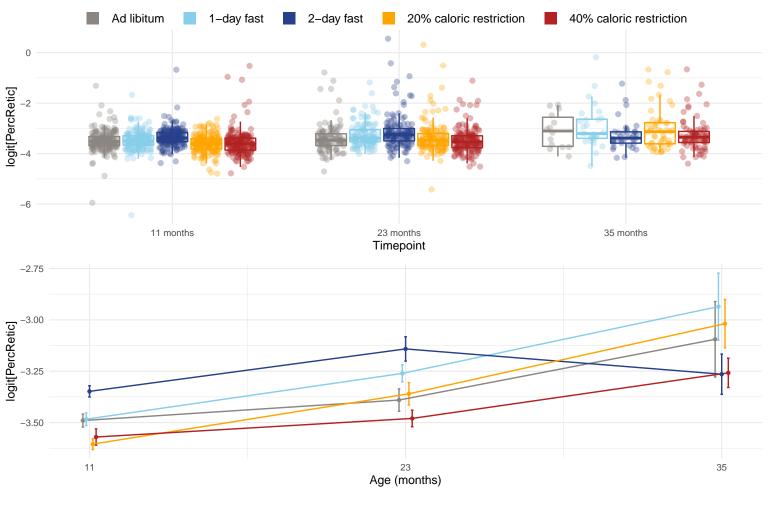
Diet and age effects on percent reticulocytes of total RBCs (%) = (NumRetic / NumRBC) \* 100



Only the following timepoints were used when testing for direct diet and age-diet interaction effects (all timepoints were used when testing for direct age effects): 11 months and 23 months. The effects of age, diet, and the age-diet interaction were estimated using mixed linear models and the significance of the effects were assessed with an approximate F-test using the Kenward and Roger (1997) approach. The p-values for the diet effect at each timepoint are: 11 months = 2.99e-07 and 23 months = 7.01e-05. The diet pairs that have significantly different (Tukey p-value < 0.05) means at 11 months are AL-2D, 1D-2D, 2D-20 and 2D-40. The diet pairs that have significantly different (Tukey p-value < 0.05) means at 23 months are AL-2D, 1D-40, 2D-20 and 2D-40. The p-value for the direct effect of age on PercRetic is 1.16e-12. The p-value for the effect of the interaction between age and diet on PercRetic is 0.103.