



eFigure 9 Serum neurofilament light chain (sNFL) levels in young and old MS patients. sNFL levels were evaluated in the serum of young (≤ 50 years) and old (> 50 years) patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) (young: $n=35$, old: $n=34$; relapsing-remitting MS (RRMS): young: $n=16$, old: $n=14$; primary progressive (PPMS): young: $n=19$, old: $n=20$). Demographic data of study subjects are depicted in eTable 1. **(A)** sNFL levels of MS patients. **(B)** sNFL levels of RRMS and PPMS patients. **(C)** Correlation analysis of sNFL levels with age of MS patients ($n=69$). **(D)** Correlation analysis of sNFL levels with the Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) score of MS patients ($n=69$). **(E)** Correlation analysis of sNFL levels with disease duration of MS patients ($n=69$). **(F)** Correlation analysis of sNFL with frequencies of CD28⁻ CD4 T cell of young (*left*) and old (*right*) MS patients. **(G)** Correlation analysis of sNFL with frequencies of CD28⁻ CD8 T cells of young (*left*) and old (*right*) MS patients. **(H)** Correlation analysis of sNFL with frequencies of CD57⁺ CD4 T cells of young (*left*) and old (*right*) MS patients. **(I)** Correlation analysis of sNFL with the expression of KLRG1 on memory CD8 T cells of young (*left*) and old (*right*) MS patients. **(J)** Correlation analysis of sNFL with the expression of KLRG1 on central memory (CM) CD8 T cells of young (*left*) and old (*right*) MS 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