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All data were included even outliers for all figures; no data were thrown out, so outliers or exclusion criteria are not explicitly discussed in text.

DRG bulk RNAseq datasets and sciatic nerve scRNAseq datasets have been deposited in GEO database (**GSE153762**).

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Source files are provided for data shown in Figures 4, 5-9.

In addition, we included Figure 5 – source data 1, a file listing the top 100 cell cluster enriched genes identified by scRNAseq (with p-values).