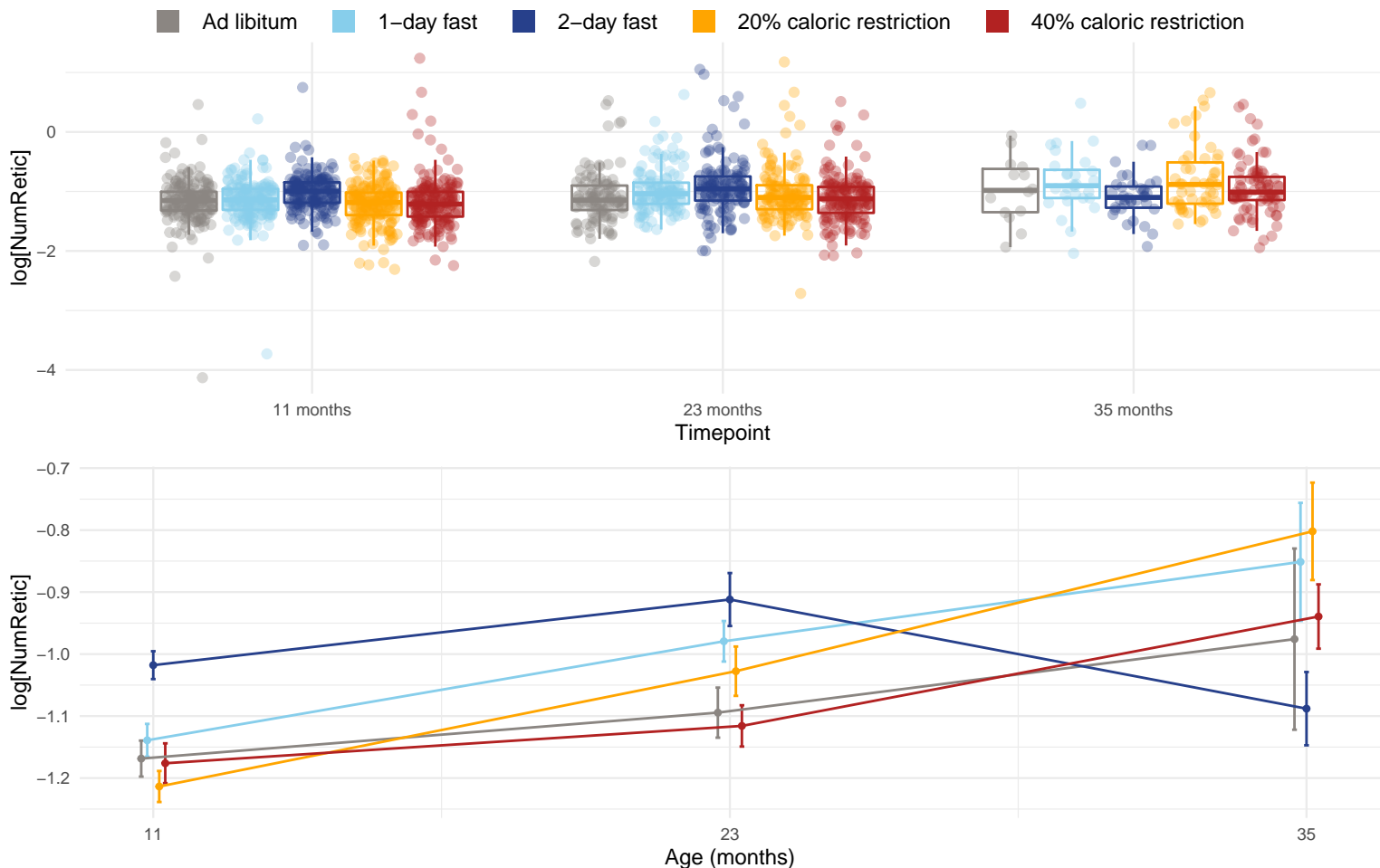


# Diet and age effects on reticulocyte count ( $10^6/\text{uL}$ )



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 =  $1.71\text{e-}05$  and 23 months =  $0.00135$ . 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 and 2D-40. The p-value for the direct effect of age on NumRetic is  $2.35\text{e-}09$ . The p-value for the effect of the interaction between age and diet on NumRetic is 0.116.