**Supplementary Figure 1:** Characteristics of the modified “zipper method” in contrast to the original protocol. PLEX-IVIG cycles with interval of 48 h rather than 24 h between end of IVIG infusion and start of next PLEX. At least seven cycles (extending up to ten) instead of five. Variable IVIG infusion time of 4–8 h. PLEX with consistent plasma volume exchange (1.5x, max. 2.5 l) rather than first exchange of 1.5x followed by reduction to 1.0x in subsequent sessions. Volume replacement with FFP rather than albumin. FFP = fresh-frozen plasma, HA = human albumin, IVIG = intravenous immunoglobulin, PLEX = plasmapheresis.