

eFigure 3 Alterations in the CD8 T cell compartment in the peripheral blood of MS patients and HD during aging. Flow cytometric analysis of frozen PBMC from 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) Correlation analysis of naïve, memory, effector memory (EM) and central memory (CM) CD8 T cells with age in HD and MS patients. (B) Frequencies of naïve, memory, EM and CM CD8 T cells in HD and patients with RRMS and PPMS. (C) Proportions of CD8 TEMRA cells in HD and MS patients (*left*) or in HD and patients with RRMS and PPMS (*right*). Data are displayed as boxplots of the median and the 25^{th} and 75^{th} 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