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**SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES**

**Supplementary Table S1.** Primer information (Integrated DNA Technologies, Assay ID) for Fluidigm gene expression analysis.

<b>Gene</b>	<b>Assay ID</b>
<i>Actb</i>	Mm.PT.39a.22214843.g
<i>Apoe</i>	Mm.PT.58.33516165
<i>Casp1</i>	Mm.PT.58.10878305.g
<i>Ccl3</i>	Mm.PT.58.29283216
<i>Ccl4</i>	Mm.PT.58.5219433
<i>Cd52</i>	Mm.PT.58.434794115
<i>Cd53</i>	Mm.PT.58.30699738
<i>Cd68</i>	Mm.PT.58.12034788.g
<i>Clec7a</i>	Mm.PT.58.43348348
<i>Crlf2</i>	Mm.PT.58.41781142.g
<i>Cst7</i>	Mm.PT.58.8810317
<i>Cx3cr1</i>	Mm.PT.58.17555544
<i>Fabp5</i>	Mm.PT.58.29898197.gs
<i>Gapdh</i>	Mm.PT.39a.1
<i>Gpr34</i>	Mm.PT.58.46001700
<i>H2-D1</i>	Mm.PT.58.42136026.g
<i>Hif-1α</i>	Mm.PT.58.16742601
<i>Ido1</i>	Mm.PT.58.29540170
<i>Igfl</i>	Mm.PT.58.32726889
<i>Il10</i>	Mm.PT.58.23604055
<i>Il1rl</i>	Mm.PT.58.43781580
<i>Il1rn</i>	Mm.PT.58.43781580
<i>Il1β</i>	Mm.PT.58.41616450
<i>Il6</i>	Mm.PT.58.13354106
<i>Lgals3</i>	Mm.PT.58.29423458
<i>Lyz2</i>	Mm.PT.58.7139960
<i>Nfkbl</i>	Mm.PT.58.41505973
<i>Niarcl</i>	Mm.PT.58.33653569.g
<i>Nlrp3</i>	Mm.PT.58.13974318
<i>Nos2</i>	Mm.PT.58.5680554
<i>P2ry12</i>	Mm.PT.58.43542033
<i>P2ry13</i>	Mm.PT.58.42597879.g

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<i>Pycard</i>	Mm.PT.56a.42872867
<i>Siglech</i>	Mm.PT.58.45915252
<i>Socs1</i>	Mm.PT.58.11527306.g
<i>Socs3</i>	Mm.PT.58.7804681
<i>Ssp1</i>	Mm.PT.58.43709208
<i>Stat3</i>	Mm.PT.58.11877007
<i>Tgfb1</i>	Mm.PT.58.10230349
<i>Tlr2</i>	Mm.PT.58.45820113
<i>Tlr4</i>	Mm.PT.58.41643680
<i>Tlr7</i>	Mm.PT.58.10526075
<i>Tlr8</i>	Mm.PT.58.16021150
<i>Tmem119</i>	Mm.PT.58.6766267
<i>Tnf</i>	Mm.PT.58.12575861
<i>Trem2</i>	Mm.PT.58.7992121

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**Supplementary Table S2.** Main effect of age (A; aged or adult), sex (S; female, F, or male, M), and soluble fiber dietary inclusion (D, diet; inulin; 0, 2.5, or 5%, w/w) on whole brain microglia expression of markers of aging, inflammation, and microglia sensome.

Gene	A		S		D			SEM	P-value								
	Adult	Aged	SEM	F	M	SEM	0%	2.5%	5%	A	D	A*D	S	S*A	S*D	S*A*D	
<b>Aging related</b>																	
<i>Apoe</i>	0.19 <sup>b</sup>	0.34 <sup>a</sup>	0.02	0.27	0.24	0.02	0.22 <sup>b</sup>	0.30 <sup>a</sup>	0.24 <sup>ab</sup>	0.02	<.001	0.03	0.88	0.24	0.39	0.84	0.30
<i>Ccl4</i>	0.53 <sup>b</sup>	1.73 <sup>a</sup>	0.19	1.02	0.90	0.11	1.22 <sup>a</sup>	0.70 <sup>b</sup>	1.04 <sup>a</sup>	0.18	<.001	0.01	0.82	0.42	0.53	0.32	0.83
<i>Cd52</i>	0.37 <sup>b</sup>	1.33 <sup>a</sup>	0.17	0.92 <sup>a</sup>	0.54 <sup>b</sup>	0.12	0.74 <sup>ab</sup>	0.89 <sup>a</sup>	0.52 <sup>b</sup>	0.13	<.001	0.05	0.69	0.01	0.15	0.22	0.62
<i>Clec7a</i>	0.20 <sup>b</sup>	1.60 <sup>a</sup>	0.08	0.60 <sup>a</sup>	0.53 <sup>b</sup>	0.03	0.57	0.55	0.55	0.04	<.001	0.95	0.02	0.07	0.01	0.09	0.45
<i>Crlf2</i>	0.43 <sup>b</sup>	1.26 <sup>a</sup>	0.18	0.90 <sup>a</sup>	0.60 <sup>b</sup>	0.13	0.87	0.63	0.72	0.17	<.001	0.42	0.41	0.04	0.53	0.65	0.81
<i>Cst7</i>	0.07 <sup>b</sup>	0.83 <sup>a</sup>	0.05	0.31 <sup>a</sup>	0.18 <sup>b</sup>	0.02	0.22	0.25	0.23	0.02	<.001	0.54	0.26	<.001	<.001	0.09	0.80
<i>Fabp5</i>	0.32 <sup>b</sup>	1.64 <sup>a</sup>	0.15	0.95 <sup>a</sup>	0.56 <sup>b</sup>	0.09	0.78	0.61	0.81	0.10	<.001	0.14	0.86	<.001	<.001	0.91	0.86
<i>H2-D1</i>	0.29 <sup>b</sup>	0.61 <sup>a</sup>	0.02	0.42	0.42	0.02	0.42	0.40	0.44	0.02	<.001	0.30	0.32	0.71	0.63	0.90	0.64
<i>Lgals3</i>	0.24 <sup>b</sup>	1.92 <sup>a</sup>	0.08	0.75 <sup>a</sup>	0.62 <sup>b</sup>	0.03	0.74 <sup>a</sup>	0.62 <sup>b</sup>	0.69 <sup>ab</sup>	0.05	<.001	0.06	0.06	0.01	<.001	0.55	0.87
<i>Lyz2</i>	0.38 <sup>b</sup>	1.07 <sup>a</sup>	0.03	0.62	0.66	0.02	0.63	0.65	0.63	0.03	<.001	0.88	0.22	0.19	0.01	0.89	0.32
<i>Ssp1</i>	0.03 <sup>b</sup>	1.91 <sup>a</sup>	0.13	0.32 <sup>a</sup>	0.18 <sup>b</sup>	0.02	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.02	<.001	1.00	0.55	<.001	<.001	0.49	0.72
<b>Inflammation</b>																	
<i>Casp1</i>	0.28 <sup>b</sup>	0.35 <sup>a</sup>	0.03	0.29	0.34	0.03	0.37 <sup>a</sup>	0.23 <sup>b</sup>	0.36 <sup>a</sup>	0.05	0.06	<.001	0.75	0.29	0.93	0.97	0.82
<i>Ccl3</i>	0.54 <sup>b</sup>	1.20 <sup>a</sup>	0.08	0.80	0.80	0.06	0.96 <sup>a</sup>	0.65 <sup>b</sup>	0.83 <sup>a</sup>	0.09	<.001	0.01	0.52	0.97	0.78	0.20	0.67
<i>Cd68</i>	0.28 <sup>b</sup>	0.46 <sup>a</sup>	0.03	0.37	0.36	0.03	0.40 <sup>a</sup>	0.27 <sup>b</sup>	0.43 <sup>a</sup>	0.04	<.001	<.001	0.64	0.80	0.01	0.13	0.35
<i>Cx3cr1</i>	1.23 <sup>a</sup>	0.87 <sup>b</sup>	0.06	0.93 <sup>b</sup>	1.15 <sup>a</sup>	0.06	1.06 <sup>ab</sup>	0.92 <sup>b</sup>	1.12 <sup>a</sup>	0.07	<.001	0.04	0.21	<.001	0.02	0.27	0.79
<i>Hif1a</i>	0.33 <sup>b</sup>	0.56 <sup>a</sup>	0.06	0.45	0.41	0.04	0.52 <sup>a</sup>	0.33 <sup>b</sup>	0.46 <sup>ab</sup>	0.07	<.001	0.02	0.06	0.48	0.39	0.95	0.96
<i>Igfl1</i>	0.08 <sup>b</sup>	0.69 <sup>a</sup>	0.07	0.31 <sup>a</sup>	0.17 <sup>b</sup>	0.03	0.28 <sup>a</sup>	0.15 <sup>b</sup>	0.30 <sup>a</sup>	0.04	<.001	<.001	0.46	<.001	<.001	0.19	0.91
<i>Il10</i>	0.12 <sup>b</sup>	0.42 <sup>a</sup>	0.06	0.20	0.24	0.04	0.27 <sup>a</sup>	0.14 <sup>b</sup>	0.30 <sup>a</sup>	0.05	<.001	<.001	0.41	0.39	0.72	0.25	0.31
<i>Il1β</i>	0.44 <sup>b</sup>	1.64 <sup>a</sup>	0.11	0.65 <sup>b</sup>	1.10 <sup>a</sup>	0.08	0.82	0.87	0.86	0.07	<.001	0.88	0.91	<.001	0.01	0.07	0.49
<i>Il1rl1</i>	17.4	16.9	1.80	16.0	18.3	2.00	21.6 <sup>a</sup>	13.1 <sup>b</sup>	17.8 <sup>a</sup>	3.10	0.84	0.02	0.70	0.36	0.53	0.22	0.65
<i>Il1rn</i>	0.13 <sup>b</sup>	0.97 <sup>a</sup>	0.07	0.35	0.36	0.03	0.37	0.32	0.38	0.04	<.001	0.30	0.02	0.82	0.11	0.97	0.90
<i>Il6</i>	0.77 <sup>a</sup>	0.51 <sup>b</sup>	0.04	0.56 <sup>b</sup>	0.69 <sup>a</sup>	0.04	0.63	0.59	0.65	0.05	<.001	0.48	0.65	0.01	0.02	0.84	0.37
<i>Nfkbia</i>	0.75	0.81	0.09	0.84	0.72	0.09	0.89	0.71	0.75	0.13	0.66	0.47	0.30	0.30	0.44	0.23	0.76
<i>Niarcl1</i>	0.18 <sup>b</sup>	0.67 <sup>a</sup>	0.08	0.36	0.34	0.04	0.50 <sup>a</sup>	0.20 <sup>b</sup>	0.42 <sup>a</sup>	0.08	<.001	<.001	0.50	0.70	0.12	0.86	0.77
<i>Nlrp3</i>	1.30	1.22	0.11	1.24	1.29	0.11	1.59 <sup>a</sup>	0.89 <sup>b</sup>	1.43 <sup>a</sup>	0.17	0.58	<.001	0.74	0.73	0.30	0.36	0.36
<i>Nos2</i>	0.09	0.14	0.03	0.17 <sup>a</sup>	0.08 <sup>b</sup>	0.03	0.10	0.16	0.10	0.04	0.14	0.27	0.16	0.01	0.94	0.27	0.77
<i>Pycard</i>	0.70	0.85	0.08	0.71	0.84	0.08	0.86 <sup>a</sup>	0.55 <sup>b</sup>	0.97 <sup>a</sup>	0.12	0.16	<.001	0.77	0.25	0.94	0.92	0.87
<i>Socs1</i>	1.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.71 <sup>b</sup>	0.09	0.97 <sup>a</sup>	0.73 <sup>b</sup>	0.08	0.96 <sup>a</sup>	0.70 <sup>b</sup>	0.88 <sup>ab</sup>	0.10	<.001	0.08	0.98	0.01	0.03	0.55	0.48
<i>Socs3</i>	0.34	0.42	0.05	0.33	0.43	0.05	0.52 <sup>a</sup>	0.19 <sup>b</sup>	0.55 <sup>a</sup>	0.09	0.25	<.001	0.90	0.15	0.65	0.57	0.73

<i>Stat3</i>	0.83	0.99	0.07	0.93	0.88	0.07	1.04	0.84	0.86	0.11	0.12	0.24	0.60	0.62	0.67	0.34	0.65
<i>Tlr2</i>	0.50 <sup>b</sup>	1.20 <sup>a</sup>	0.07	0.80	0.75	0.04	0.83	0.71	0.78	0.06	<.001	0.21	0.08	0.45	0.30	0.44	0.95
<i>Tlr4</i>	1.06 <sup>a</sup>	0.80 <sup>b</sup>	0.07	0.88	0.96	0.06	0.94	0.86	0.97	0.08	<.001	0.41	0.66	0.33	0.49	0.33	0.87
<i>Tlr7</i>	0.60	0.56	0.04	0.63 <sup>a</sup>	0.53 <sup>b</sup>	0.04	0.62	0.52	0.60	0.05	0.36	0.15	0.96	0.05	0.16	0.28	0.67
<i>Tlr8</i>	0.30 <sup>b</sup>	0.65 <sup>a</sup>	0.04	0.45	0.43	0.03	0.50 <sup>a</sup>	0.35 <sup>b</sup>	0.49 <sup>a</sup>	0.04	<.001	<.001	0.21	0.48	0.02	0.46	0.57
<i>Tnfa</i>	0.27 <sup>b</sup>	1.46 <sup>a</sup>	0.13	0.65	0.60	0.06	0.83 <sup>a</sup>	0.39 <sup>b</sup>	0.75 <sup>a</sup>	0.11	<.001	<.001	0.49	0.61	0.18	0.13	0.82
<b>Sensome</b>																	
<i>Cd53</i>	0.95	0.87	0.07	0.88	0.95	0.07	0.99	0.89	0.86	0.09	0.35	0.47	0.02	0.43	0.57	0.20	0.68
<i>Gpr34</i>	0.52 <sup>a</sup>	0.33 <sup>b</sup>	0.04	0.42	0.40	0.03	0.41	0.38	0.45	0.04	<.001	0.39	0.68	0.64	0.61	0.70	0.40
<i>P2ry12</i>	1.06 <sup>a</sup>	0.59 <sup>b</sup>	0.07	0.69 <sup>b</sup>	0.91 <sup>a</sup>	0.06	0.81	0.75	0.81	0.07	<.001	0.68	0.26	<.001	<.001	0.28	0.80
<i>P2ry13</i>	0.64 <sup>a</sup>	0.36 <sup>b</sup>	0.05	0.48	0.48	0.04	0.46 <sup>ab</sup>	0.42 <sup>b</sup>	0.57 <sup>a</sup>	0.06	<.001	0.08	0.81	0.98	0.21	0.57	0.28
<i>Siglech</i>	0.66 <sup>a</sup>	0.48 <sup>b</sup>	0.04	0.50 <sup>b</sup>	0.64 <sup>a</sup>	0.04	0.59 <sup>ab</sup>	0.50 <sup>b</sup>	0.62 <sup>a</sup>	0.05	<.001	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.79	0.94
<i>Tgfb1</i>	0.42 <sup>a</sup>	0.32 <sup>b</sup>	0.04	0.38	0.35	0.04	0.38 <sup>ab</sup>	0.30 <sup>b</sup>	0.44 <sup>a</sup>	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.13	0.55	0.42	0.68	0.48
<i>Tmem119</i>	0.71 <sup>a</sup>	0.47 <sup>b</sup>	0.12	0.55	0.60	0.10	0.72 <sup>a</sup>	0.37 <sup>b</sup>	0.73 <sup>a</sup>	0.16	0.08	0.02	0.94	0.69	0.67	0.56	0.61
<i>Trem2</i>	0.45	0.49	0.07	0.50	0.43	0.07	0.50 <sup>ab</sup>	0.33 <sup>b</sup>	0.62 <sup>a</sup>	0.11	0.67	0.02	0.38	0.49	0.36	0.63	0.57

Estimates of mRNA relative abundance and standard error of the mean (SEM) generated by the ANOVA model are reported. Data have been properly back-transformed for ease of interpretation. Different superscript indicate statistical significance at  $P \leq 0.05$  for each gene within each effect (A, S, and D).

**Supplementary Table S3.** Correlations between SCFA corrected cecal concentration (acetate, butyrate, propionate, and total SCFA) and whole brain microglia log2 normalized mRNA abundance of target genes in aged mice, fed 0 or 2.5% inulin.

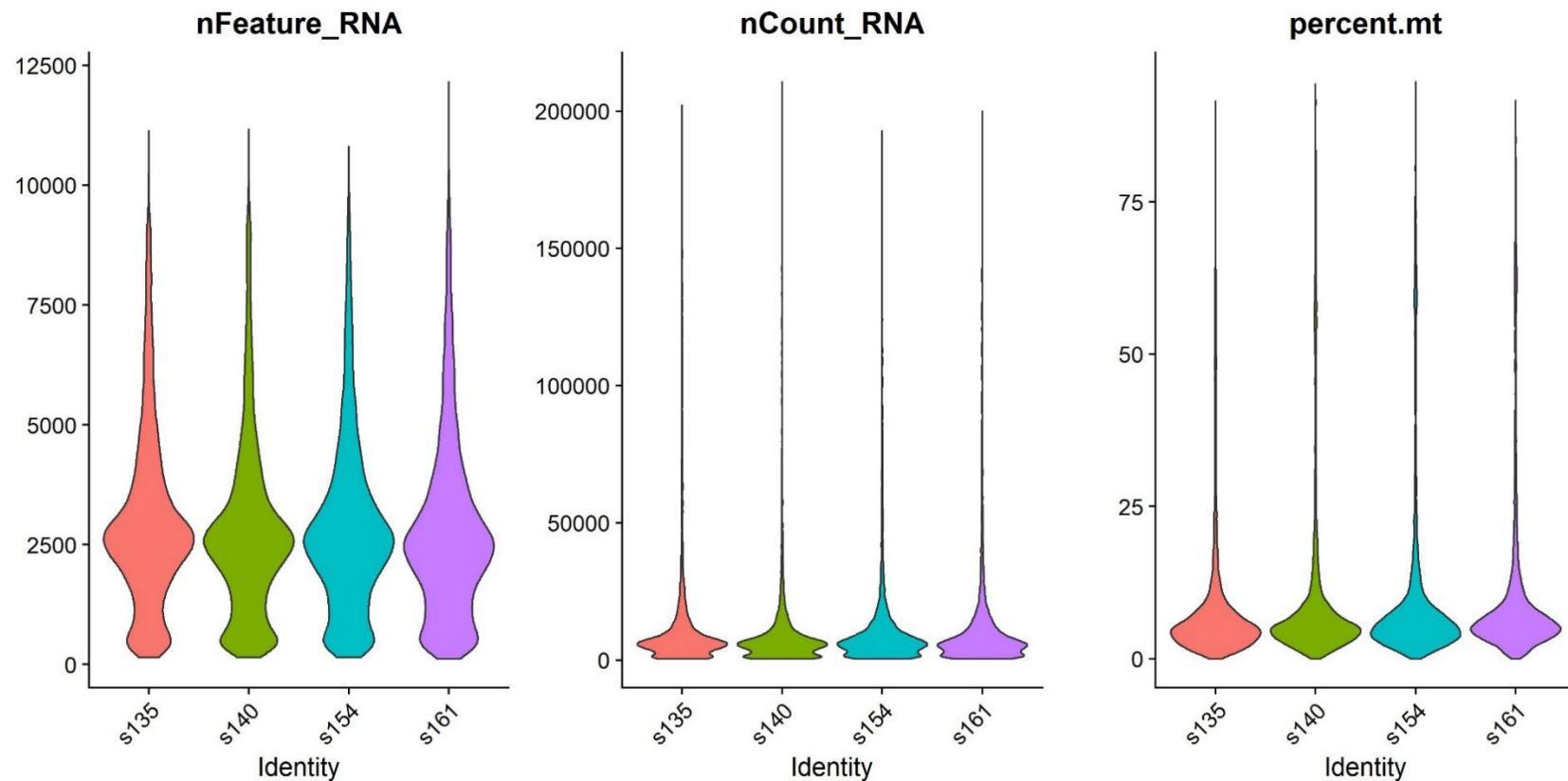
	Acetate		Propionate		Butyrate		Total SCFA	
	r	p	r	p	r	p	r	p
<b>Aging</b>								
<i>Apoe</i>	0.07	0.72	-0.08	0.68	-0.01	0.94	0.09	0.66
<i>Ccl4</i>	-0.10	0.61	-0.15	0.45	-0.07	0.71	-0.08	0.70
<i>Cd52</i>	-0.06	0.77	-0.20	0.33	0.05	0.78	0.06	0.75
<i>Clec7a</i>	-0.28	0.15	-0.33	0.10 <sup>t</sup>	-0.24	0.23	-0.24	0.21
<i>Crlf2</i>	-0.13	0.50	-0.22	0.27	-0.09	0.66	-0.10	0.62
<i>Cst7</i>	-0.14	0.48	-0.19	0.34	-0.33	0.09 <sup>t</sup>	-0.12	0.53
<i>Fabp5</i>	-0.25	0.19	-0.25	0.21	-0.53	0.00*	-0.25	0.20
<i>H2.D1</i>	-0.17	0.38	-0.06	0.78	-0.04	0.84	-0.09	0.64
<i>Lgals3</i>	-0.31	0.11	-0.24	0.23	-0.55	0.00*	-0.28	0.14
<i>Lyz2</i>	-0.13	0.50	-0.15	0.47	-0.07	0.73	-0.12	0.55
<i>Ssp1</i>	-0.24	0.20	-0.08	0.69	-0.27	0.16	-0.21	0.28
<b>Inflammation</b>								
<i>Casp1</i>	-0.28	0.14	-0.22	0.26	-0.27	0.16	-0.26	0.19
<i>Ccl3</i>	-0.14	0.46	-0.03	0.87	-0.10	0.60	-0.13	0.50
<i>Cd68</i>	-0.40	0.03*	-0.41	0.03*	-0.58	0.00*	-0.39	0.04*
<i>Cx3cr1</i>	-0.09	0.63	-0.14	0.48	0.13	0.50	-0.04	0.83
<i>HIF.1a</i>	-0.29	0.12	-0.27	0.17	-0.33	0.09 <sup>t</sup>	-0.23	0.25
<i>Igfl1</i>	-0.34	0.07 <sup>t</sup>	-0.42	0.03*	-0.53	0.00*	-0.35	0.07 <sup>t</sup>
<i>Il.10</i>	-0.09	0.66	0.11	0.58	-0.15	0.43	-0.09	0.66
<i>Il.1b</i>	0.09	0.64	0.24	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.11	0.59
<i>Il.1rn</i>	-0.26	0.17	-0.23	0.24	-0.35	0.07 <sup>t</sup>	-0.20	0.30
<i>Il.6</i>	0.02	0.91	-0.06	0.75	0.16	0.42	0.00	0.99
<i>Il1rl1</i>	-0.19	0.36	-0.19	0.38	-0.15	0.47	-0.17	0.41
<i>Nfkb1</i>	-0.11	0.59	-0.25	0.22	-0.11	0.57	-0.04	0.85
<i>Niarcl1</i>	-0.22	0.24	-0.02	0.92	-0.42	0.03*	-0.17	0.38
<i>Nlrp3</i>	-0.10	0.62	-0.24	0.23	-0.11	0.56	-0.13	0.52
<i>Nos2</i>	0.03	0.88	-0.19	0.33	-0.16	0.43	-0.07	0.71
<i>Pycard</i>	-0.23	0.22	-0.25	0.21	-0.16	0.42	-0.20	0.30
<i>Socs1</i>	-0.06	0.76	0.02	0.91	-0.38	0.05*	-0.01	0.97
<i>Socs3</i>	-0.11	0.58	-0.01	0.97	-0.18	0.36	-0.13	0.50
<i>Stat3</i>	-0.08	0.67	-0.15	0.47	-0.16	0.42	-0.03	0.89
<i>Tlr2</i>	-0.24	0.22	-0.29	0.15	-0.15	0.44	-0.20	0.31
<i>Tlr4</i>	-0.04	0.85	-0.20	0.31	0.12	0.55	0.01	0.98
<i>Tlr7</i>	-0.14	0.48	-0.36	0.07 <sup>t</sup>	-0.16	0.43	-0.14	0.49
<i>Tlr8</i>	-0.28	0.14	-0.18	0.36	-0.48	0.01*	-0.32	0.10
<i>Tnf</i>	-0.20	0.31	-0.04	0.84	-0.36	0.06 <sup>t</sup>	-0.25	0.20

<b>Sensome</b>								
<i>Cd53</i>	-0.17	0.38	-0.23	0.24	-0.05	0.81	-0.17	0.40
<i>Gpr34</i>	-0.34	0.07 <sup>t</sup>	-0.43	0.02*	-0.20	0.30	-0.32	0.09 <sup>t</sup>
<i>P2ry12</i>	-0.16	0.40	-0.23	0.25	0.14	0.48	-0.09	0.65
<i>P2ry13</i>	-0.13	0.49	-0.23	0.24	0.04	0.83	-0.03	0.86
<i>Siglech</i>	-0.32	0.09 <sup>t</sup>	-0.28	0.16	-0.14	0.48	-0.27	0.17
<i>Tgfb1</i>	-0.08	0.69	-0.28	0.16	-0.11	0.59	-0.05	0.79
<i>Tmem119</i>	-0.14	0.47	-0.22	0.28	-0.04	0.86	-0.09	0.64
<i>Trem2</i>	-0.22	0.27	-0.43	0.03*	-0.30	0.13	-0.20	0.32

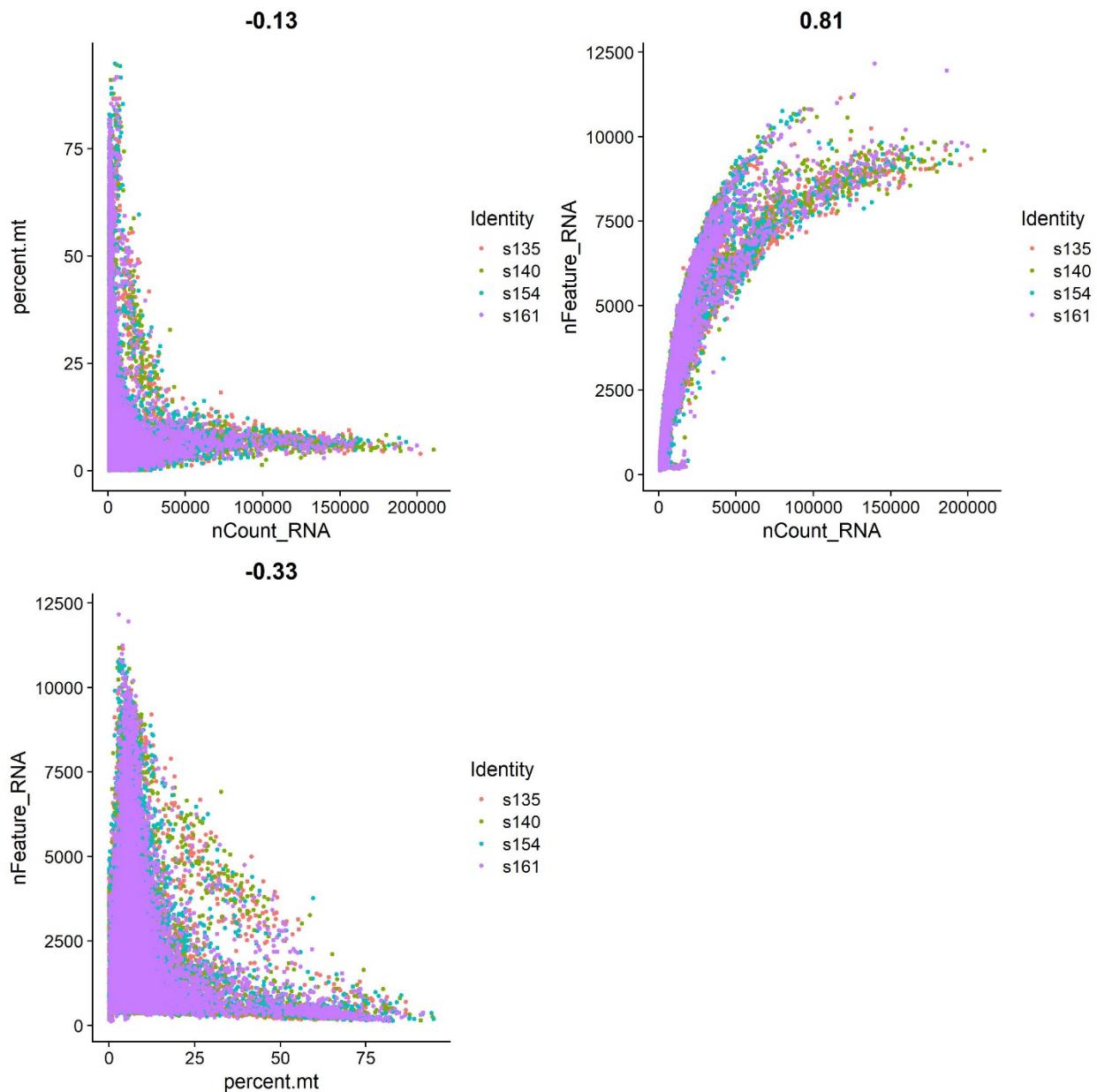
\*Significant P value ( $P < 0.05$ ); <sup>t</sup> Tendency ( $P < 0.1$ ).

## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

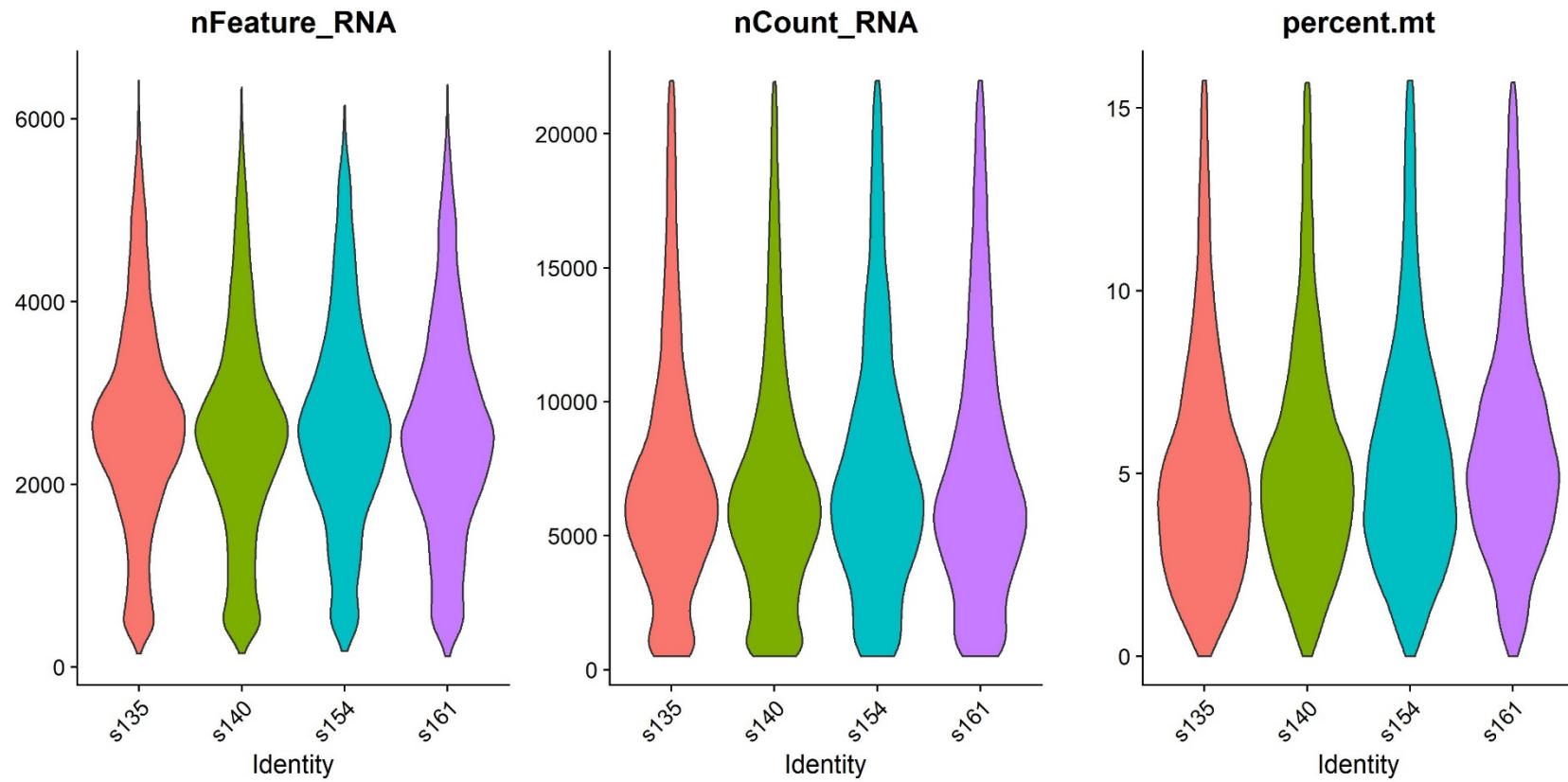
**Supplementary Figure S1.** Violin plot pre-filtering of total number of genes (nFeature), total number of molecules (nCount) and percentage of mitochondrial genes (percent.mt) per cell in the four samples used for 10X analysis.



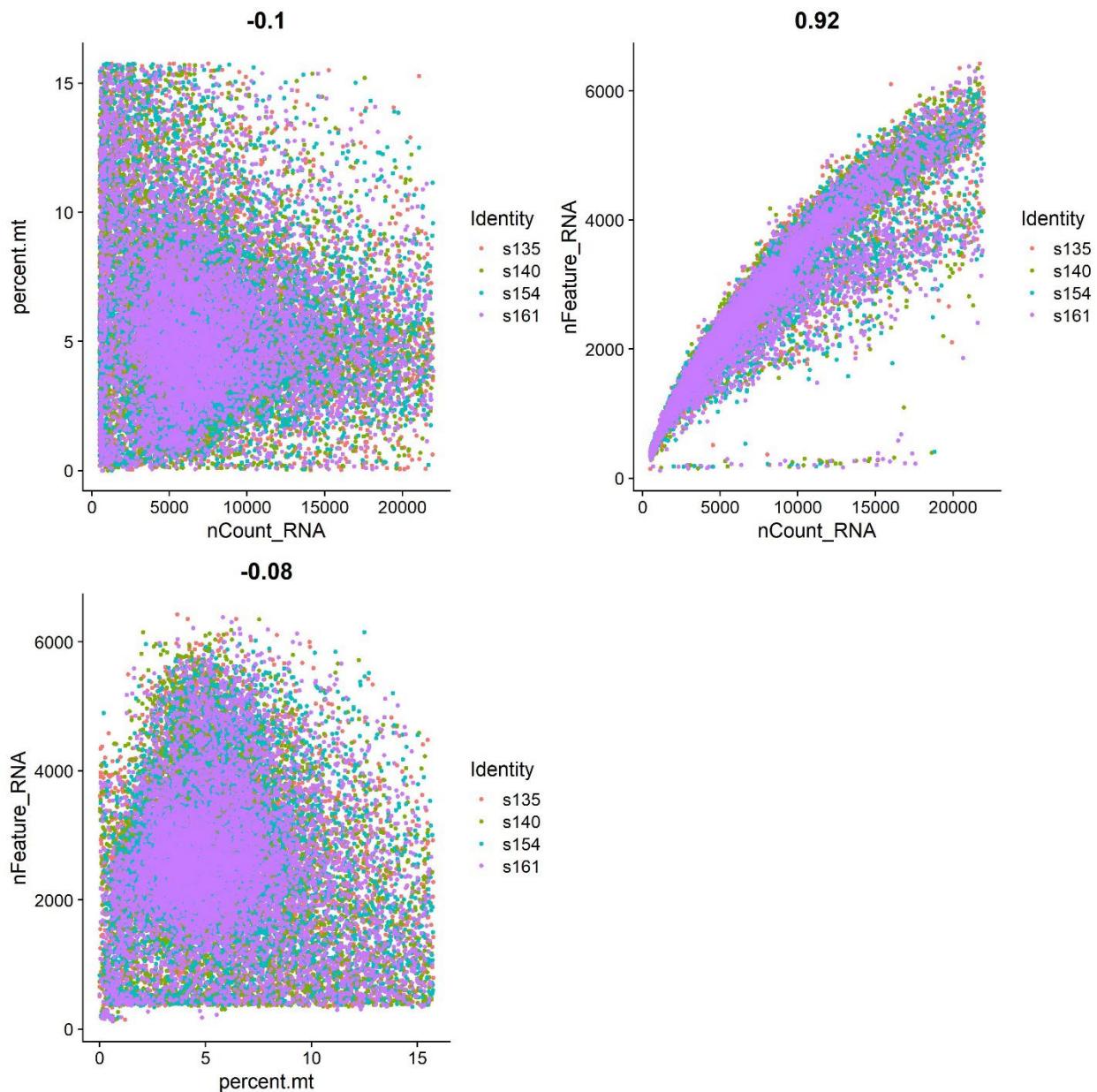
**Supplementary Figure S2.** Pre-filtering correlation scatter plots of total number of genes (nFeature), total number of molecules (nCount) and percentage of mitochondrial genes (percent.mt) per cell split by sample.



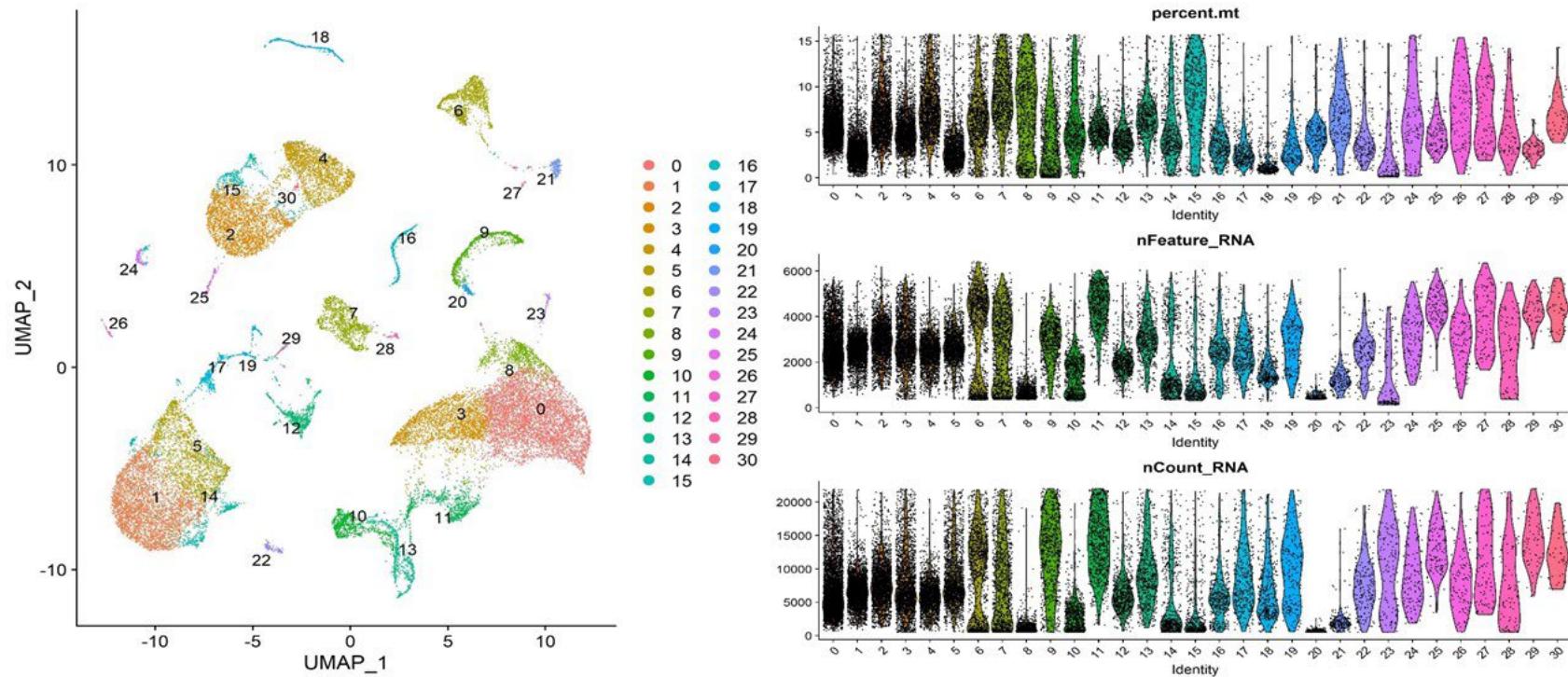
**Supplementary Figure S3.** Violin plot post-filtering of total number of genes (nFeature), total number of molecules (nCount) and percentage of mitochondrial genes (percent.mt) per cell in the four samples used for 10X analysis.



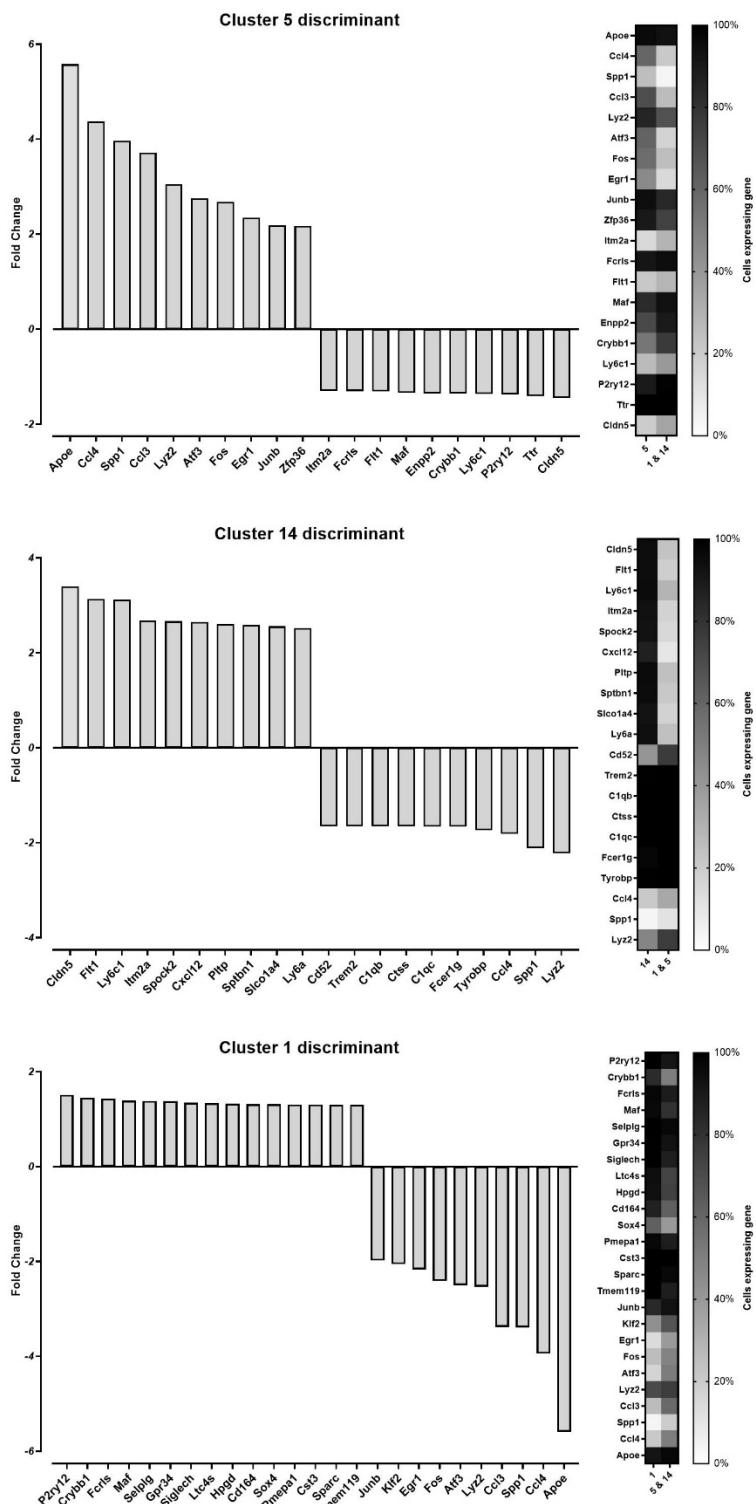
**Supplementary Figure S4.** Pre-filtering correlation scatter plots of total number of genes (nFeature), total number of molecules (nCount) and percentage of mitochondrial genes (percent.mt) per cell split by sample.



**Supplementary Figure S5.** Violin plot post-filtering of total number of genes (nFeature), total number of molecules (nCount) and percentage of mitochondrial genes (percent.mt) per cell by cluster. UMAP representation of identify clusters is reported on the left.



**Supplementary Figure S6.** Top differentially expressed genes in each microglia cluster, compared to the other microglia cluster (cluster discriminant). Fold changes are reported on the left (bar graph), and percentage of cells expressing each markers on the right (heatmap).



**Supplementary Figure S7.** Body weight of adult and aged male (M) and female (F) mice fed 0, 2.5, or 5% inulin during the eight-week study.

