Table supplemental data: Clinical and radiological characteristics of GBS and CIDP patients (n = 75).

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| Variable | GBS (n=45) | CIDP (n=30) | p-value\*\* |
| Female | 22 (49%) | 11 (37%) | 0.420 |
| Age (year), mean (SD) | 55 (18) | 59 (13) | 0.259 |
| Disease duration (months), mean (SD) | 10 (13.0) | 49.0 (33.0) | 0.006 |
| **Comorbidity** | 30 (67%) | 27 (90%) | 0.041 |
|  Vascular risk factors | 17 (38%) | 9 (30%) |  |
|  MGUS | - | 2 (7%) |  |
|  Systemic autoimmune disease\*  | 7 (16%) | 5 (17%) |  |
|  Tumor\* | 1 (2%) |  3 (10%) |  |
| **Recent events (< 1 month)** |   |   | <0.001 |
|  Infection (upper respiratory tract or gastroenteritis) | 32 (71%) | 4 (13%) |  |
|  Surgery | 1 (2%) | 1 (3%) |  |
| **Treatments** |   |   | 0.035 |
|  Immunosuppression | 3 (7%) | 2 (7%) |  |
|  Chimiotherapy | - | 1 (3%) |  |
| **Symptoms** |   |   | 0.011 |
|  Motor deficit | 41 (91%) | 23 (77%) | 0.104 |
|  Sensory | 1 (2%) | 6 (20%) | 0.193 |
|  Sensorimotor | 33 (73%) | 22 (73%) | 0.139 |
|  Ophtalmoparesis and/or ataxia | 5 (11%) | 2 (7%) | 0.181 |
|  Pain | 20 (44%) | 17 (57%) | 0.423 |
| **Clinical exam** |  |  |  |
|  Motor deficit score |   |   | 0.439 |
|  M5 | 5 (11%) | 7 (23%) |  |
|  M4-M3 | 29 (64%) | 15 (50%) |  |
|  M2 | 7 (16%) | 6 (20%) |  |
|  M1-M0 | 4 (9%) | 2 (7%) |  |
| Sensory deficit | 34 (76%) | 28 (93%) | 0.093 |
|  Ataxia | 19 (42%) | 5 (17%) | 0.038 |
|  Cranial nerve deficit | 14 (31%) | 5 (17%) | 0.255 |
|  Hypo/areflexia | 38 (84%) | 23 (77%) | 0.586 |
|  Autonomic dysfunction | 5 (11%) | - | 0.079 |
| **Plexus MRI (cervical and/or lumbar) performed**  | 24 (53%) | 22 (73%) | 0.134 |
|  Nerve root enlargment/gad+  | 9/45 (20%) | 5/30 (17%) | 0.952 |

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| \* inactive at time of lumbar puncture\*\* except for age and disease duration (Welch Student test), all tests are chi-square or Fisher exact tests. |