

Only the following timepoints were used when testing for diet and age effects: 05 months, 16 months and 28 months. The effects 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: 05 months = 0.915; 16 months = 0.0216 and 28 months = 0.00331. The diet pairs that have significantly different (Tukey p–value < 0.05) means at 16 months are 1D–20. The diet pairs that have significantly different (Tukey p–value < 0.05) means at 28 months are AL–20 and AL–40. The p–value for the direct effect of age on NK\_CD11BposCD11CposPercCD62LposNK is 0.999. The p–value for the effect of the interaction between age and diet on NK\_CD11BposCD11CposPercCD62LposNK is 0.000218. The diet pairs that have significantly different (Tukey p–value < 0.05) rates of change with age are AL–20 and AL–40.