

**Supplementary Table S1.** Demographics and clinical characteristics in all patients.

Variables	All patients			p-value			
	COVID-19 n=51	Anti-MDA5 dermatomyositis n=17	Adult Still's disease n=66	For three	COVID-19 vs. Dermato- myositis	COVID-19 vs. Adult Still's disease	Dermato- myositis vs. Adult Still's disease
<b>Demographics</b>							
Female, n (%)	10 (28.6%)	12 (70.6)	53 (80.3%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.23
Age	56.1 ± 17.1	50.9 ± 17.3	43.0 ± 18.9	<0.01*	0.35	<0.01*	0.20
Died in hospital	2 (3.9%)	4 (23.5%)	0 (0%)	<0.01*	0.12	0.02*	<0.01*
<b>Symptoms</b>							
Fever (>37.5°C), n (%)	51 (100%)	5 (29.4%)	62 (93.9%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.92	<0.01*
Fever (>38.5°C), n (%)	39 (76.4%)	2 (11.8%)	48 (72.7%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.88	<0.01*
Hypoxaemia (SpO2≤93% on room air), n (%)	22 (43.1%)	13 (76.5%)	3 (4.5%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*
Rash, n (%)	3 (5.9%)	17 (100%)	62 (93.9%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.84
Arthralgia, n (%)	6 (11.8%)	9 (69.2%)	58 (87.9%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.31
Lymphadenopathy/ hepatosplenomegaly, n (%)	6 (13.9%)	5 (11.6%)	43 (65.1%)	<0.01*	0.79	<0.01*	<0.01*
Lung involvement, n (%)	51 (100%)	17 (100%)	1 (2.0%)	<0.01*	NA	<0.01*	<0.01*
Thrombosis, n (%)	5 (9.8%)	1 (5.8%)	1 (1.5%)	0.03*	0.35	0.01*	0.26
<b>Laboratory findings</b>							
White blood cell (/μL)	4800 (4100-5500)	4300 (3400-6550)	15400 (10900-18900)	<0.01*	0.45	<0.01*	<0.01*
Neutrophil (/μL)	3800 (2761-4675)	3010 (2525-5400)	13309 (8804-16542)	<0.01*	0.36	<0.01*	<0.01*
Lymphocyte (/μL)	704 (405-1122)	688 (424-856)	882 (557-1268)	0.04*	0.42	0.11	0.03*
Neutrophil/Lymphocyte ratio	5.3 (3.1-310.4)	4.6 (3.3-12.9)	13.0 (8.3-22.4)	<0.01*	0.88	<0.01*	<0.01*
Platelets (x10 <sup>4</sup> /μL)	18.9 (14.4-24.2)	18.9 (14.8-28.3)	21.0 (13.8-26.2)	0.17			
Fibrinogen (mg/dL)	436 (333-513)	403 (306-426)	558 (410-685)	<0.01*	0.06	<0.01*	<0.01*
D-dimer (mg/dL)	1.7 (0.9-9.5)	2.4 (1.2-3.9)	11.3 (3.7-24.0)	<0.01*	0.90	<0.01*	<0.01*
LDH (U/L)	273 (207-387)	398 (312-656)	505 (357-776)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.27
AST (U/L)	36 (23-62)	56 (39-137)	82 (52-169)	0.05*	0.04*	<0.01*	0.16
CPK (IU/L)	68 (45-87)	113 (73-371)	36 (27-75)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.03*	<0.01*
CRP (mg/dL)	7.1 (2.2-13.0)	0.8 (0.1-2.0)	9.0 (4.7-17.9)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.20	<0.01*
Ferritin (ng/mL)	544 (215-1403)	1319 (755-2734)	6362 (1849-25297)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*
IgG (mg/dL)	1137 (984-1278)	1333 (1151-1542)	1455 (1120-1731)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.69
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	116 (74-163)	180 (150-200)	120 (97-189)	0.02	<0.01*	0.20	0.06
KL-6 (U/dL)	269 (229-446, n=45)	530 (418-781)	236 (181-323, n=34)	<0.01*	0.04*	<0.01*	<0.01*
Antinuclear antibody, n (%)	6 (12.5%, n=48)	5 (29.4%)	11 (16.7%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.38	<0.01*
Rheumatoid factor, n (%)	2 (4.4%, n=48)	3 (18.7%, n=16)	3 (4.5%, n=64)	0.21			
Antiphospholipid antibody, n (%)	4 (14.8%, n=27)	4 (23.5%, n=16)	2 (3.0%, n=44)	0.07			
Anti-cardiolipin antibody, n (%)	0 (0%, n=27)	4 (23.5%, n=16)	2 (3.0%, n=44)	0.01*	<0.01*	0.87	0.01*
Lupus anticoagulant, n (%)	4 (14.8%, n=27)	0 (0%, n=13)	0 (0%, n=24)	0.04*	0.11	0.02*	NA

Values are mean ± SD or median (IQR) unless otherwise specified. NA: Not applicable.

COVID-19: Coronavirus disease 2019; MDA: melanoma differentiation-associated protein 5; LDH: lactate dehydrogenase; AST: aspartate aminotransferase; ALT: alanine aminotransferase; CRP: C-reactive protein; KL-6: Krebs von den Lungen-6 (sialylated carbohydrate antigen).

**Supplementary Table S2.** Patient demographics and severities between the patients with high and low serum ferritin levels in COVID-19, anti-MDA5 dermatomyositis and adult Still's disease.

Variables	All patients								
	COVID-19 n=51			anti-MDA5 dermatomyositis n=17			Adult Still's disease n=66		
	Ferritin <500 ng/ml n=29	Ferritin ≥500 ng/ml n=22	p-value	Ferritin <500 ng/ml n=3	Ferritin ≥500 ng/ml n=14	p-value	Ferritin <500 ng/ml n=7	Ferritin ≥500 ng/ml n=59	p-value
<b>Demographics</b>									
Female, n (%)	14 (48.3%)	2 (9.1%)	<0.01*	3 (100%)	9 (64.3%)	0.22	5 (71.4%)	48 (81.3%)	0.39
Age	49.8 ± 20.3	59.8 ± 14.2	0.08	26.3 ± 12.6	56.1 ± 13.3	0.02*	41.4 ± 19.7	45.7 ± 18.9	0.56
Fever (>38.5°C), n (%)	16 (55.2%)	19 (86.4%)	0.02*	1 (33.3%)	3 (21.4%)	0.66	3 (42.9%)	45 (76.2%)	0.06
Rash, n (%)	1 (3.5%)	2 (9.1%)	0.39	3 (100%)	14 (100%)	NA	5 (71.4%)	54 (91.5%)	0.10
Arthralgia, n (%)	2 (6.9%)	3 (13.7%)	0.42	2 (66.7%)	9 (64.3%)	0.94	4 (57.1%)	44 (74.5%)	0.33
Lymphadenopathy/ hepatosplenomegaly, n (%)	2 (6.9%)	3 (13.7%)	0.42	1 (33.3%)	3 (21.4%)	0.66	3 (42.9%)	43 (72.9%)	0.10
<b>Laboratory findings</b>									
White blood cell (/μL)	4800 (4300-5850)	5250 (3900-7025)	0.72	2200 (2170-4000)	4650 (3725-7125)	0.03*	11900 (9900-15400)	16400 (11100-19300)	0.17
Neutrophil (/μL)	3712 (2733-4310)	3997 (2741-5807)	0.28	1525 (1438-2924)	3301 (2760-5953)	0.04*	8698 (8210-14233)	13768 (9448-16622)	0.11
Lymphocyte (/μL)	870 (668-1441)	507 (249-1018)	0.02*	470 (418-752)	713 (370-968)	0.45	896 (640-1912)	882 (556-1242)	0.62
D-dimer (mg/dL)	1 (0.65-1.7)	5.3 (1.1-17.0)	0.20	1.3 (0.5-3.3)	1.9 (1.0-3.9)	0.50	9.7 (6.2-12.3)	12.3 (3.3-24.1)	0.83
LDH (U/L)	226 (182-299)	401 (274-510)	<0.01*	362 (171-633)	433 (313-694)	0.54	235 (180-267)	566 (409-792)	<0.01
CRP (mg/dL)	2.2 (0.5-5.2)	10.8 (6.8-18.6)	<0.01*	0.1 (0.01-0.24)	1.2 (0.3-2.1)	0.03*	7.7 (3.4-12.3)	9.2 (4.7-17.1)	0.55
Ferritin (ng/mL)	128 (52-306)	1232 (780-2049)	<0.01*	300 (218-323)	1711 (967-3268)	0.01*	162 <(112-360)	8107 (3293-29850)	<0.01*
<b>Severity</b>									
Died in hospital	0 (0%)	2 (9.1%)	0.26	0 (0%)	4 (28.6%)	0.29	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	NA
Hypoxaemia (SpO2≤93% on room air), n (%)	2 (6.9%)	19 (86.4%)	<0.01*	0 (0%)	10 (71.4%)	0.02*	0 (0%)	2 (3.3%)	0.71
EULAR/ACR/PRINTO criteria for MAS	0 (0%)	14 (63.6%)	<0.01*	0 (0%)	10 (71.4%)	0.04*	0 (0%)	40 (67.8%)	<0.01*
HScore	48.5 ± 21.0	85.0 ± 33.1	<0.01*	56.6 ± 11.0	76.5 ± 31.5	0.31	27.1 ± 28.9	132.2 ± 47.4	<0.01*
Thrombosis, n (%)	1 (3.4%)	4 (18.1%)	0.04*	0 (0%)	1 (7.1%)	0.63	1 (14.3%)	1 (1.7%)	0.20

Values are mean ± SD. COVID-19: Coronavirus disease 2019; MDA: melanoma differentiation-associated protein 5; EULAR/ACR/PRINTO criteria for MAS 2016 European League Against Rheumatism/American College of Rheumatology/Paediatric Rheumatology International Trials Organisation classification criteria for macrophage activation syndrome.

**Supplement Table S3.** Patient demographics and clinical characteristics who fulfilled the criteria of macrophage activation syndrome by European League Against Rheumatism /American College of Rheumatology/Pediatric Rheumatology International Trials Organization.

Variables	Patients met with EULAR/ACR/PRINTO MAS criteria			p-value			
	COVID-19 n=14	Anti-MDA5 dermatomyositis n=10	Adult Still's disease n=40	For three	COVID-19 vs. dermato- myositis	COVID-19 vs. Adult Still's disease	Dermato- myositis vs. Adult Still's disease
<b>Demographics</b>							
Female, n (%)	1 (7.1%)	7 (70.0%)	35 (87.5%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.43
Age	65.1 ± 11.0	57.8 ± 14.4	46.9 ± 18.7	<0.01*	0.22	<0.01*	0.09
Died in hospital	2 (14.3%)	3 (30.0%)	0 (0%)		<0.01*	0.35<0.01*	<0.01*
<b>Symptoms</b>							
Fever (>37.5°C), n (%)	14 (100%)	3 (30.0%)	39 (97.5%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.55	<0.01*
Fever (>38.5°C), n (%)	13 (92.9%)	1 (10.0%)	32 (80.0%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.26	<0.01*
Hypoxaemia (SpO2≤93% on room air), n (%)	12 (85.7%)	8 (80.0%)	2 (5.0%)	<0.01*	0.53	<0.01*	<0.01*
Rash, n (%)	2 (14.3%)	14 (100%)	38 (95.0%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.64
Arthralgia, n (%)	2 (14.3%)	7 (70.0%)	33 (82.5%)	<0.01*	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.43
Lymphadenopathy/ hepatosplenomegaly, n (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	29 (72.5%)	<0.01*	0.51	<0.01*	<0.01*
Lung involvement, n (%)	14 (100%)	10 (100%)	1 (2.5%)	<0.01*	NA	<0.01*	<0.01*
Thrombosis, n (%)	3 (21.4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0.03*	0.35	0.01*	0.26
<b>Laboratory findings</b>							
White blood cell (/μL)	5200 (3525-6525)	4650 (3725-7125)	15000 (10580-19305)	<0.01*	0.66	<0.01*	<0.01*
Neutrophil (/μL)	4393 (2607-5445)	4025 (2687-6970)	12705 (8784-16602)	<0.01*	0.98	<0.01*	<0.01*
Lymphocyte (/μL)	440 (141-707)	750 (445-982)	755 (556-1222)	<0.01*	0.15	<0.01*	0.44
Neutrophil/Lymphocyte ratio	9.6 (5.1-30.9)	6.7 (2.7-21.8)	13.8 (8.4-22.4)		0.22		
Platelets (x10 <sup>4</sup> /μL)	12.0 (6.8-20.4)	22.6 (12.7-31.3)	17.1 (12.1-23.0)		0.08		
Fibrinogen (mg/dL)	526 (424-615)	383 (294-415)	433 (369-584)	0.04*	<0.01*	0.25	0.14
D-dimer (mg/dL)	5.5 (1.7-21.0)	2.5 (0.8-7.5)	13 (3.1-30.7)		0.13		
LDH (U/L)	472 (322-880)	341 (309-704)	577 (445-792)		0.08		
AST (U/L)	100 (45-232)	57 (46-202)	101 (69-178)		0.30		
CPK (IU/L)	77 (44-98)	99 (74-564)	44 (25-104)		0.03*	0.08	0.48
CRP (mg/dL)	9.0 (4.5-17.7)	12.4 (7.1-20.5)	1.4 (0.5-2.4)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.12	<0.01*
Ferritin (ng/mL)	1801 (916-2677)	2004 (1138-3268)	8540 (4371-30580)	<0.01*	0.54	<0.01*	0.01*
IgG (mg/dL)	1161 (1055-1323)	1393 (1313-1630)	1259 (1065-1536)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.15	0.17
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	128 (62-160)	182 (156-192)	170 (117-226)		0.07		
KL-6 (U/dL)	279 (229-526)	566 (433-924)	233 (177-318)	<0.01*	<0.01*	0.02*	<0.01*
Antinuclear antibody, n (%)	2 (14.2%)	2 (20.0%)	5 (12.5%)		0.38		
Rheumatoid factor, n (%)	1 (7.1%)	1 (10.0%)	3 (7.5%)		0.45		
Antiphospholipid antibody, n (%)	1 (7.1%)	1 (10.0%)	0 (0%)		0.16		
Anti-cardiolipin antibody, n (%)	0 (0%)	1 (10.0%)	0 (0%)		0.06		
Lupus anticoagulant, n (%)	1 (7.1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)		0.16		

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