

Supplementary Table 1 Comparison of circumferences of left and right upper limbs on admission (cm)

| Measurement points | Thumb web | The wrist | 10 cm below elbow | 10 cm above elbow |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Left (unaffected) | 20.4 | 17.9 | 21.3 | 26.3 |
| Right (affected) | 23.2 | 20.0 | 27.1 | 31.2 |
| Difference | 2.8 | 2.1 | 5.8 | 4.9 |

Supplementary Table 2 Circumferences of the affected limb during hospital stay (cm)

| Hospital stay | Thumb web | The wrist | 10 cm under elbow | 10 cm above the elbow |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Day 1 | 23.2 | 20.0 | 27.1 | 31.2 |
| Day 3 | 22.5 | 19.2 | 26.0 | 29.8 |
| Day 5 | 22.0 | 18.9 | 25.4 | 29.3 |
| Day 7 | 21.8 | 18.5 | 24.7 | 29.0 |
| Day 9 | 21.5 | 18.4 | 24.0 | 28.8 |
| Day 11 | 21.3 | 18.4 | 22.5 | 28.2 |
| Day 13 | 21.1 | 18.2 | 22.3 | 28 |
| Day 15 | 21.1 | 18.2 | 22.0 | 27.1 |