

## **Supplementary Information S2 Study population**

### *Mode of admission*

Patients were transferred to the rehabilitation clinic from regular acute wards (n=11), intermediate care wards (n=1) as well as intensive care units (n=18). Twelve patients had a feeding nasal tube and one had a tracheal tube at the time of admission.

### *Medical history and diagnosis*

Four patients had a past history of stroke. None of the patients had a history of autonomic diabetic neuropathy. None of the patients had cardiac arrhythmia interfering with HRV assessment. All patients had a diagnosis of CIP at the time of admission. Electroneurography studies were performed during in-patient rehabilitation to confirm the diagnosis before study entry. All patients had a diagnosis of CIP at the time of study entry.

### *Time to intervention*

The median time between admission and first day of HRV or sham biofeedback was 80 [5-106, IQR].