



eFigure 2 Changes in the immune cell subset composition in the peripheral blood of MS patients and HD during aging. Immune cell subset composition in the peripheral blood of young (≤ 50 years) and old (> 50 years) patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) (MS: young: $n=40$, old: $n=38$; relapsing-remitting MS (RRMS): young: $n=20$, old: $n=18$; primary progressive (PPMS): young: $n=20$, old: $n=20$) and healthy donors (HD) (young: $n=20$, old: $n=20$). Demographic data of study subjects are depicted in eTable1. **(A-C)** Correlation analysis of proportions of lymphocytes **(A)**, B cells **(B)**, CD4 and CD8 T cells **(C)** with age. **(D-F)** Frequencies of lymphocytes **(D)**, B cells **(E)**, CD4 and CD8 T cells **(F)** in the peripheral blood of HD, RRMS and PPMS patients. Data are displayed as boxplots of the median and the 25th and 75th percentile \pm IQR. Statistical analysis was conducted by two-tailed Mann-Whitney test. For correlation analysis, the Pearson product-moment correlation coefficients (Pearson's R) were computed. Differences were considered statistically significant with the following P -values: * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$ and **** $P < 0.0001$