

Supplementary Table S2. Demographic and clinical characteristics of CIDP patients who underwent nerve biopsy and statistical analysis to assess any differences between this group of patients and the group of patients for which nerve biopsy was not performed.

	Nerve biopsy not performed (n=87)			Nerve biopsy performed (n=43)			FET	CS	MWUT
	count (%)	mean (SD)	n	count (%)	mean (SD)	n			
Males/Females	56 (64.4%)/31 (35.6%)		87	28 (65.1%)/15 (34.9%)		43	NS		
Age at disease onset (years)		49.70 (19.70)	87		46.65 (18.35)	43			NS
Disease duration (months)		108.20 (158.14)	87		177.02 (123.53)	43			P=0.001
Follow-up (months)		75.99 (68.36)	87		139.47 (99.12)	43			P=0.001
Disease onset			87			43			NS
Chronic	60 (69.0%)			29 (67.4%)					
Acute	16 (18.4%)			8 (18.6%)					
Subacute	11 (12.6%)			6 (14.0%)					
Phenotype			87			43			NS
Typical CIDP	54 (62.1%)			30 (69.8%)					
DADS	10 (11.5%)			6 (14.0%)					
MADSAM	11 (12.6%)			4 (9.3%)					
Pure motor CIDP	8 (9.2%)			3 (7.0%)					
Sensory CIDP	2 (2.3%)			0 (0%)					
Focal CIDP	2 (2.3%)			0 (0%)					
Disease course			87			43			NS
Monophasic	21 (24.1%)			5 (11.6%)					
Relapsing	20 (23.0%)			10 (23.3%)					
Chronic progressive	46 (52.9%)			28 (65.1%)					
Electrophysiological features			87			43			NS
Demyelinating	12 (13.8%)			7 (16.3%)					
Mixed	73 (83.9%)			36 (83.7%)					
Axonal	2 (2.3%)			0 (0%)					
EFNS/PNS electrophysiological criteria			87			43			NS
Definite	49 (56.3%)			29 (67.4%)					
Probable	13 (14.9%)			5 (11.6%)					
Possible	13 (14.9%)			6 (14.0%)					
Not fulfilled	12 (13.8%)			3 (7.0%)					
EFNS/PNS diagnostic category			87			43			NS
Definite CIDP	65 (74.7%)			38 (88.4%)					
Probable CIDP	9 (10.3%)			2 (4.7%)					
Possible CIDP	0 (0%)			0 (0%)					
Not fulfilled	13 (14.9%)			3 (7.0%)					

Legend to the table: SD, standard deviation. FET, Fishers' exact test; Chi-squared test; MWUT, Mann-Whitney U Test; CIDP, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy; DADS, Distal Acquired Demyelinating Symmetric Neuropathy; MADSAM, Multifocal Acquired Demyelinating Sensory And Motor Neuropathy; EFNS/PNS, European Federation of Neurological Societies/Peripheral Nerve Society.