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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 4355-Review.doc)

Title: Advances in the molecular diagnosis of Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the editor and the reviewers:

1. Format has been updated.
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers as follows:
 1. Reviewer 01436637: 'The references are appropriate, relevant, and updated. However, these two may be cited. Patzko A, Shy ME. Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease and related genetic neuropathies. Continuum. 18(1):39-59, 2012 Feb. Juarez P, Palau F. Neural and molecular features on Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease plasticity and therapy. [Review] Neural Plast. 2012:171636, 2012.'
Reply: We agree with the reviewer and thus the two references have been added on page 3 and in the reference list.
 2. Reviewer 01436637: 'Page 3: "Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) or hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy (HMSN) or Peroneal Muscular Atrophy (PMA) was first described by Jean Charcot, Pierre Marie and Howard Henry Tooth in 1886[1, 2]". should be "Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT), also known as Charcot-Marie-Tooth neuropathy, hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy (HMSN) and peroneal muscular atrophy (PMA) was first described by Jean Charcot, Pierre Marie and Howard Henry Tooth in 1886[1, 2]'''.
Reply: We agree with the reviewer and thus the recommended rephrasing has been incorporated on page 3.
 3. Reviewer 01436637: 'Page 3: " ---more than 45 loci" should be 50 now'.
Reply: We agree with the reviewer and thus incorporated the change on page 3.
 4. Reviewer 01436637: 'Page 5 "---glyco-protein" should be glycoprotein'.
Reply: We agree with the reviewer and thus made the correction on page 5.
 5. Reviewer 01436637: 'Page 6 " ----have not thus farbeen confirmed" should be far been'.
Reply: We agree with the reviewer and thus made the correction on page 6.
 6. Reviewer 01436637: 'Page 7 " - occassionaly" should be occasionally'.
Reply: We agree with the reviewer and thus made the correction on page 7.
 7. Reviewer 00646439: '- motor nerve conduction velocities (MNCVs): Please define acronyms the first time they compare in the manuscript (see page 3, introduction)'.
Reply: We agree with the reviewer and thus made the correction on page 3.

8. Reviewer 00506115: 'Perhaps the Conclusions could be slightly lengthened'.

Reply: We believe that the relevant section is appropriate and to the point. Therefore, since the other two reviewers did not make the specific point on this section we did not accommodate the suggestion of this reviewer.

3. References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Neurology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "K. Christodoulou". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

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