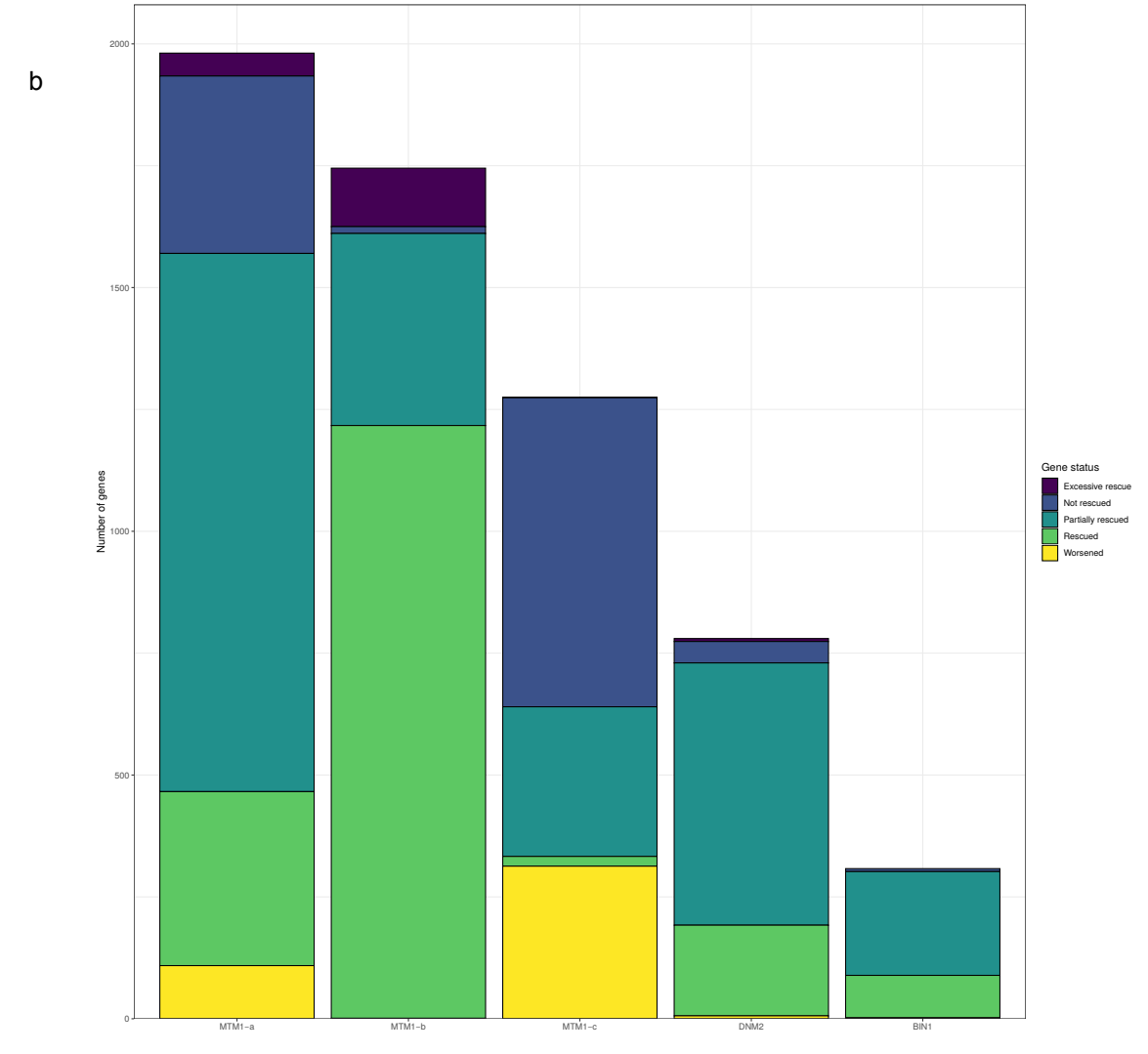
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Figure S15. (a) Histogram displaying the proportion of genes according to their status and the metric per cohort. (b) Barplot showing the number of genes dysregulated and the status of these genes through the different therapies.

Table S1. Number of mice included in the different cohorts for transcriptomic and proteomic experiments.

Table S2. List of the 287 genes commonly differentially expressed in MTM1-CNM cohorts (Fig 2a).

Table S3. List of the 632 genes differentially expressed in common for MTM1-a, MTM1-b and MTM1-c cohorts.

Table S4. List of the specific dysregulated genes expressed in MTM1-CNM cohorts (Fig 2c).

Table S5. List of the 68 differentially expressed genes common between mice (Tibialis anterior) and dogs (Vastus Lateralis).

Table S6. List of the 53 differentially expressed genes common between mice (Tibialis anterior) and dogs (Biceps Femoris).

Table S7. List of DEGs in cohort MTM1-a.

Table S8. List of DEP Mtm1−/y vs WT (Cohort MTM1-a)

Table S9. List of the 155 common differentially expressed genes for the MTM1-a, MTM1-b, MTM1-c, DNM2 and BIN1 cohorts.

Table S10. List of DEGs in cohort MTM1-b.

Table S11. List of DEGs in cohort MTM1-c.

Table S12. List of DEGs in cohort DNM2.

Table S13. List of DEGs in cohort BIN1.

Table S14. List of the specific dysregulated genes expressed in MTM1, DNM2 and BIN1 cohorts (Fig 5b).

Table S15. List of the 42 common differentially expressed genes for the MTM1-a, MTM1-b, DNM2 and BIN1 cohorts.

Table S16. List of proteins retrieved by mass spectrometry in serum of WT mice at 8 w.

Table S17. List of primers used for RT-qPCR.