Title: Evidence of impaired macroautophagy in human degenerative cervical myelopathy

Running title: Autophagy in Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy

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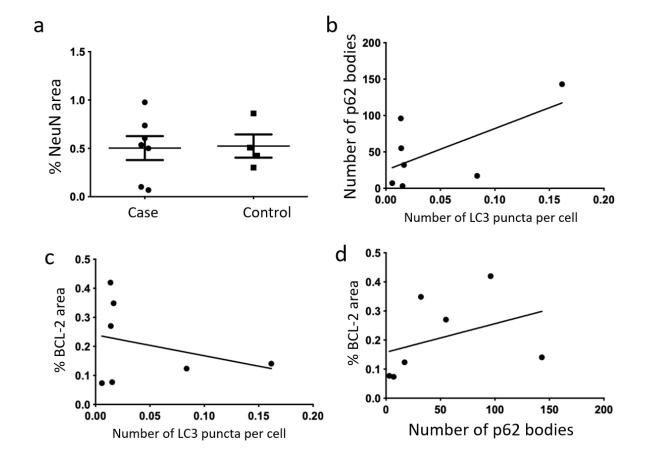
## **Supplementary Figures**

| Case | Sex | Age | Cause of death                             |
|------|-----|-----|--|
| 1    | M   | 80  | Extensive cerebral infarction              |
| 2    | M   | 70  | Disseminated visceral giant cell arteritis |
| 3    | M   | 63  | Colon cancer                               |
| 4    | M   | 59  | Sudden unexpected death                    |
| 5    | M   | 72  | Chronic renal failure                      |
| 6    | F   | 72  | Peritonitis                                |
| 7    | M   | 61  | Pneumonia                                  |

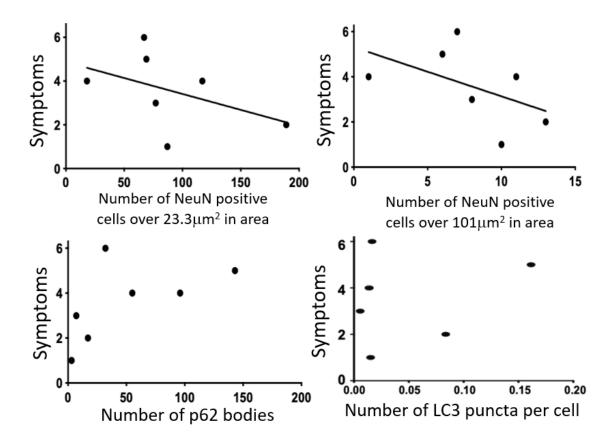
**Supplementary Table 1.** Causes of death for the 7 cases of DCM.

| Control | Sex | Age | Cause of death                                   |
|---------|-----|-----|--|
| 1       | F   | 73  | Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic purpura              |
| 2       | F   | 83  | Myasthenia Gravis                                |
|         |     |     | Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Atrophy, Aspiration |
| 3       | F   | 68  | Pneumonia  |
| 4       | M   | 65  | Malignant Lymphoma, Pneumonia                    |
| 5       | M   | 51  | Acute abdomen                                    |

**Supplementary Table 2.** Causes of death for the 5 controls.



**Supplementary Figure 1.** A) % NeuN area of staining in cases compared to controls. b-d) XY Graphs comparing the relationship between different stains in cases. Correlation was assessed using non-linear regression and statistical significance determined using Pearson correlation. No correlations reached statistical significance.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** A-d) XY graphs of cases (n=7) comparing the number of symptom groups against the results of analyses of staining for NeuN, p62 and LC3 earlier in this study. Correlation was assessed using non-linear regression and statistical significance determined using Pearson correlation. No correlations reached statistical significance.