

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### References

Prior publications using single-item UBDRS CGI scores in addition to reference #28 (Augustine *et al*, 2015) in main text.

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**Table S1.** Demographics and clinical outcome measures for participants with CLN3 disease.

SP ID	Age	Sex	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	UBDRS Scores <sup>a</sup>			Vineland ABC <sup>b</sup>	Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy <sup>c</sup>					
					Physical	Capability	CGI <sup>d</sup>		Parietal Gray Matter		Left Centrum Semiovale			
							Wt	Overall	Cr	Glx	NAA	Cr	Chol	Myol
SP1.2.2	13.3	M	159	40.5	4.0	10.0	11.7	2	88.0	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
SP2.2.3	9.0	M	124	24.9	3.0	7.0	12.8	2	72.0	-0.699	-0.254	-1.568	1.085	1.539
SP3.2.1	9.5	F	146	35.6	10.8	6.0	16.3	3	53.0	0.171	1.370	2.116	-1.674	0.998
SP4.2.2	7.3	M	132	25.8	4.0	8.0	9.3	2	77.0	0.317	0.423	-0.266	0.086	1.068
SP5.2.2	13.2	M	154	48.4	1.0	13.0	10.5	2	110.0	1.307	1.790	-0.570	0.033	0.430
SP6.2.1	15.4	M	175	71.7	33.0	4.0	19.8	3	34.0	-2.649	-5.363	-5.646	-0.013	-1.696
SP7.2.1	11.4	F	160	47.3	36.0	3.0	19.8	3	23.0	-0.291	-4.256	-3.256	0.494	2.464
SP8.2.1	16.6	F	164	52.2	18.0	4.0	19.8	4	35.0	0.358	-2.986	-3.624	1.097	0.741
SP9.2.1	16.6	M	173	70.2	20.0	6.0	18.7	3	42.0	-1.222	-3.253	-3.024	1.294	-0.772
SP10.2.1	20.7	F	165	68.5	58.0	4.0	22.2	4	46.0	-4.294	-8.925	-7.714	0.460	4.868
SP10.2.5	6.8	M	120	21.3	5.0	14.0	10.5	2	83.0	2.378	3.948	2.181	-0.402	0.965
SP11.2.4	7.8	M	129	28.2	6.0	9.0	12.8	2	83.0	-0.576	-0.386	-0.903	-0.703	1.179
SP12.2.1	9.3	F	138	33.5	10.0	9.0	11.7	2	70.0	-0.385	-0.546	-1.460	-0.169	0.846
SP12.2.2	7.5	F	122	24.2	4.0	11.0	12.8	2	78.0	-0.134	-0.424	0.062	-0.476	0.041
SP13.2.3	7.8	M	122	21	19.0	5.0	16.3	3	66.0	-0.359	-0.011	-2.180	0.680	0.467
SP14.2.2	6.8	M	122	23.7	3.0	11.0	9.3	2	81.0	0.290	0.561	-1.100	0.910	0.597
SP15.2.1	10.0	F	145	44.3	2.0	10.0	14.0	3	84.0	0.256	-3.188	-1.442	-0.011	-0.004
SP16.2.1	16.2	F	161	71.5	9.0	6.0	18.7	3	50.0	-1.766	-8.831	-5.783	1.022	0.271
SP16.2.2	15.1	F	159	54.4	22.0	4.0	21.0	4	26.0	-1.657	-7.456	-6.664	0.959	-1.466
SP17.2.1	17.5	M	168	45.7	61.0	1.0	24.5	4	20.0	-2.148	-8.406	-7.438	1.136	3.640
SP18.2.1	11.6	F	151.7	84.9	37.3	6.0	24.5	4	35	1.743	-0.859	-0.933	0.862	2.855
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<sup>a</sup>UBDRS: Unified Batten Disease Rating Scale. The Physical and Capability scores are weighted scores, calculated as described in Materials and Methods.

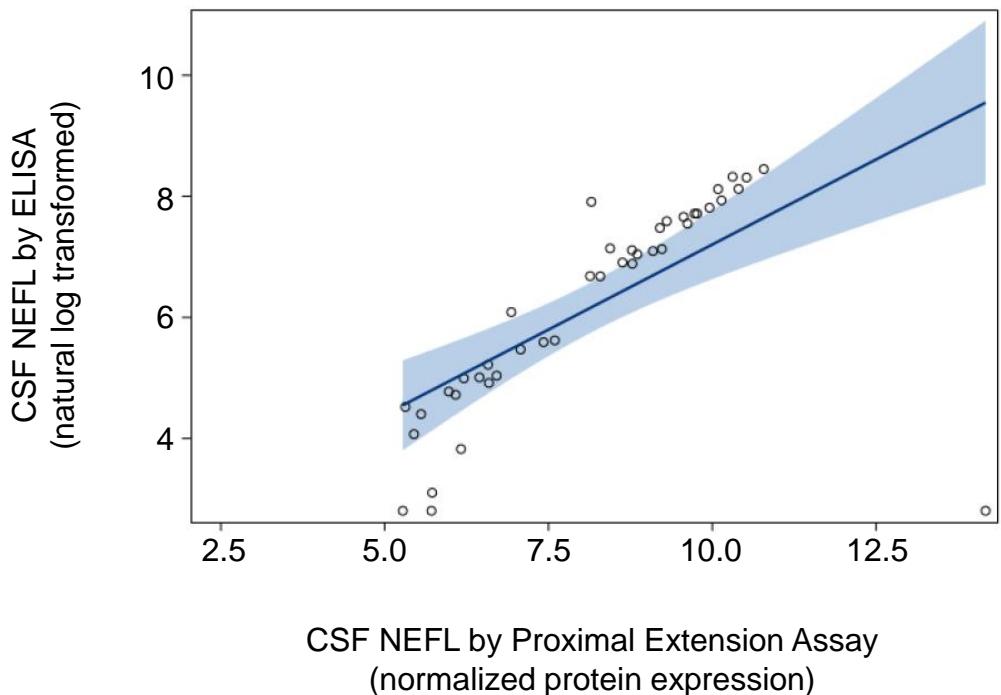
<sup>b</sup>ABC: Adaptive Behavior Composite. <sup>c</sup>Values reflect the difference in tissue metabolite concentration between CLN3-Batten study participant and reference.

<sup>d</sup>CGI: clinical global impression. The provided CGI scores include the weighted (Wt) scores, calculated as described in Materials and Methods, and the raw single-item overall score. Cr: creatinine. Glx: glutamine/glutamate/GABA. NAA: N-aspartylaspartate. N.D.: not done. Chol: choline. Myol: myo-inositol.

**Table S2.** Genotype and neurofilament light chain levels for participants with CLN3 disease.

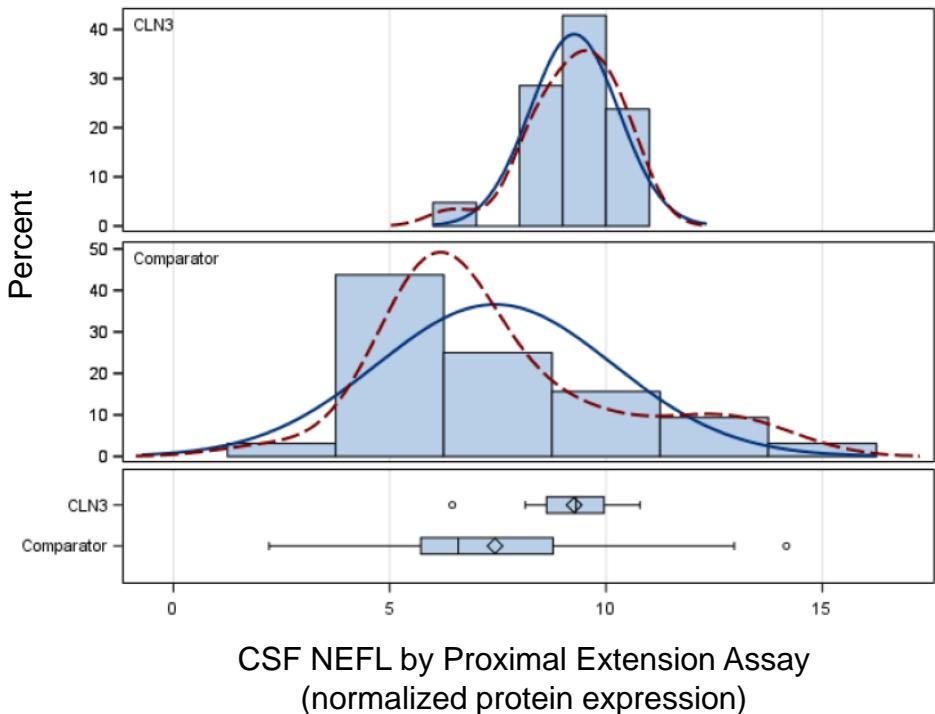
SP ID	Genotype <sup>a</sup>		Neurofilament light chain levels <sup>b</sup>				
			Allele 1	Allele 2	Cerebral Spinal Fluid	Serum	
					PEA <sup>c</sup>	ELISA	Simoa™
SP1.2.2	c.461-280_677+382del <sup>d</sup>	c.1056+3A>C			8.15	2722.30	14.82
SP2.2.3	c.678-610_1057-846dup <sup>e, h</sup>	c.678-610_1057-846dup			9.62	1894.98	22.04
SP3.2.1	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			9.20	1765.05	30.80
SP4.2.2	c.461-280_677+382del	c.1056G>T [p.(Gln352His)]			8.44	1259.32	21.47
SP5.2.2	c.1001G>A [p.(Arg334His)]	c.1213C>T [p.(Arg405Trp)]			6.45	149.69	7.24
SP6.2.1	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			9.30	1977.60	12.69
SP7.2.1	c.944dup [p.(His315Glnfs*67)]	p.(His315Glnfs*67)			9.73	2235.23	32.26
SP8.2.1	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			10.40	3363.85	29.95
SP9.2.1	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			9.96	2467.34	14.21
SP10.2.1	p.(Arg334His)	NC_000016.9:g. (28211763_28486693)_(28488725_28488776)del <sup>f, h</sup>			10.79	4677.33	47.38
SP10.2.5	p.(Arg334His)	NC_000016.9:g. (28211763_28486693)_(28488725_28488776)del			8.29	794.68	13.98
SP11.2.4	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			10.31	4108.89	55.83
SP12.2.1	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			9.09	1205.64	20.97
SP12.2.2	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			8.63	999.17	20.29
SP13.2.3	c.678_838del <sup>g, h</sup>	c.678_838del			8.85	1143.14	40.20
SP14.2.2	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			8.13	798.42	21.88
SP15.2.1	c.461-280_677+382del	c.206C>A [p.(Ser69*)] <sup>h</sup>			9.23	1246.49	15.90
SP16.2.1	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			9.77	2239.00	23.15
SP16.2.2	c.461-280_677+382del	c.461-280_677+382del			9.56	2120.36	46.47
SP17.2.1	c.461-280_677+382del	c.575G>A [p.(Gly192Glu)]			10.52	4065.41	84.51
SP18.2.1	c.461-280_677+382del	c.622dup [p.Ser208Phefs*28]			10.14	2787.42	32.71

<sup>a</sup> RefSeq: NG\_008654.2(CLN3\_v001)/LRG\_689t1, unless otherwise indicated. <sup>b</sup> The unit of measurement is normalized protein expression for PEA, and pg/mL for ELISA and Simoa™. <sup>c</sup> PEA: proximal extension assay. <sup>d</sup> Common 1-kb (966 bp; exon 7-8) deletion. <sup>e</sup> Exon 9-13 homozygous duplication, {arr[GRCh37] 16p11.2(28490044\_28496049)x4 mat}. <sup>f</sup> Partial exon 15 deletion, {arr[GRCh37] 16p11.2(28486693\_28488725)x1}. <sup>g</sup> Exon 9-10 deletion. <sup>h</sup> Variant not reported in: 1) Leiden Open Variation Database. CLN3 (ceroid-lipofuscinosis, neuronal 3). <https://databases.lovd.nl/shared/variants/CLN3/unique>. Accessed 8/27/2020. 2) ClinVar. CLN3. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/?term=cln3%5Bgene%5D>. Accessed 9/2/2020. 3) gnomAD. CLN3. [https://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/gene/ENSG00000188603?dataset=gnomad\\_r2\\_1](https://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/gene/ENSG00000188603?dataset=gnomad_r2_1). Accessed 8/27/2020.



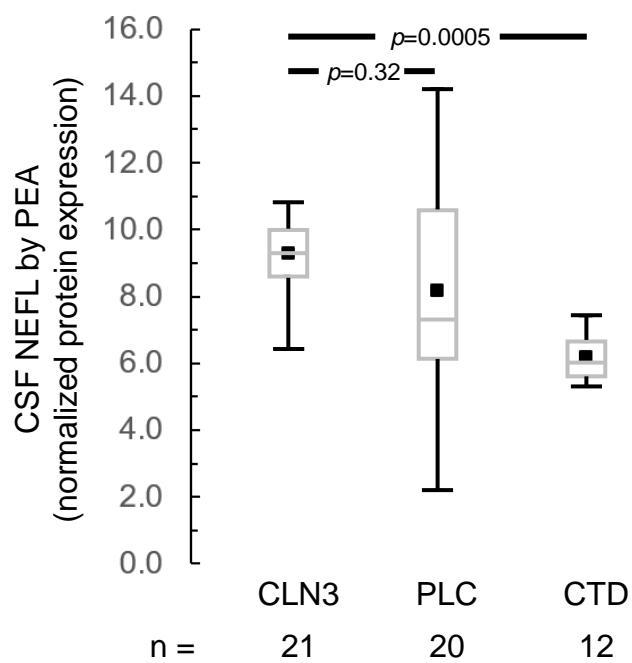
**Figure S1.** Correlation of CSF NEFL levels measured by ELISA (natural log transformed) and proximal extension assay. N=42.  $r_p=0.69$ ;  $p<.0001$ . Shaded area: 95% confidence interval. The outlier [PEA NPX=14.17, ELISA (non-transformed)=16.5 pg/mL (below limit of detection)] belongs to an unaffected pediatric laboratory control sample. CSF: cerebrospinal fluid. NEFL: neurofilament light chain. NPX: normalized protein expression. PEA: proximal extension assay.

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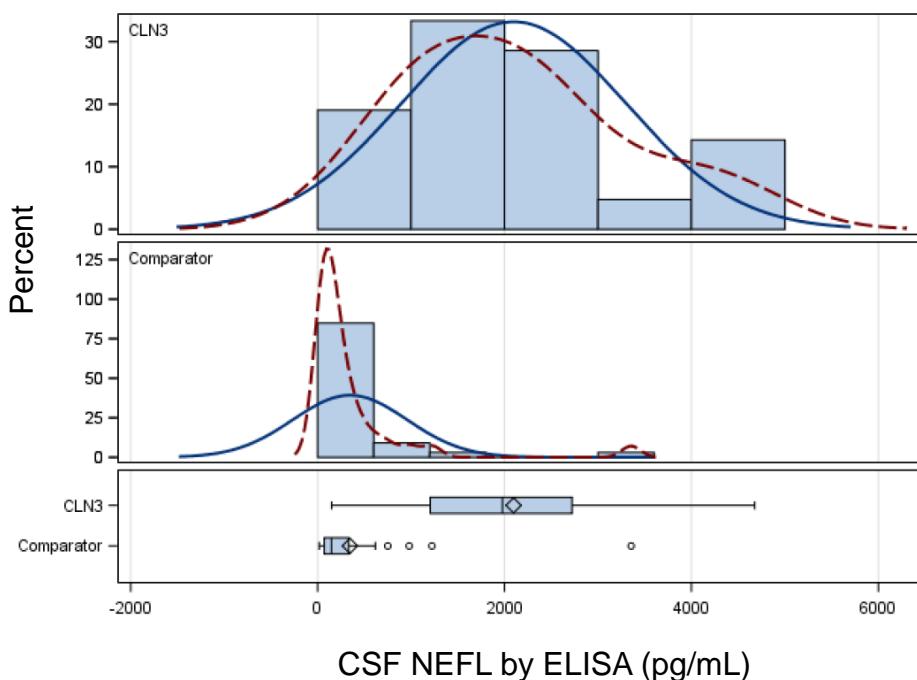
CSF NEFL by Proximal Extension Assay  
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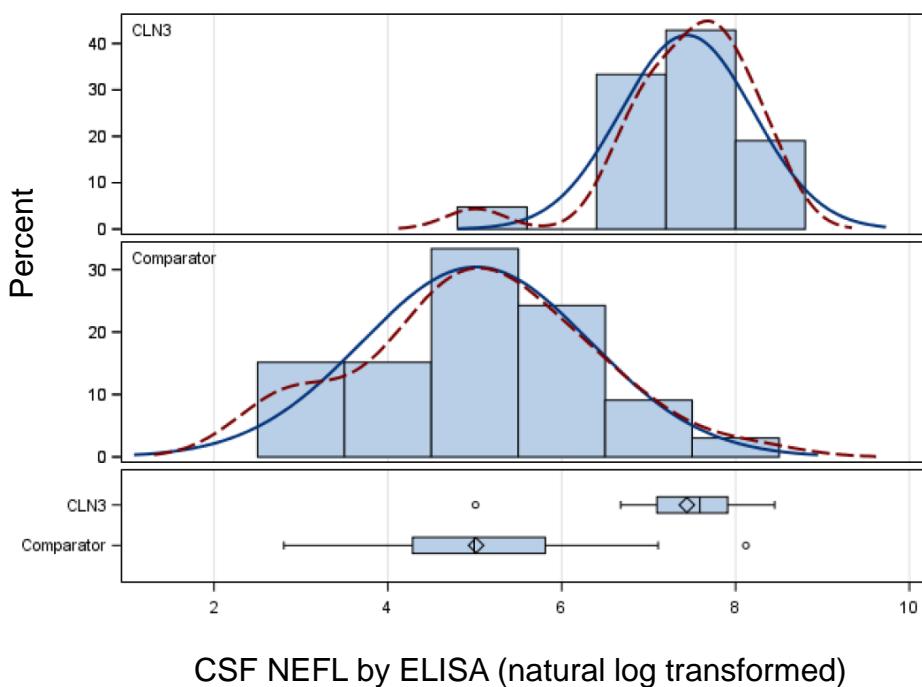


**Figure S2.** CSF NEFL level in samples from CLN3 versus non-CLN3 individuals measured by PEA. **A.** Top and middle panels: distribution of measured NEFL levels (solid line – normal; dashed line – kernel). Bottom panel: statistical values of measured NEFL levels {diamond – mean; box – median and interquartile range [IQR, Q1 (25<sup>th</sup> percentile) - Q3 (75<sup>th</sup> percentile)]; whiskers – minimum = Q1 - 1.5\*IQR and maximum = Q3 + 1.5\*IQR}.  $p=.0013$ . **B.** NEFL levels in individual cohort.  $P$  values are derived from ANOVA and Bonferroni adjustment for multiple comparisons. CSF: cerebrospinal fluid. CTD: creatine transport deficiency. PLC: pediatric laboratory controls.

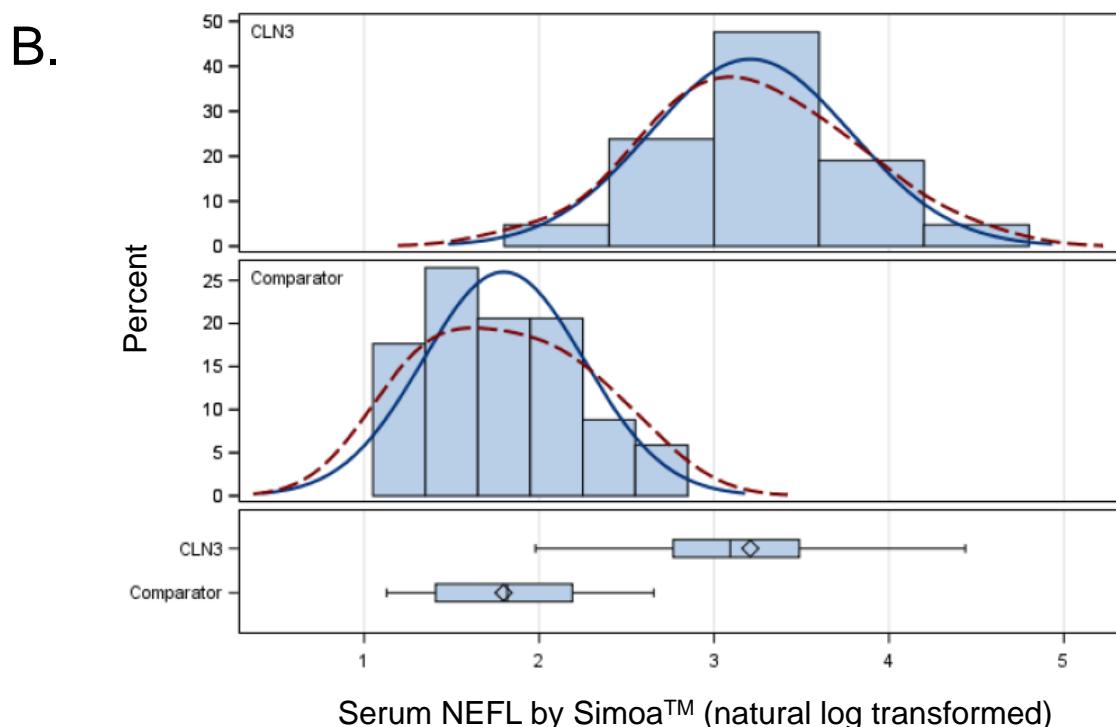
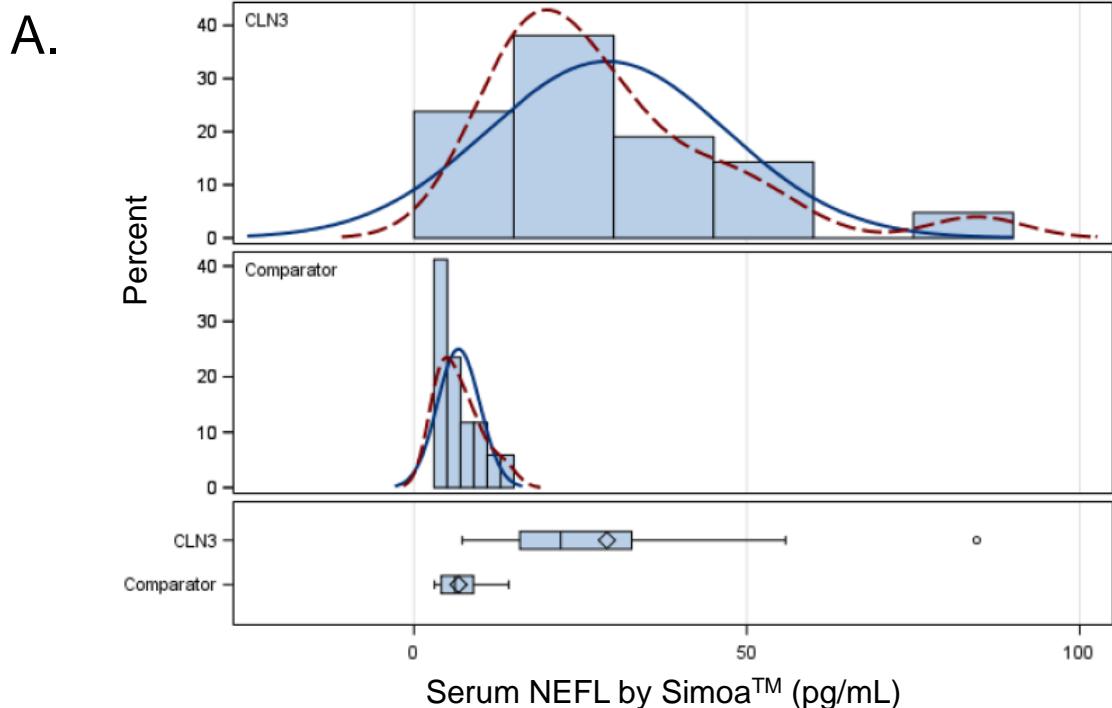
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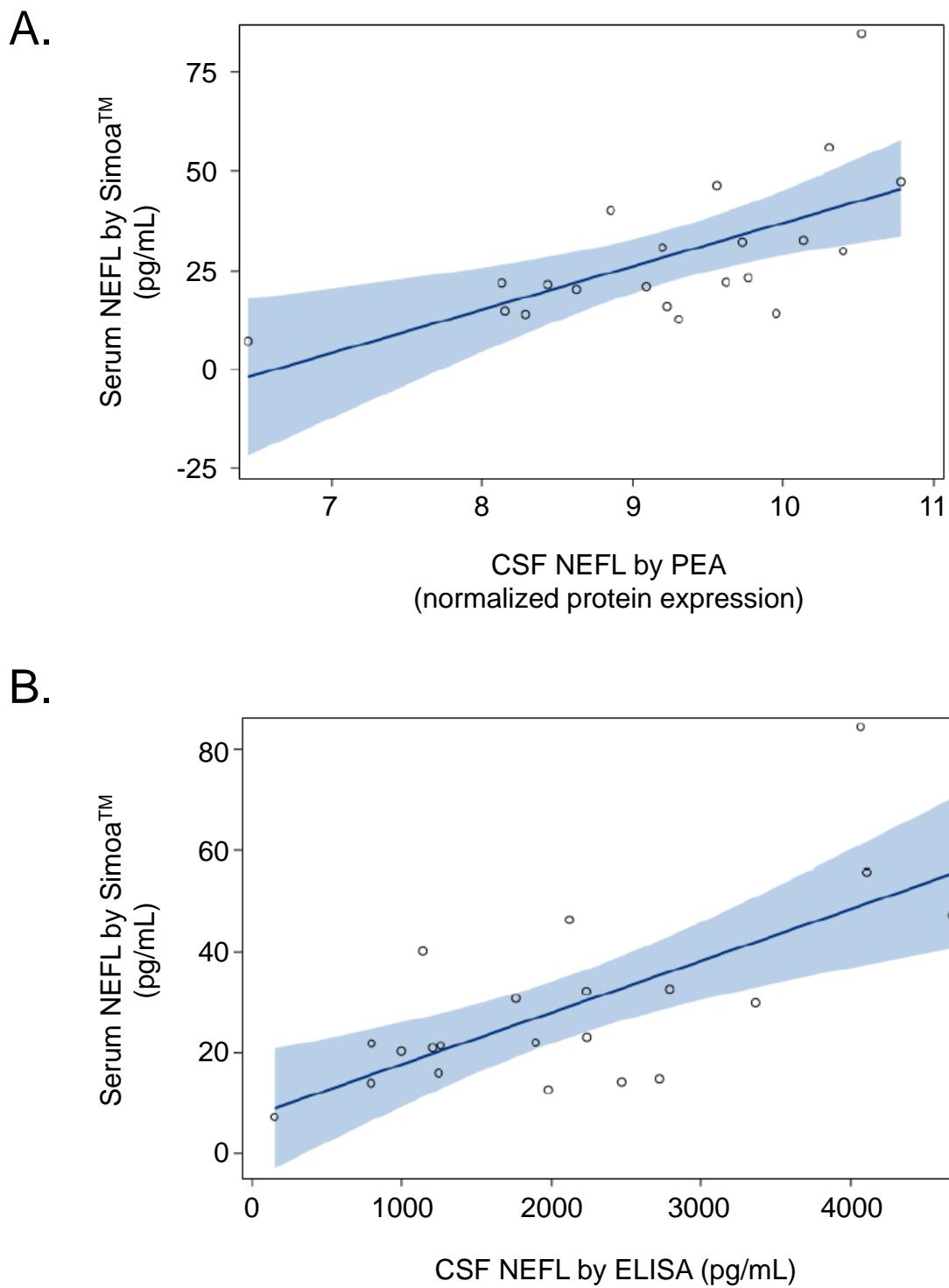
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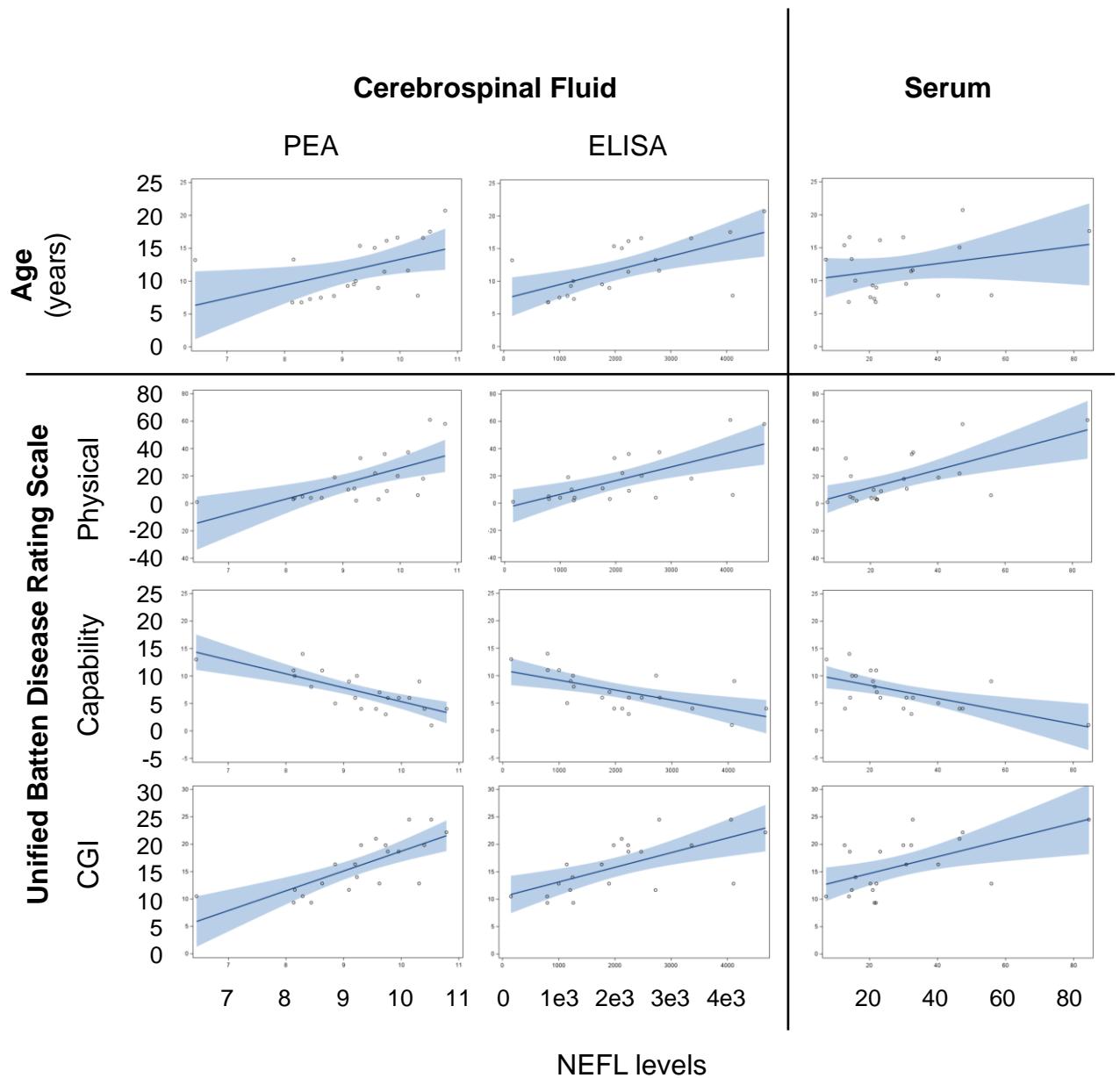
**Figure S3.** CSF NEFL level in samples from CLN3 versus non-CLN3 individuals measured by ELISA. **A.** Top and middle panels: distribution of measured NEFL levels (solid line – normal; dashed line – kernel). Bottom panel: statistical values of measured NEFL levels {diamond – mean; box – median and interquartile range [IQR, Q1 (25<sup>th</sup> percentile) - Q3 (75<sup>th</sup> percentile)]; whiskers – minimum = Q1 - 1.5\*IQR and maximum = Q3 + 1.5\*IQR}.  $p < .0001$ . **B.** Same as A, except for NEFL values are log-transformed. CSF: cerebrospinal fluid. NEFL: neurofilament light chain.



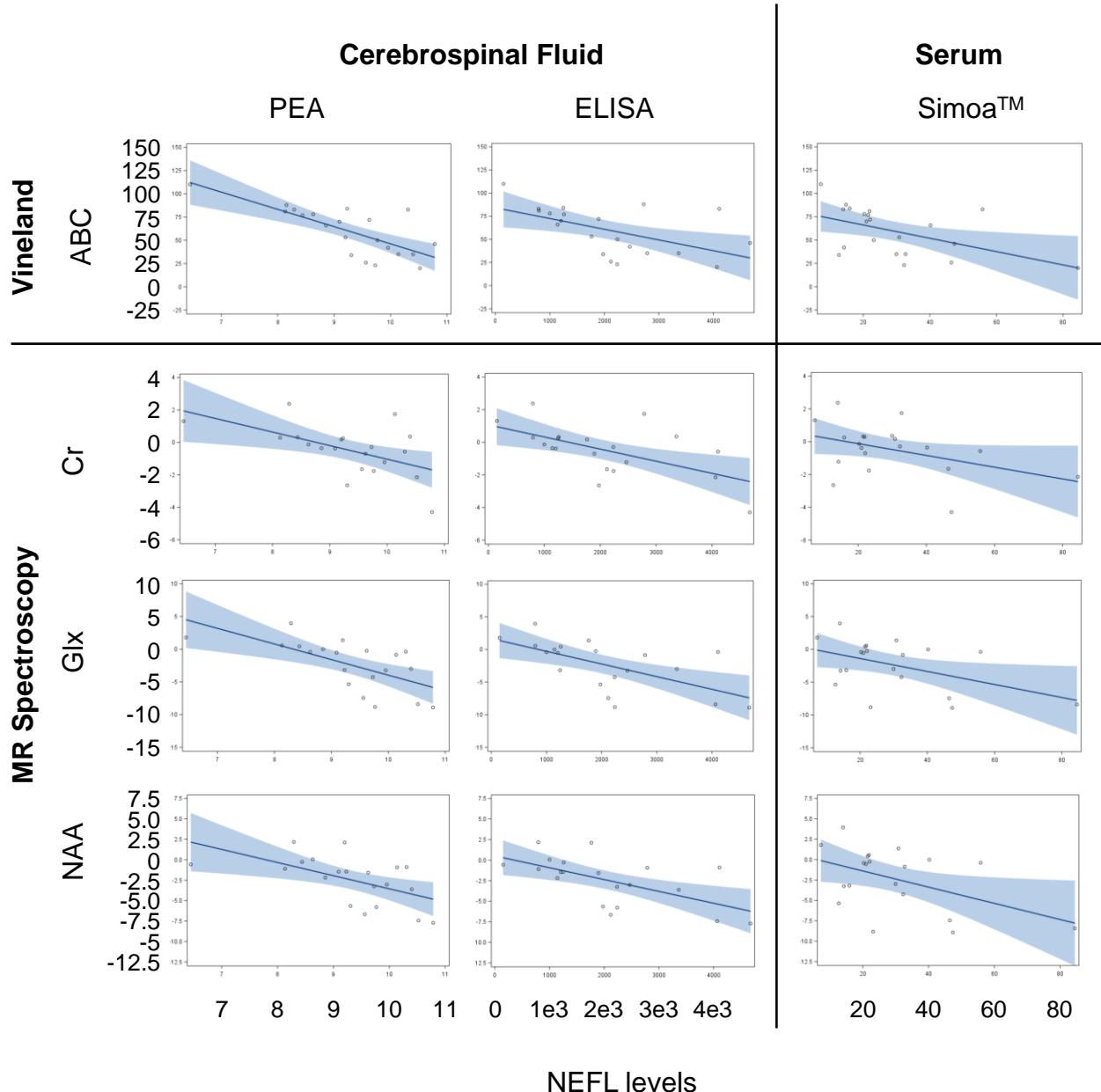
**Figure S4.** Serum NEFL level in samples from CLN3 versus non-CLN3 individuals. **A.** Top and middle panels: distribution of measured NEFL levels (solid line – normal; dashed line – kernel). Bottom panel: statistical values of measured NEFL levels {diamond – mean; box – median and interquartile range [IQR, Q1 (25<sup>th</sup> percentile) - Q3 (75<sup>th</sup> percentile)]; whiskers – minimum = Q1 - 1.5\*IQR and maximum = Q3 + 1.5\*IQR}.  $p < 0.0001$ . **B.** Same as A, except for NEFL values are log-transformed. NEFL: neurofilament light chain.



**Figure S5.** Correlation of NEFL levels in serum and CSF. **A.** Serum NEFL measured by Simoa<sup>TM</sup> versus CSF NEFL measured by PEA. N=21.  $r_p=0.75$ ;  $p<.0001$ . **B.** Serum NEFL measured by Simoa<sup>TM</sup> versus CSF NEFL measured by ELISA. N=21.  $r_p=0.83$ ;  $p<.0001$  Shaded area: 95% confidence interval. CSF: cerebrospinal fluid. NEFL: neurofilament light chain. PEA: proximal extension assay. Simoa<sup>TM</sup>: single molecule array.

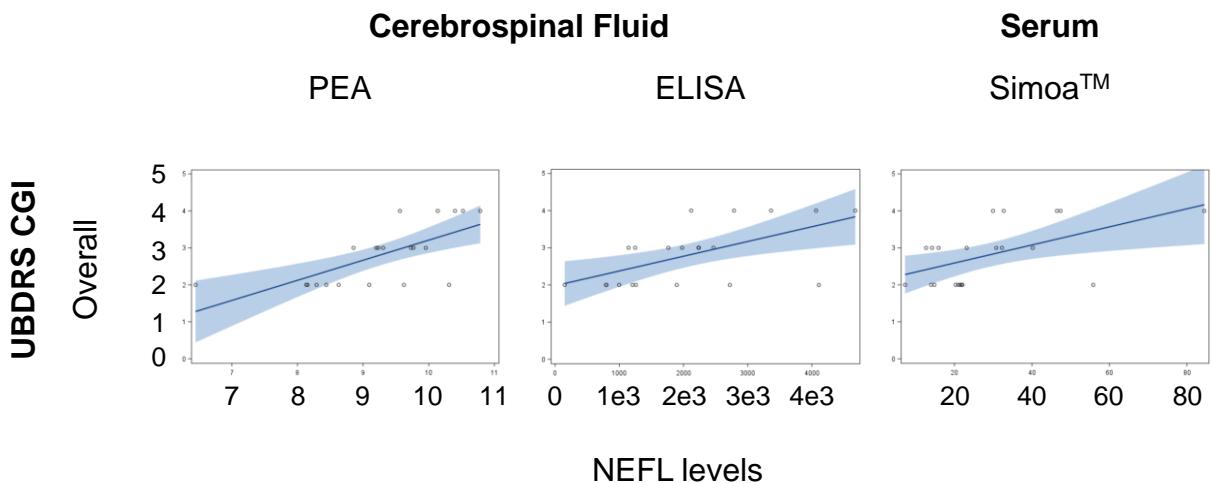


**Figure S6.** Correlation of NEFL levels with clinical outcome measures. Values on the x-axis are the same for all graphs in each respective column. Values on the y-axis are the same for all graphs in each respective row. Shaded area: 95% confidence interval. CGI: clinical global impression. ELISA: pg/mL. PEA: proximal extension assay (normalized protein expression). Simoa<sup>TM</sup>: single molecule array (pg/mL).



**Figure S7.** Correlation of NEFL levels with clinical outcome measures. Values on the x-axis are the same for all graphs in each respective column. Values on the y-axis are the same for all graphs in each respective row. Shaded area: 95% confidence interval. ABC: adaptive behavior composite. Cr: creatine. ELISA: pg/mL. Glx: glutamatergic metabolites. PEA: proximal extension assay (normalized protein expression). NAA: N-acetyl aspartate. Simoa™: single molecule array (pg/mL).

	$r_p$	95% confidence interval		<i>p</i> value	
		Lower	Upper	Raw	Adjusted
<i>CSF by PEA</i>					
Weighted	0.74	0.45	0.89	0.0001	0.0011
Overall	0.67	0.34	0.86	0.0004	0.0036
<i>CSF by ELISA</i>					
Weighted	0.64	0.29	0.84	0.0001	0.0011
Overall	0.58	0.19	0.81	0.0044	0.027
<i>Serum by Simoa™</i>					
Weighted	0.55	0.15	0.79	0.0073	0.066
Overall	0.53	0.13	0.78	0.010	0.092



**Figure S8.** Correlation of NEFL levels with UBDRS CGI weighted and single-item overall scores. Upper panel table lists comparison values for both correlation methods, as prior publications (**Supplemental References**) only used single-item CGI scores. Lower panel graphs depict correlation of NEFL levels with UBDRS single-item overall CGI. Graphs of NEFL levels versus UBDRS weighted CGI are depicted in **Figure S6**. Shaded area: 95% confidence interval. CGI: clinical global impression. ELISA: pg/mL. PEA: proximal extension assay (normalized protein expression). UBDRS: Unified Batten Disease Rating Scale.  $r_p$ : correlation coefficient. Simoa™: single molecule array (pg/mL).