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Thank you very much for further constructive comments.

Reviewer Toby Hall:

I have completed Reference 9.

Reviewer Richard Bohannon:

1. I have changed from passive voice.

2. I have rephrased the description of the Motricity Index and the Motor Index Score in the Methods section.

3. I agree that manual muscle testing has limitations and is unlikely to reveal weaknesses minor than 20-25%. I have rephrased this part of the Discussion section.

4. It is true that the scope of muscle testing in this context is to identify patterns of individual muscle weaknesses that may point to specific locations of nerve afflictions. I acknowledge that this is not possible for all muscles but by positioning the limb in order to optimize the function of the tested muscle one can allow this muscle to have the dominant influence. I have discussed this issue in the beginning of the Limitations section in the Discussion.

I have performed further language corrections.

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