

Supplementary Material

3D Ultrasound Measurements Are Highly Sensitive to Monitor Formation and Progression of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms in Mouse Models

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SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS

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Suppl. Figure 2: Interobserver correlations in the ePPE model regarding four aortic parameters in 3D ultrasound analysis. A | Absolute volume [mm³]. B | Absolute diameter [mm]. C | Relative volume [% of baseline]. D | Relative diameter [% of baseline]. Spearman coefficient of correlation r and Lin's concordance correlation coefficient ρ with 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) are given.

Suppl. Figure 3: Interobserver correlations in the ePPE+BAPN model regarding four aortic parameters in 3D ultrasound analysis. A | Absolute volume [mm³]. B | Absolute diameter [mm]. C | Relative volume [% of baseline]. D | Relative diameter [% of baseline]. Spearman coefficient of correlation r and Lin's concordance correlation coefficient ρ with 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) are given.

Suppl. Figure 4: Interobserver correlations in the PPE model regarding four aortic parameters in 3D ultrasound analysis. A | Absolute volume [mm³]. B | Absolute diameter [mm]. C | Relative volume [% of baseline]. D | Relative diameter [% of baseline]. Spearman coefficient of correlation r and Lin's concordance correlation coefficient ρ with 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) are given.

Suppl. Figure 5: Interobserver differences depicted by Bland Altman plots for the AngII model regarding four aortic parameters in 3D ultrasound analysis. A | Absolute volume [mm³]. B | Absolute diameter [mm]. C | Relative volume [% of baseline]. D | Relative diameter [% of baseline].

Suppl. Figure 6: Interobserver differences depicted by Bland Altman plots for the ePPE model regarding four aortic parameters in 3D ultrasound analysis. A | Absolute volume [mm³]. B | Absolute diameter [mm]. C | Relative volume [% of baseline]. D | Relative diameter [% of baseline].

Suppl. Figure 7: Interobserver differences depicted by Bland Altman plots for the ePPE+BAPN model regarding four aortic parameters in 3D ultrasound analysis. A | Absolute volume [mm³]. B | Absolute diameter [mm]. C | Relative volume [% of baseline]. D | Relative diameter [% of baseline].

Suppl. Figure 8: Interobserver differences depicted by Bland Altman plots for the PPE model regarding four aortic parameters in 3D ultrasound analysis. A | Absolute volume [mm³]. B | Absolute diameter [mm]. C | Relative volume [% of baseline]. D | Relative diameter [% of baseline].

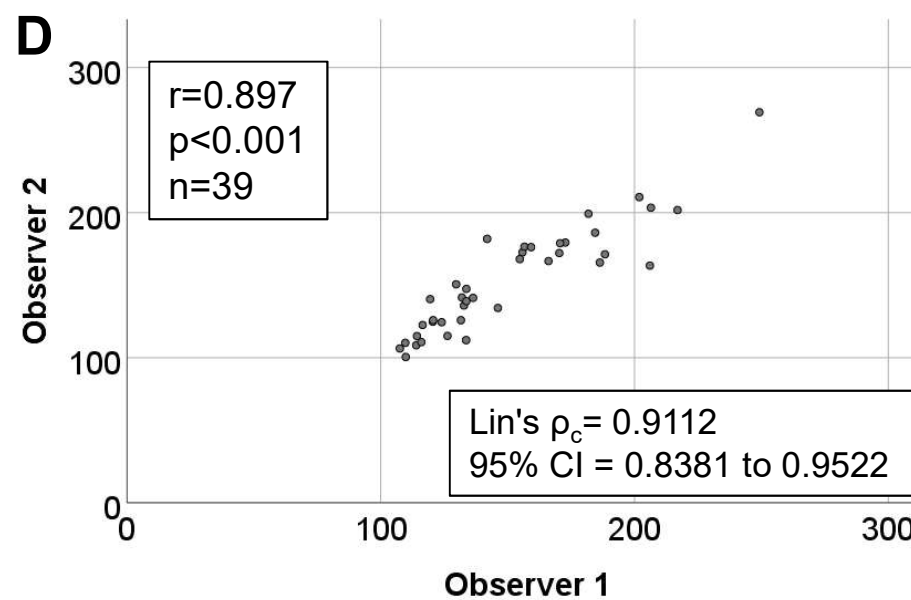
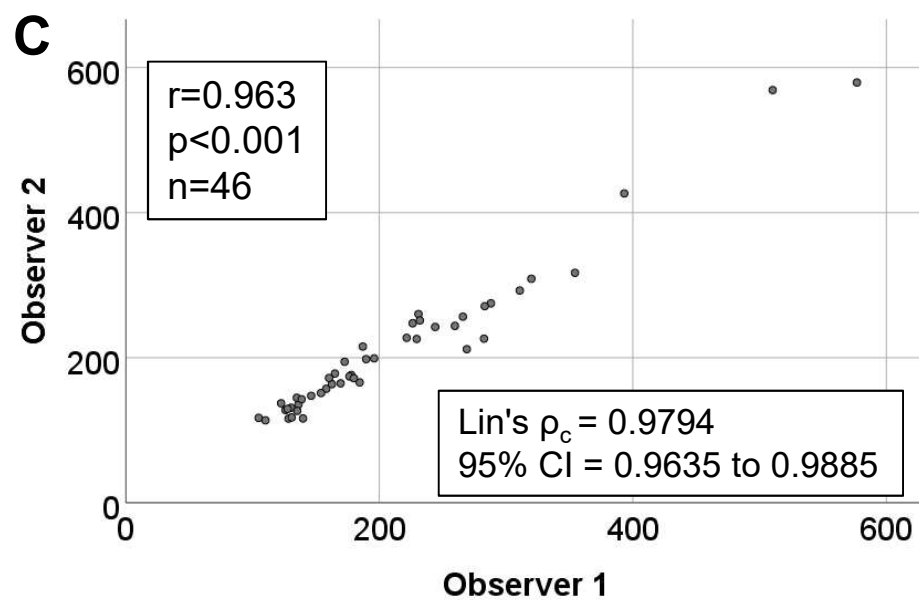
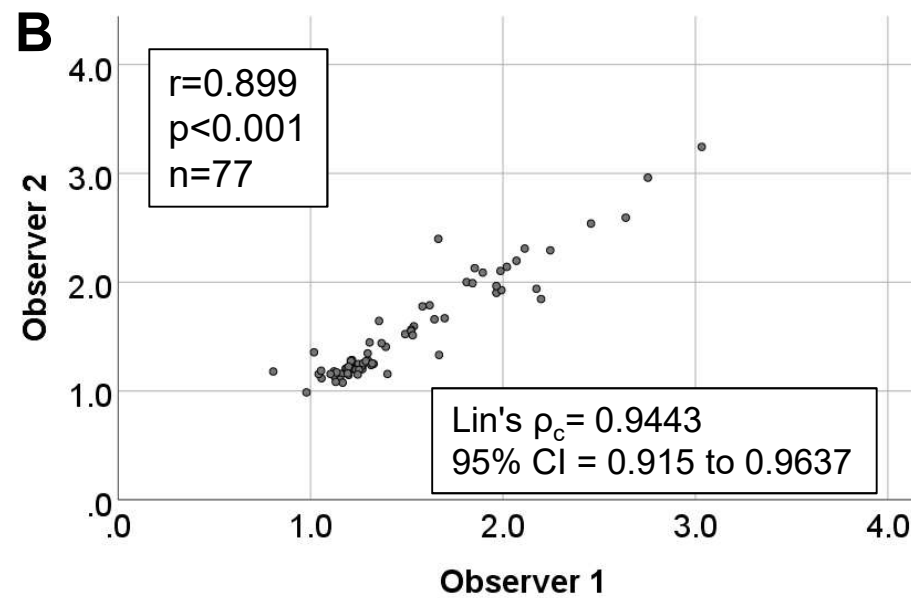
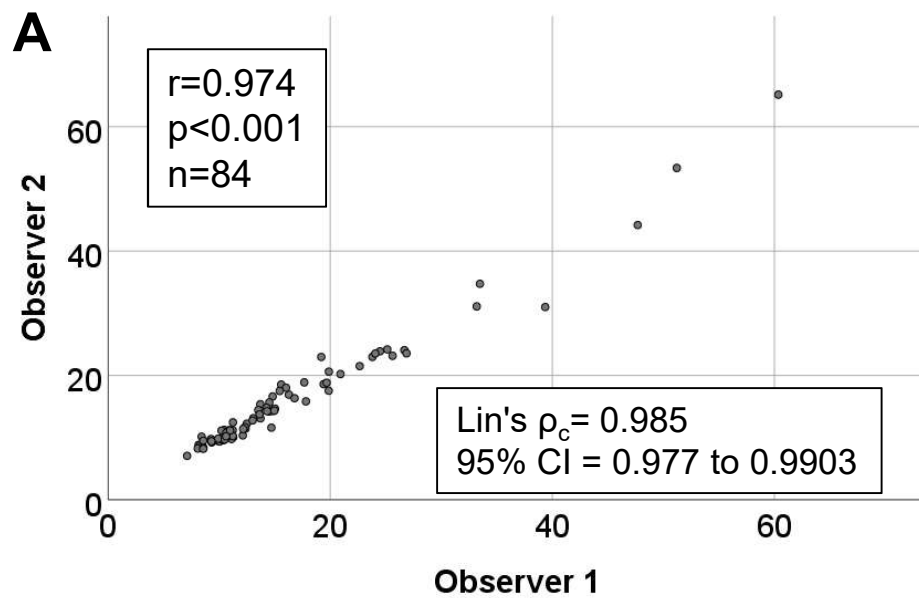
Suppl. Figure 9: Development of suprarenal AAAs over time in the AngII model. The development of a suprarenal AAA over time was investigated in the AngII model as measured by A | absolute volume [mm³], B | absolute diameter [mm], C | relative volume [% of baseline] and D | relative diameter [% of baseline]. Displayed are mean \pm standard deviation and single data points (n=38/23/23 mice). LMEM analysis with time as metric covariate is summarized by beta values (fixed effect estimates), 95% confidence limits (95% CI) and random effect variance. P-values indicated in graphs by * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001 refer to LMEM analysis with time as categorical factor for comparison of individual time points.

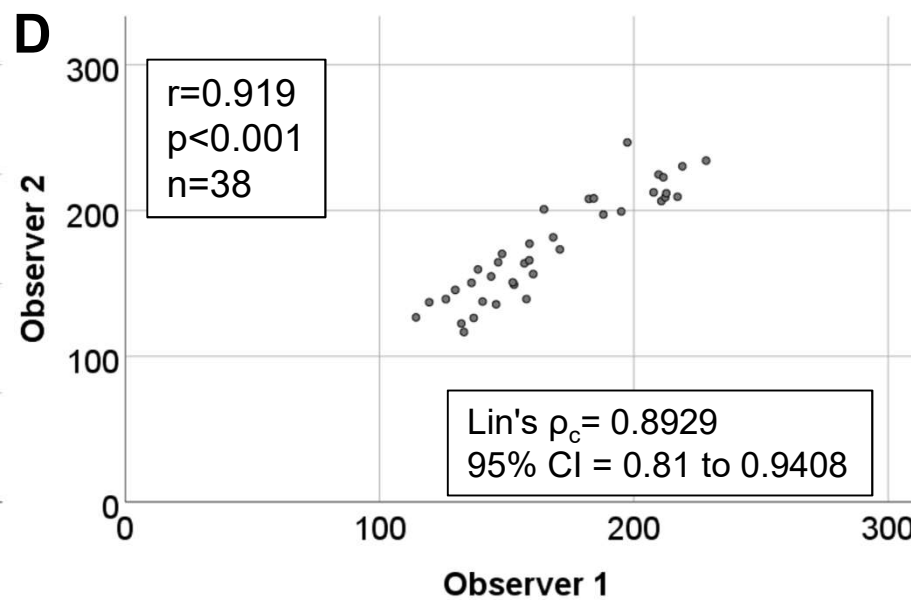
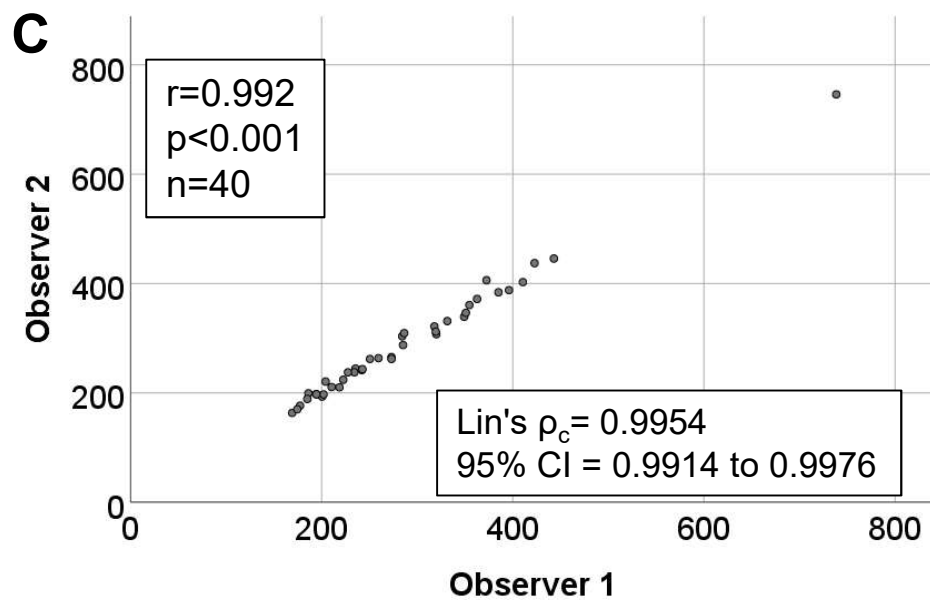
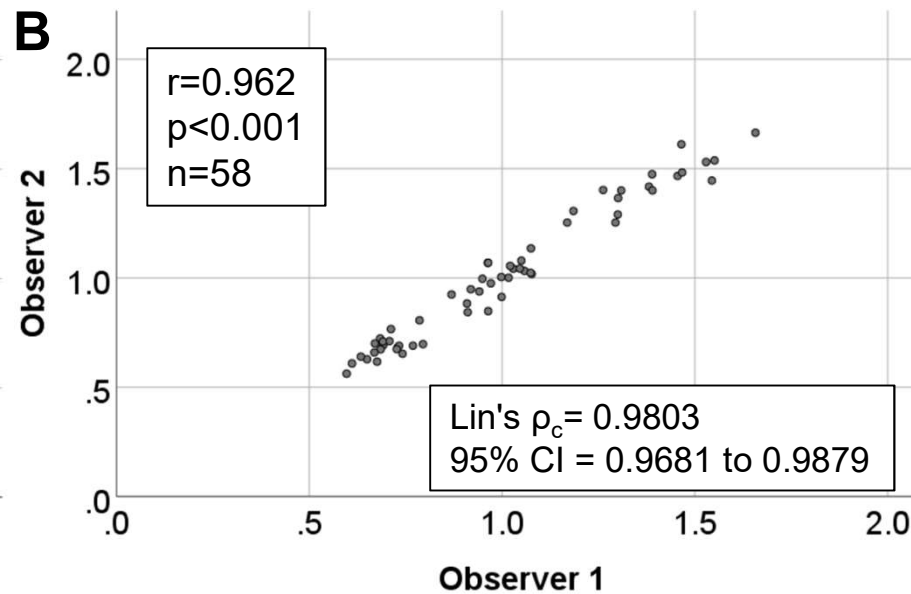
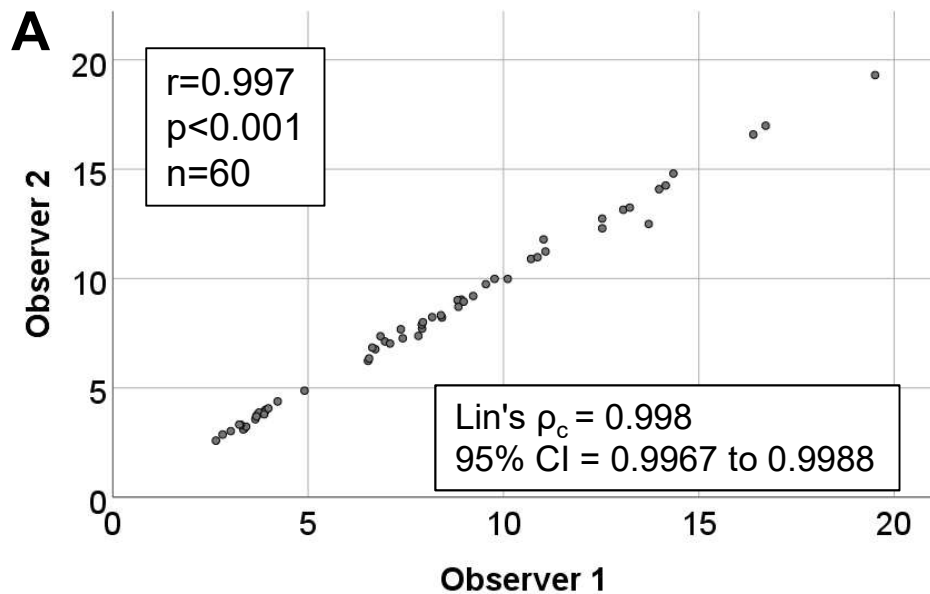
Suppl. Figure 10: Development of infrarenal AAAs over time in the ePPE model. The development of an infrarenal AAA over time was investigated in the ePPE model (n=20 mice) as measured by A | absolute volume [mm³], B | absolute diameter [mm], C | relative volume [% of baseline] and D | relative diameter [% of baseline]. LMEM analysis with time as metric covariate is summarized by beta values (fixed effect estimates), 95% confidence limits (95% CI) and random effect variance. P-values indicated in graphs by * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001 refer to LMEM analysis with time as categorical factor for comparison of individual time points.

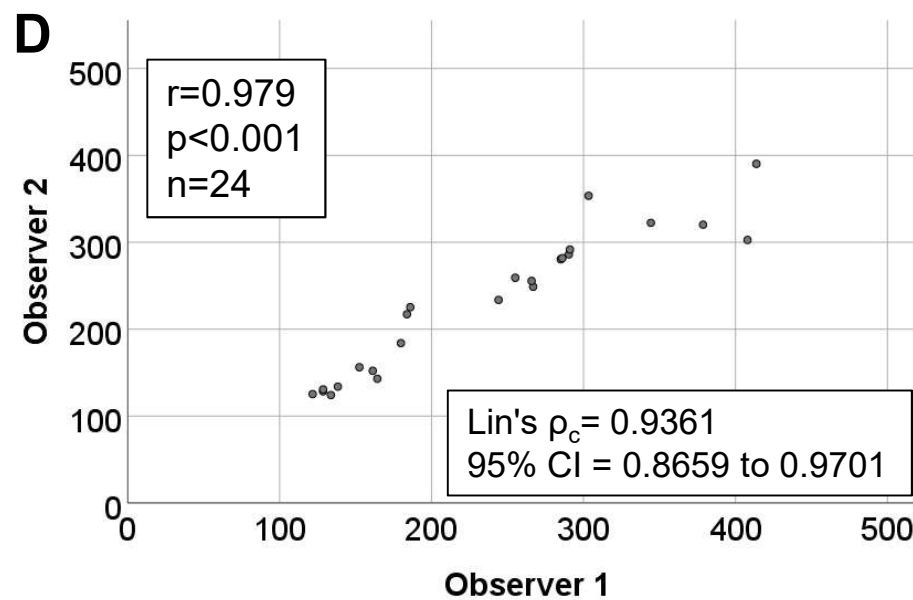
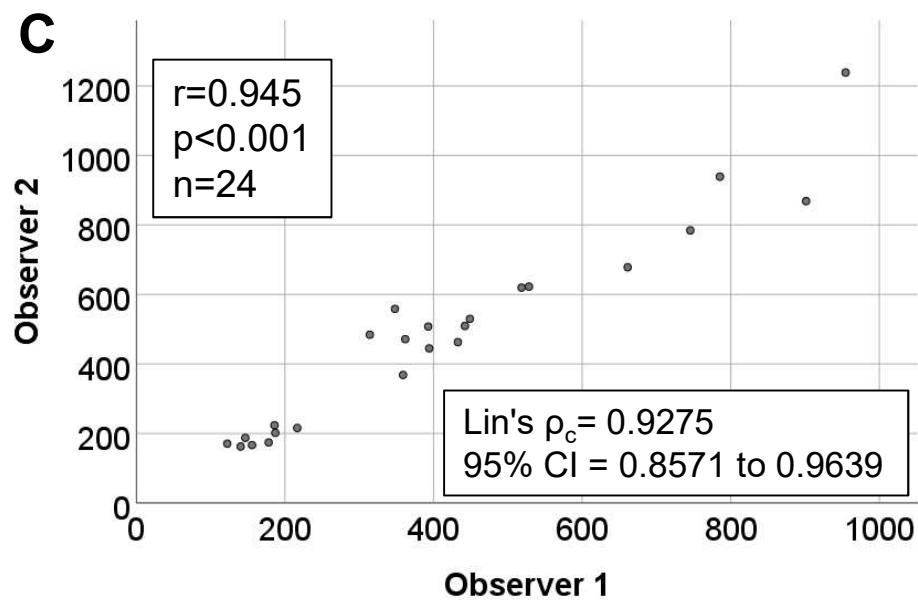
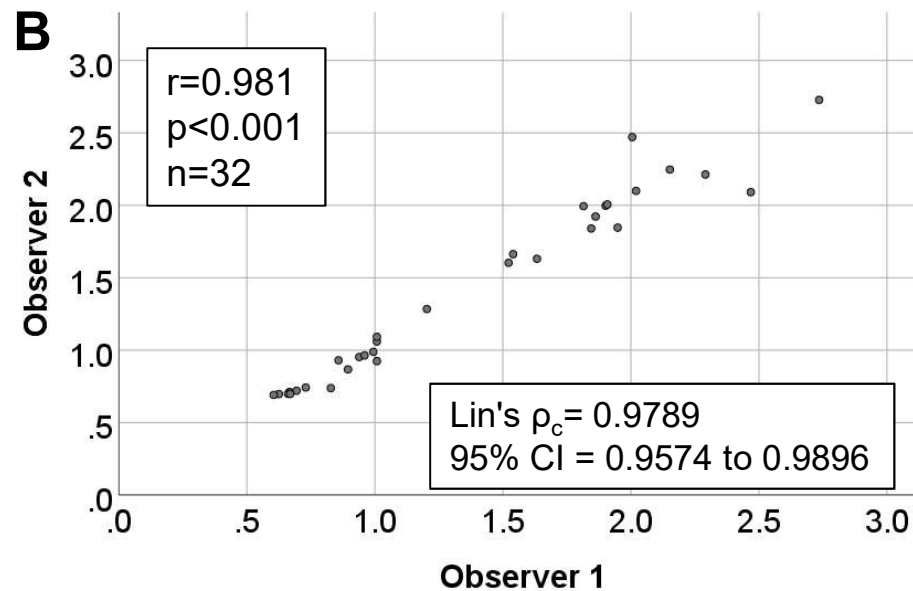
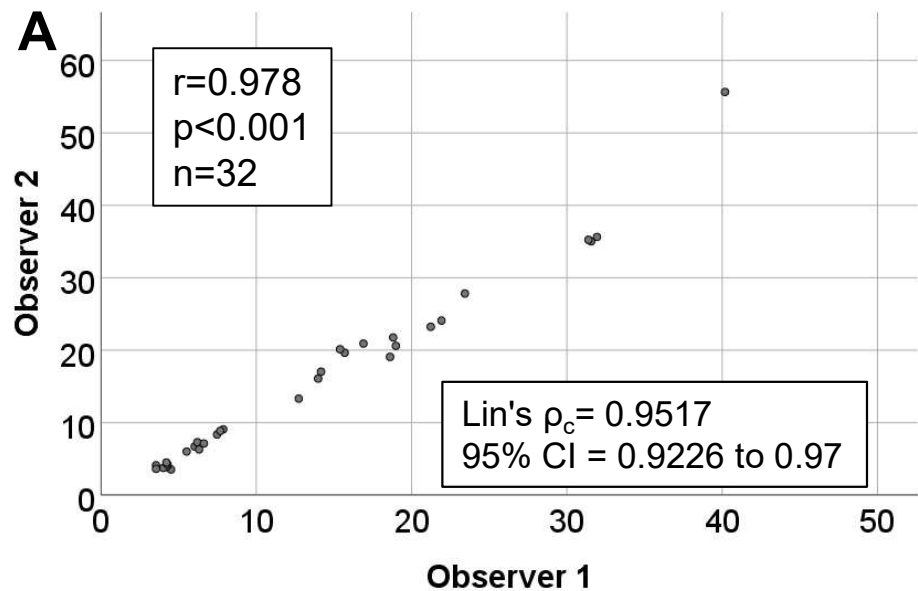
Suppl. Figure 11: Development of infrarenal AAAs over time in the ePPE+BAPN model. The development of an infrarenal AAA over time was investigated in the ePPE+BAPN model (n=8 mice) as measured by A | absolute volume [mm³], B | absolute diameter [mm], C | relative volume [% of baseline] and D | relative diameter [% of baseline]. LMEM analysis with time as metric covariate is summarized by beta values (fixed effect estimates), 95% confidence limits (95% CI) and random effect variance. P-values indicated in graphs by * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001 refer to LMEM analysis with time as categorical factor for comparison of individual time points.

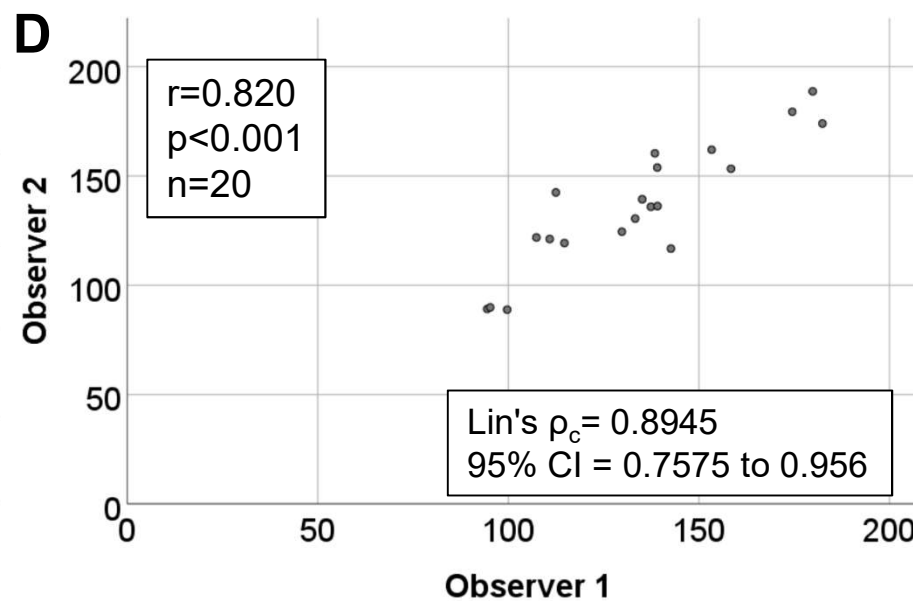
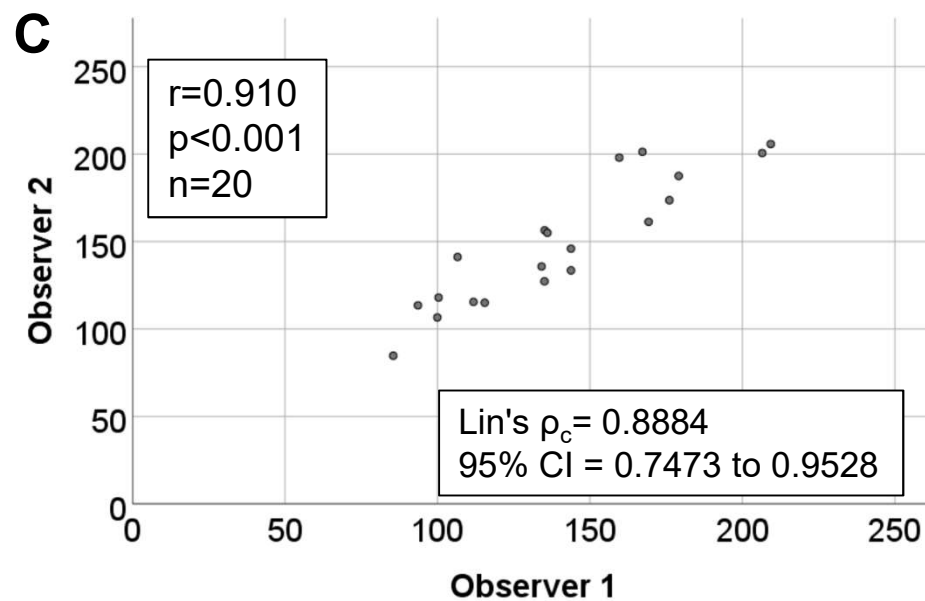
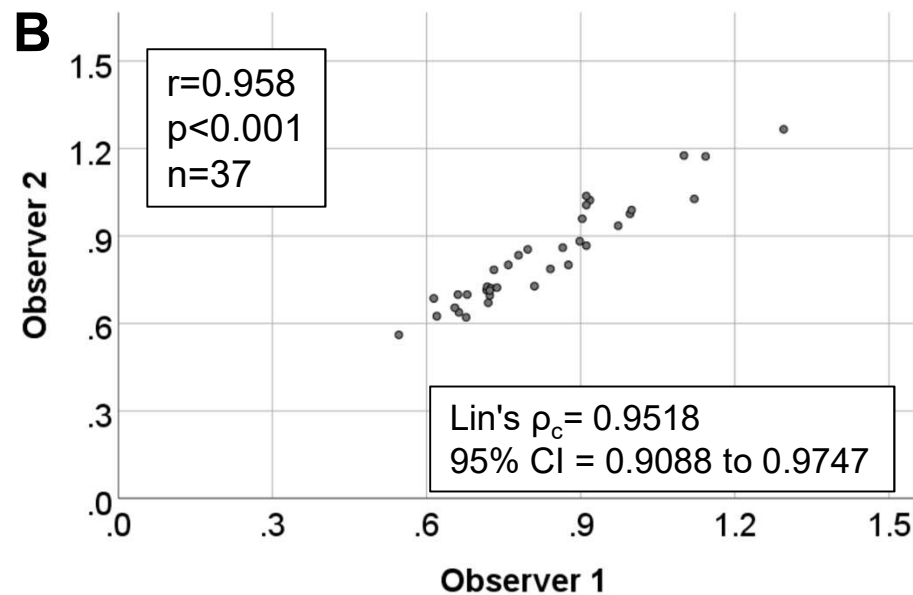
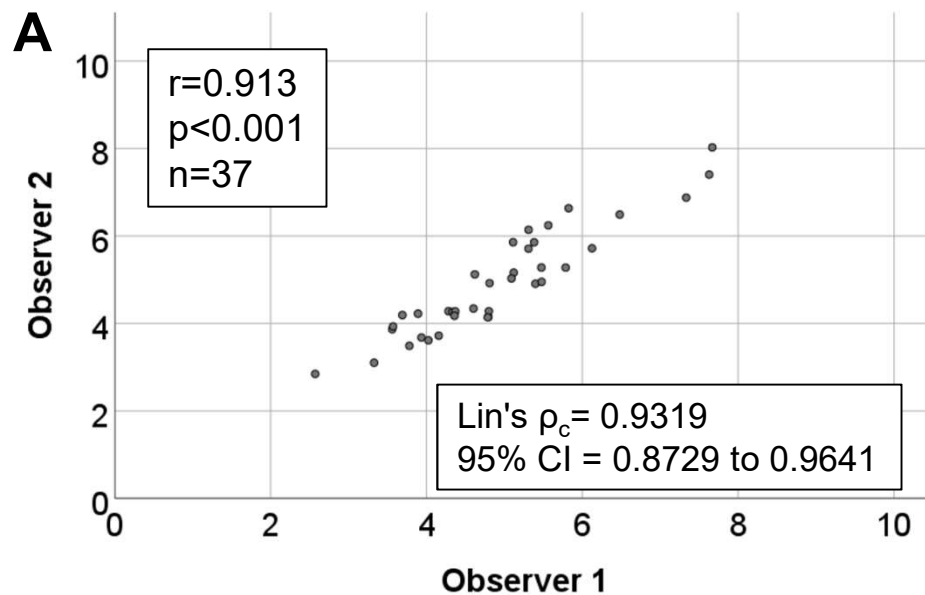
Suppl. Figure 12: Development of infrarenal AAAs over time in the PPE model. The development of an infrarenal AAA over time was investigated in the PPE model as measured by A | absolute volume [mm³], B | absolute diameter [mm], C | relative volume [% of baseline] and D | relative diameter [% of baseline]. Displayed are mean \pm standard deviation and single data points (n=17/10/10 mice). LMEM analysis with time as metric covariate is summarized by beta values (fixed effect estimates), 95% confidence limits (95% CI) and random effect variance. P-values indicated in graphs by * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001 refer to LMEM analysis with time as categorical factor for comparison of individual time points (ns, not significant).

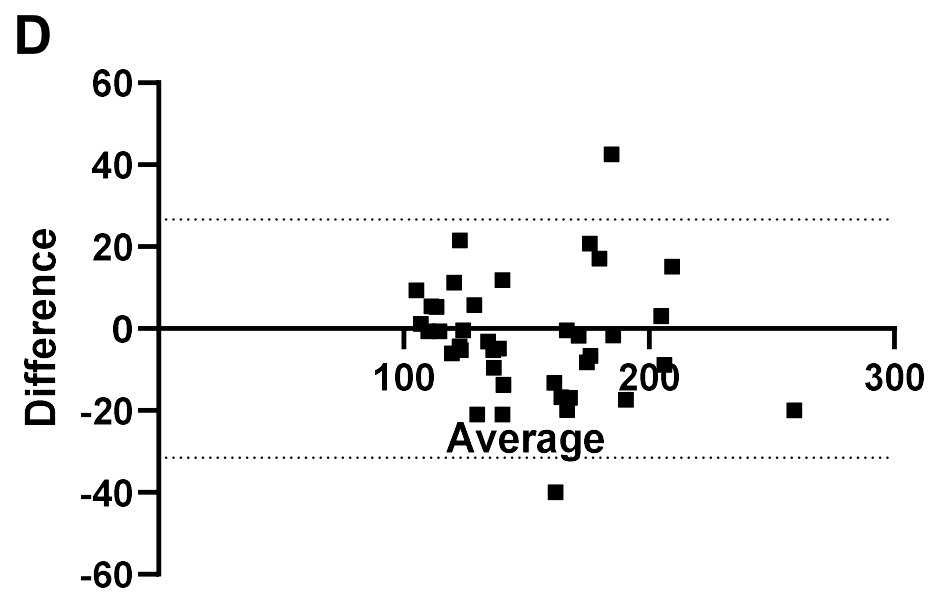
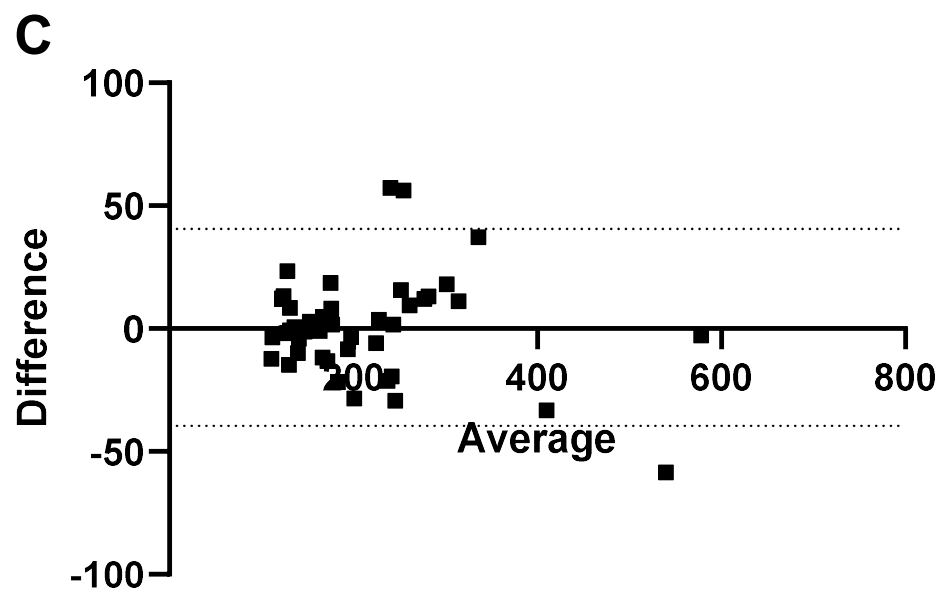
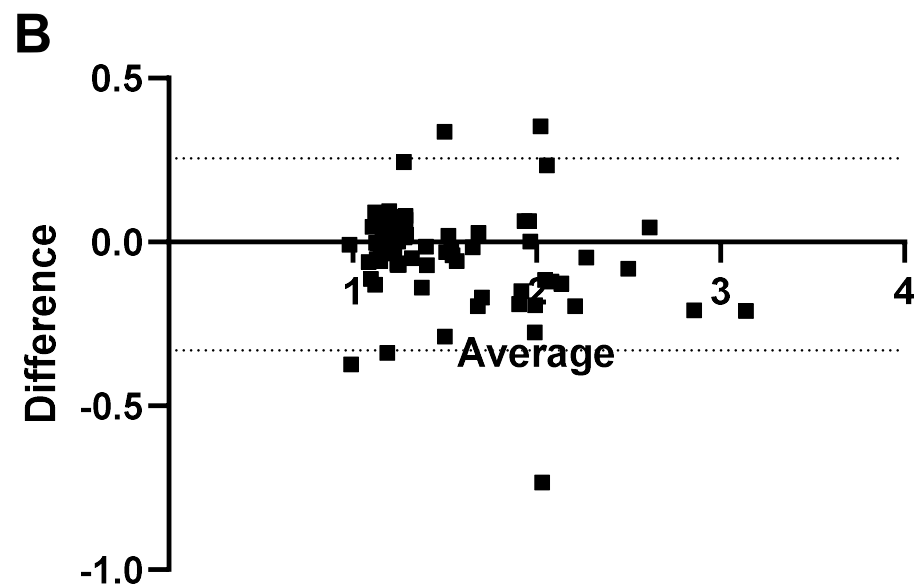
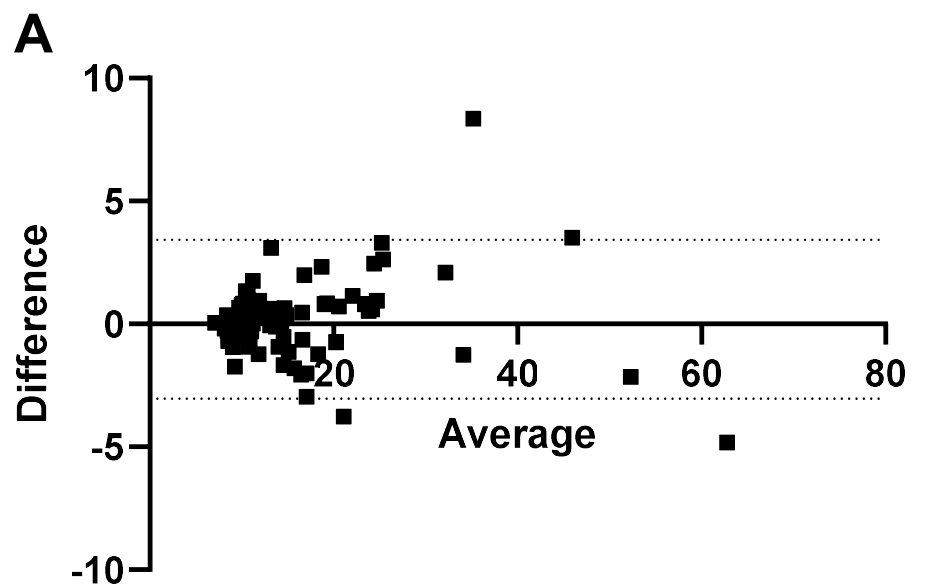
Suppl. Figure 13: *Ex vivo* measurements of AAA volume compared to ultrasound derived aneurysm volume. The correlation between aneurysm volume as measured by 3D US or determined *ex vivo* by serial diameter measurements in the A | AngII model (n=25) and B | PPE model (n=7) were evaluated by Spearman coefficient of correlation.

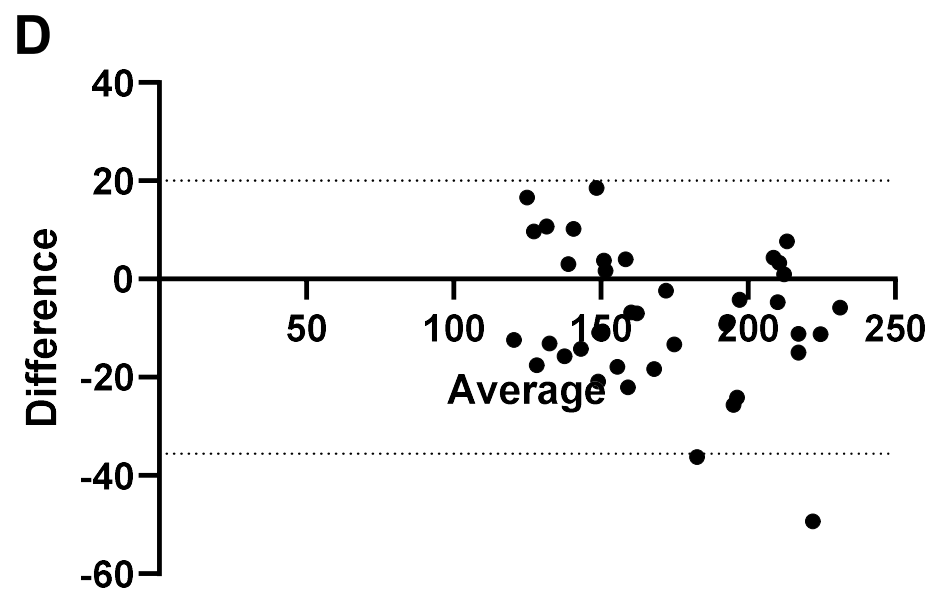
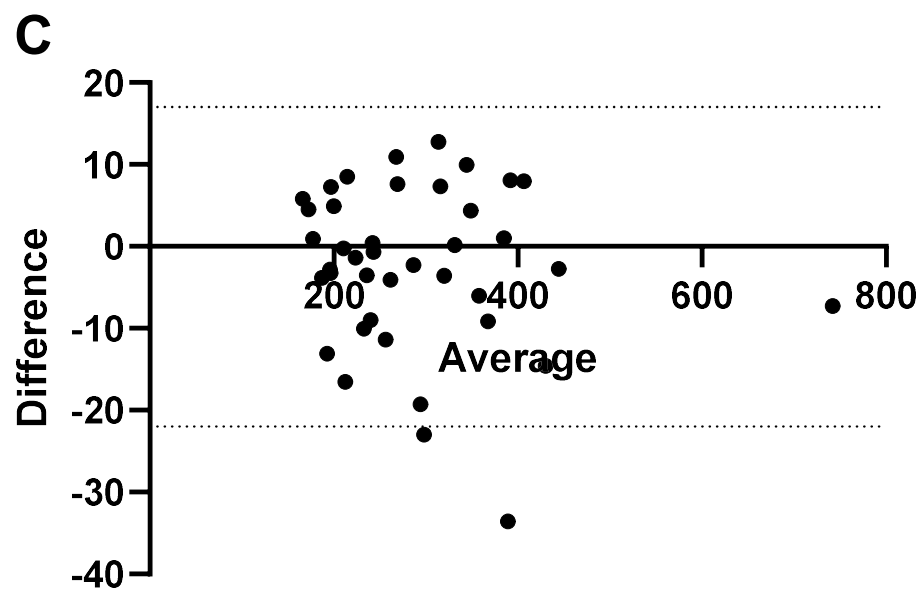
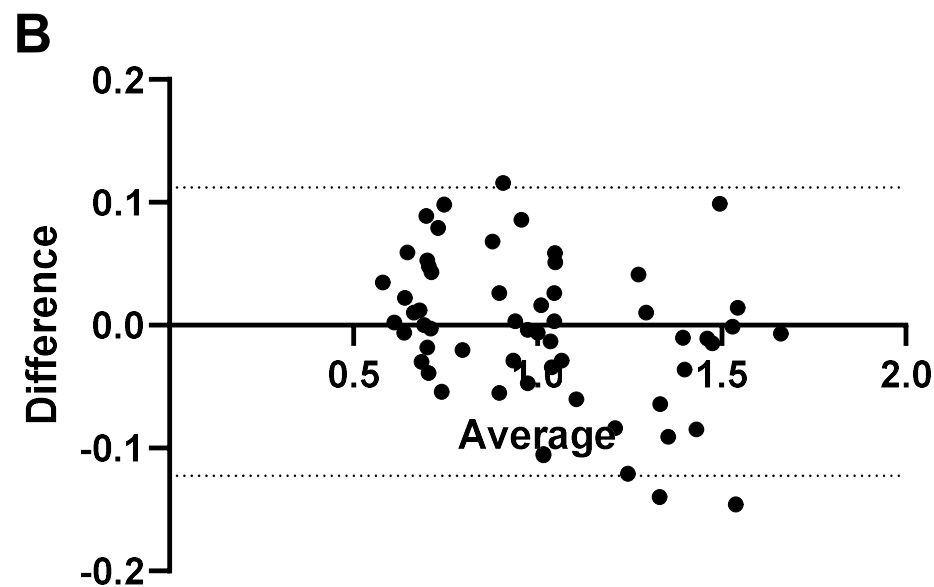
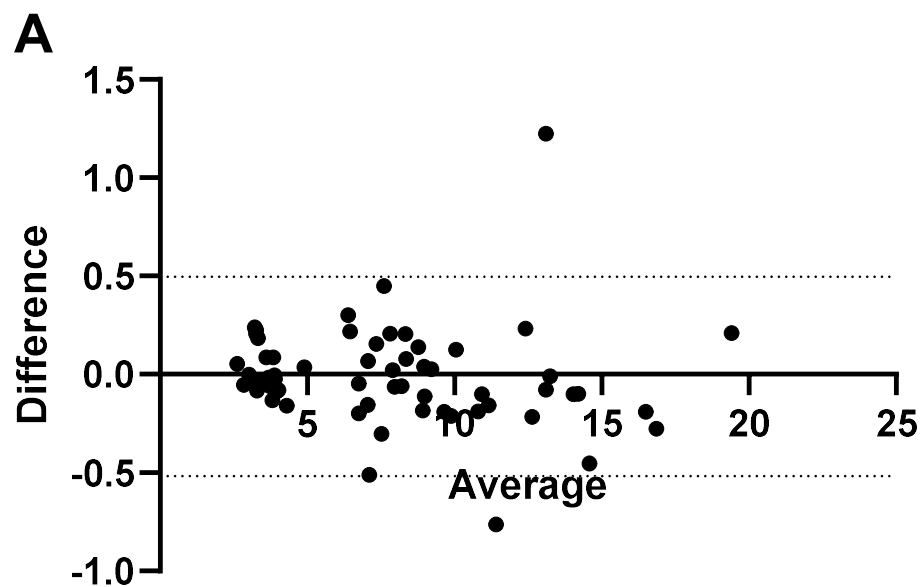


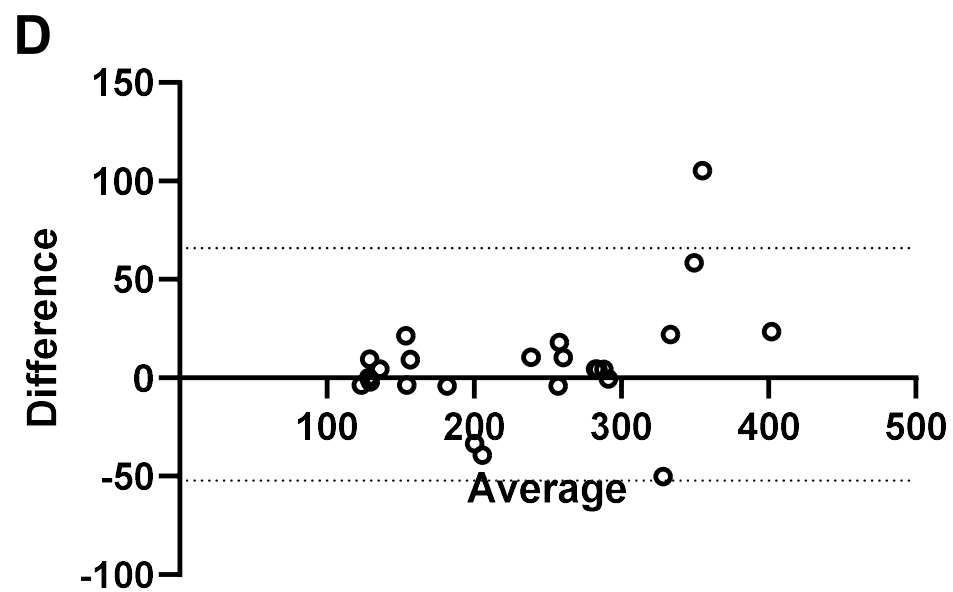
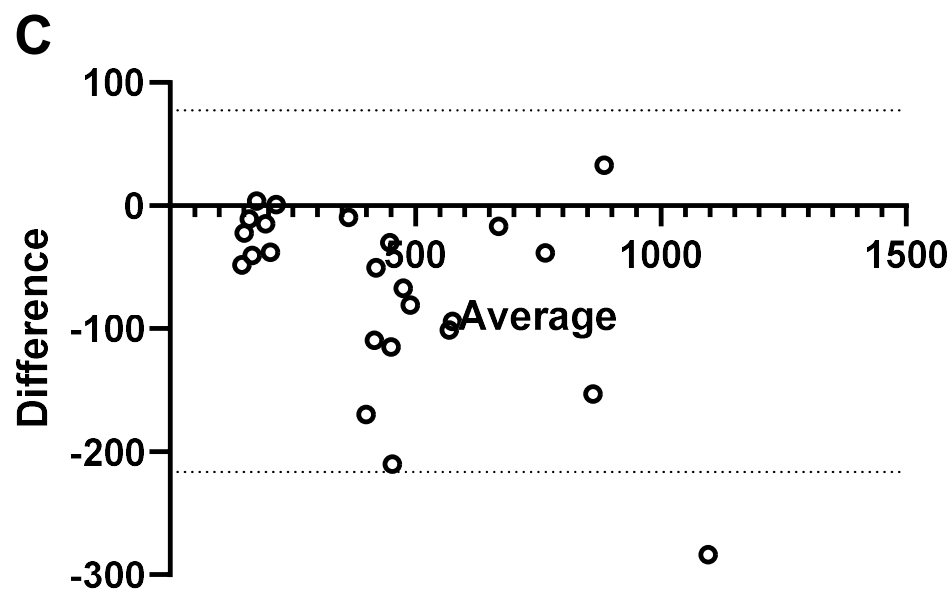
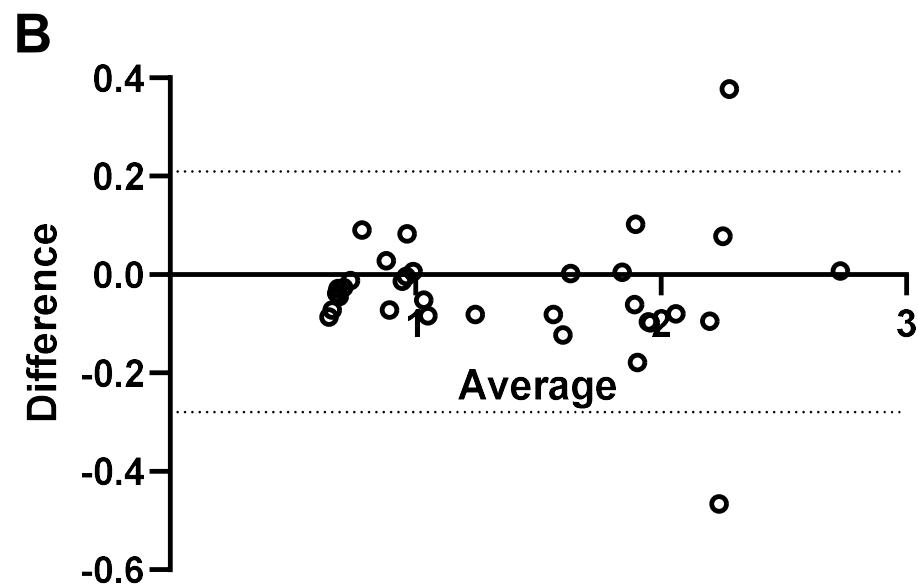
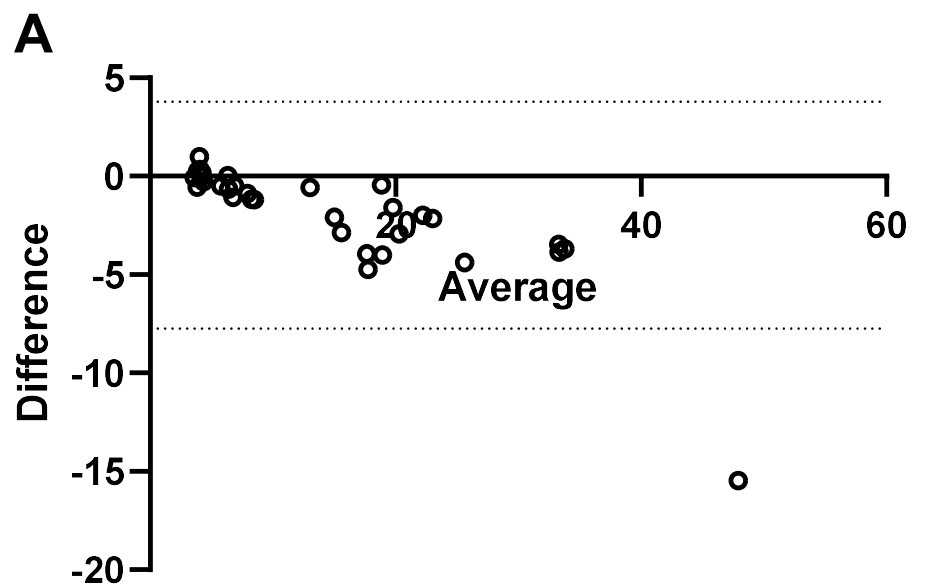


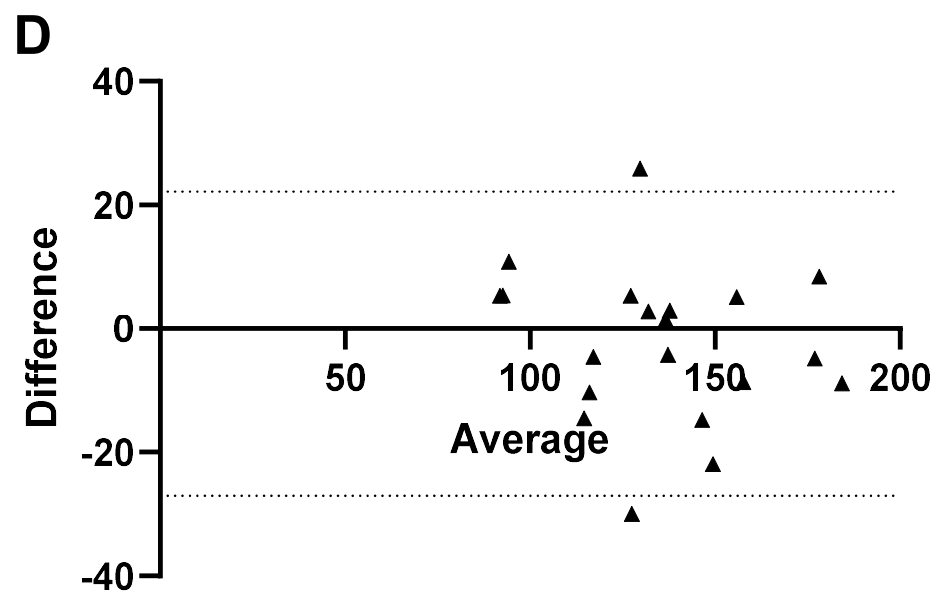
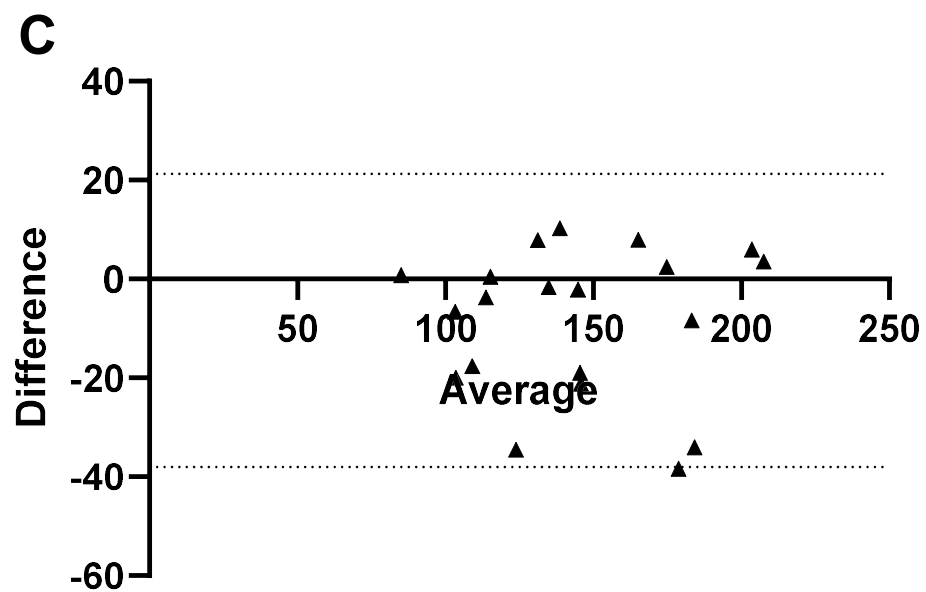
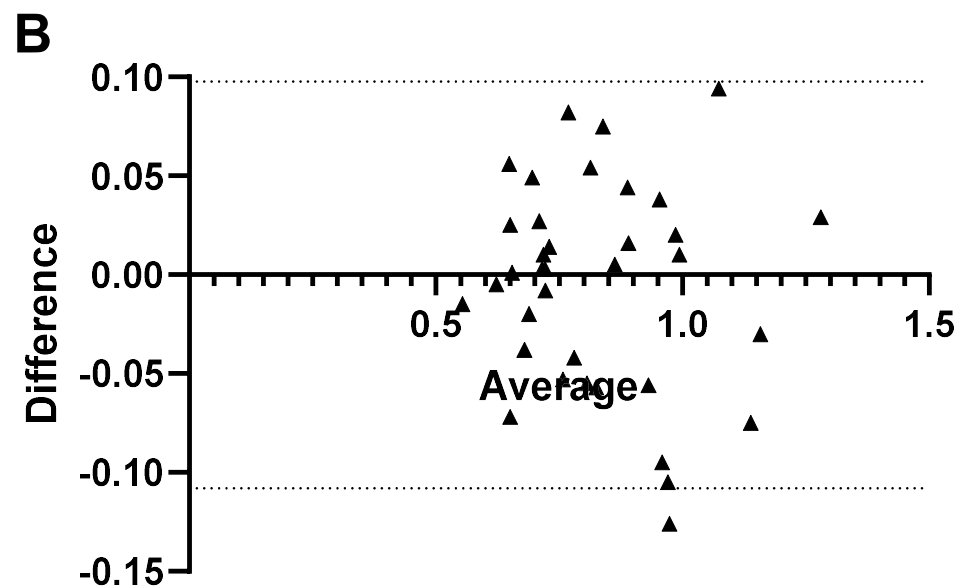
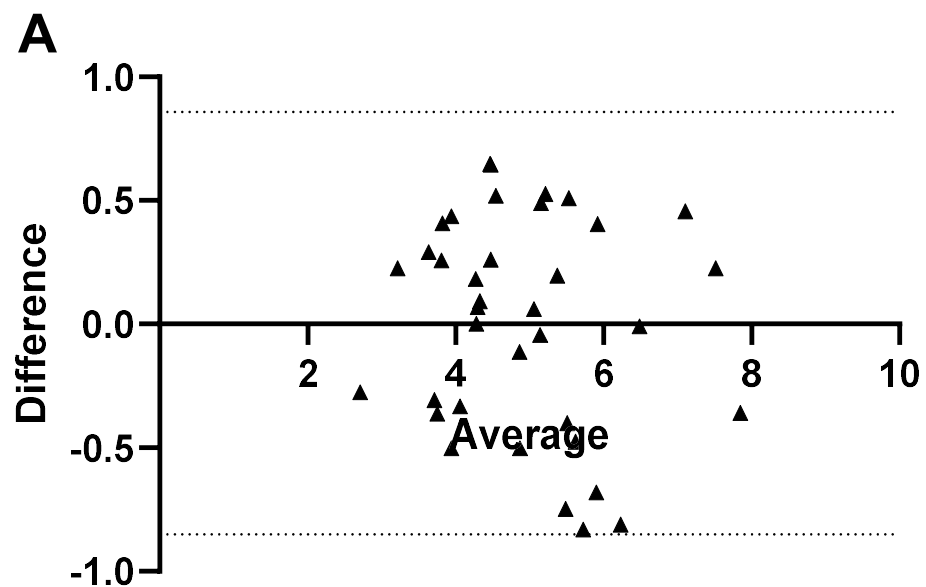


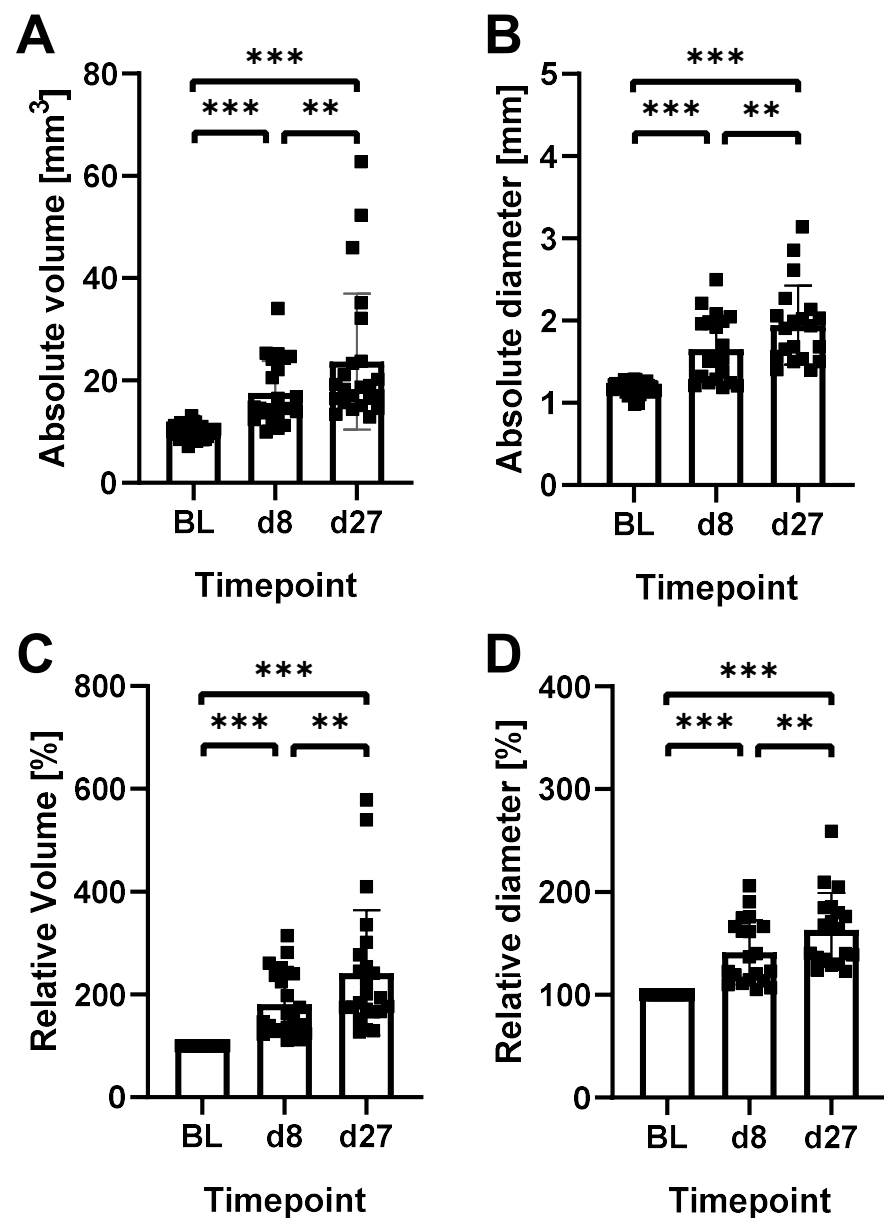




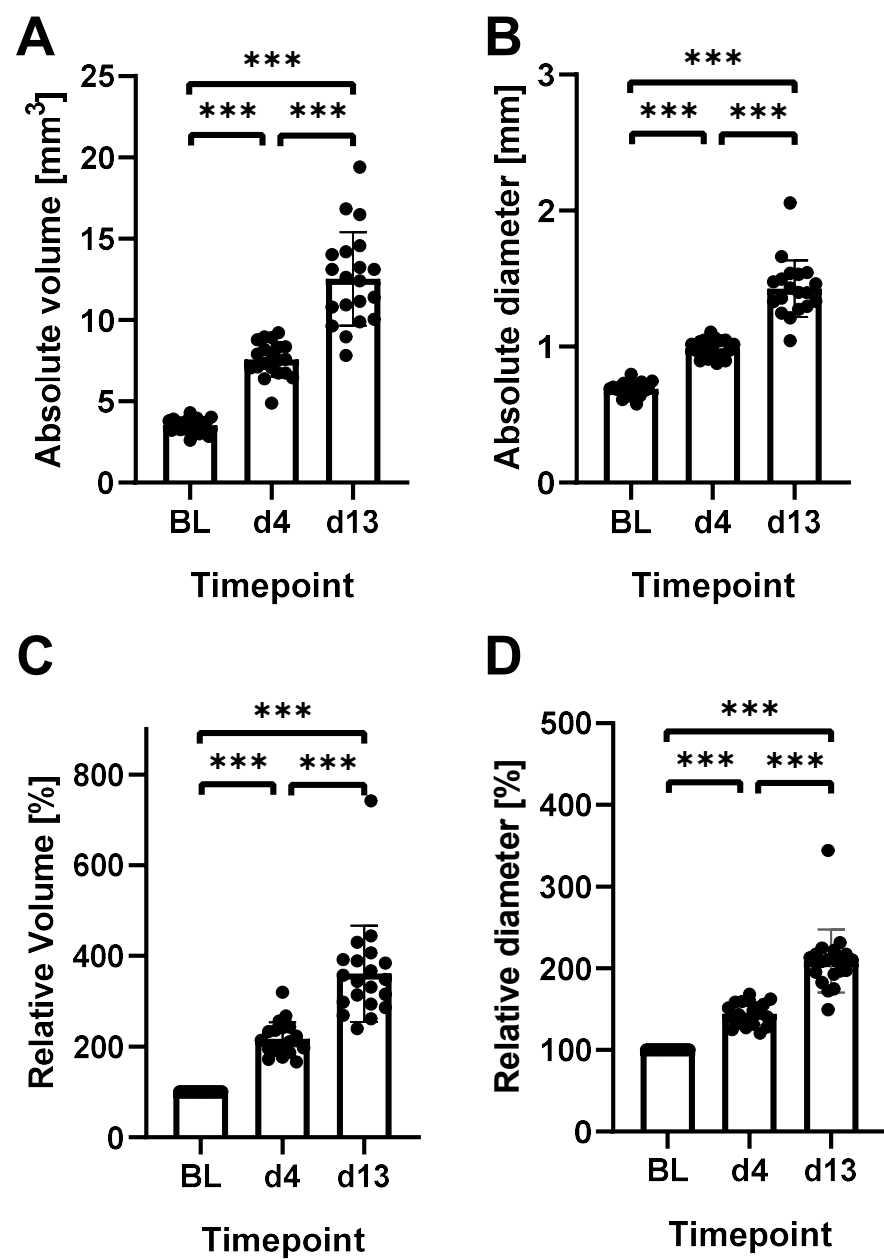




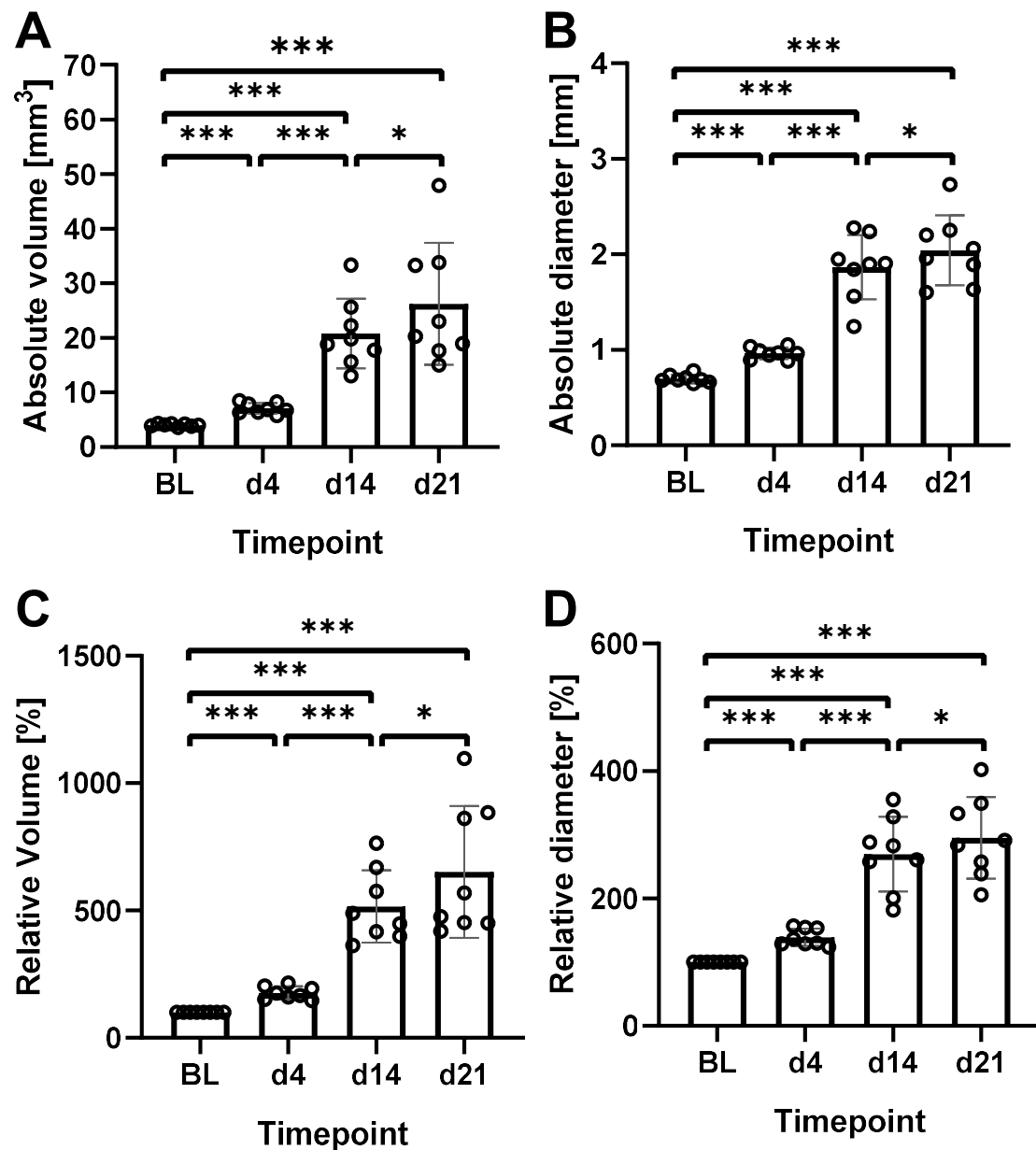




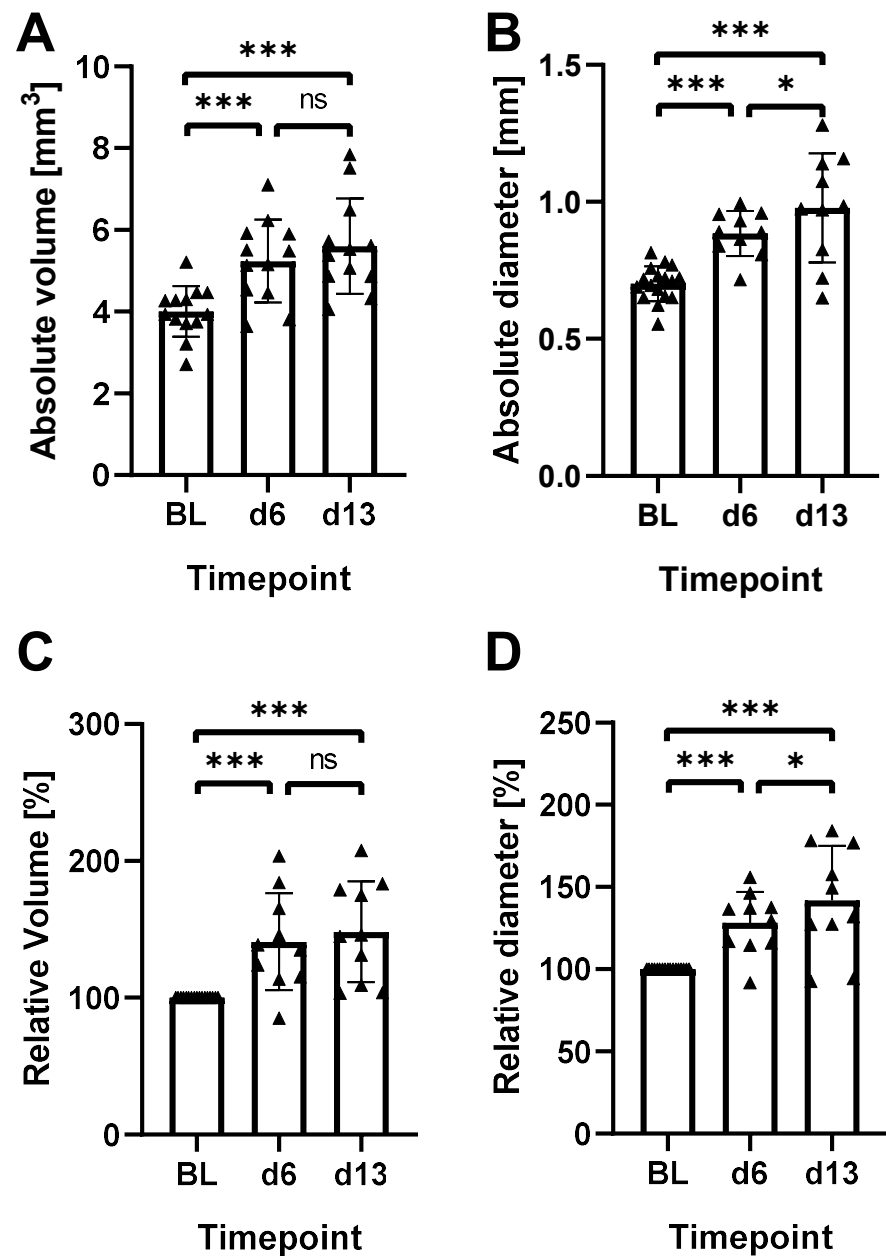
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<i>B</i>	< 0.001	0.027	0.021	0.033	0.027
<i>C</i>	< 0.001	5.062	3.787	6.337	1143.39
<i>D</i>	< 0.001	2.266	1.763	2.770	105.76



LMEM	P-value	Beta	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	Random effect
<i>A</i>	< 0.001	0.669	0.588	0.750	0.662
<i>B</i>	< 0.001	0.055	0.049	0.062	0.000
<i>C</i>	< 0.001	19.369	16.527	22.212	949.06
<i>D</i>	< 0.001	8.184	7.128	9.240	100.02



LMEM	P-value	Beta	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	Random effect
<i>A</i>	< 0.001	1.113	0.886	1.339	14.745
<i>B</i>	< 0.001	0.068	0.057	0.078	0.016
<i>C</i>	< 0.001	27.596	22.320	32.872	7435.82
<i>D</i>	< 0.001	9.872	8.216	11.527	723.53



LMEM	P-value	Beta	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	Random effect
<i>A</i>	< 0.001	0.135	0.085	0.185	0.207
<i>B</i>	< 0.001	0.022	0.015	0.028	0.003
<i>C</i>	< 0.001	3.786	2.330	5.243	224.40
<i>D</i>	< 0.001	3.268	2.203	4.333	110.02

