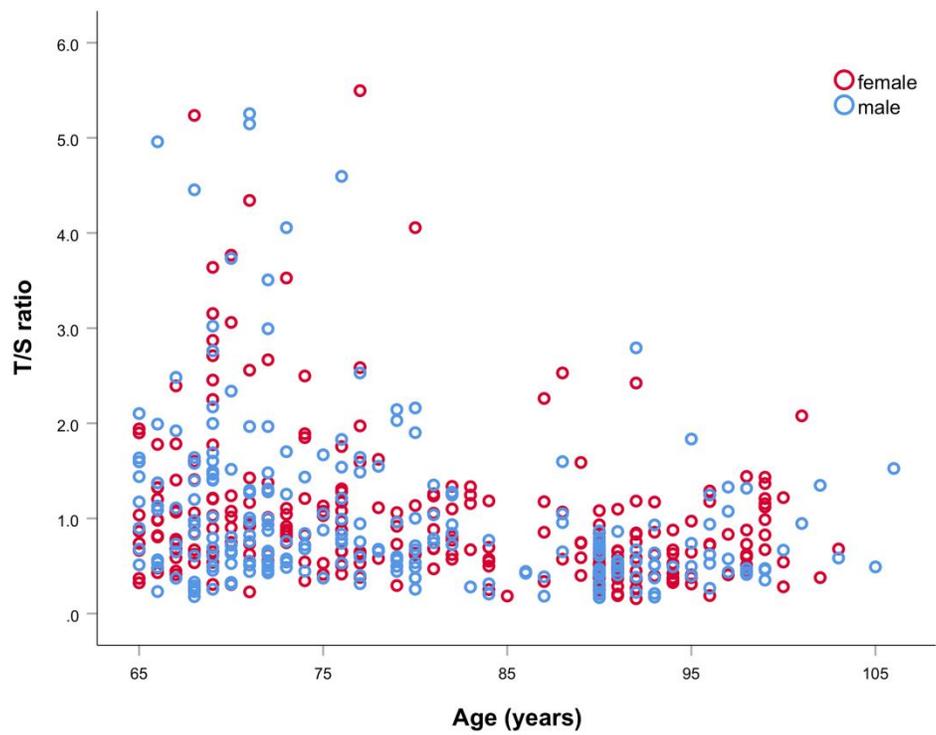
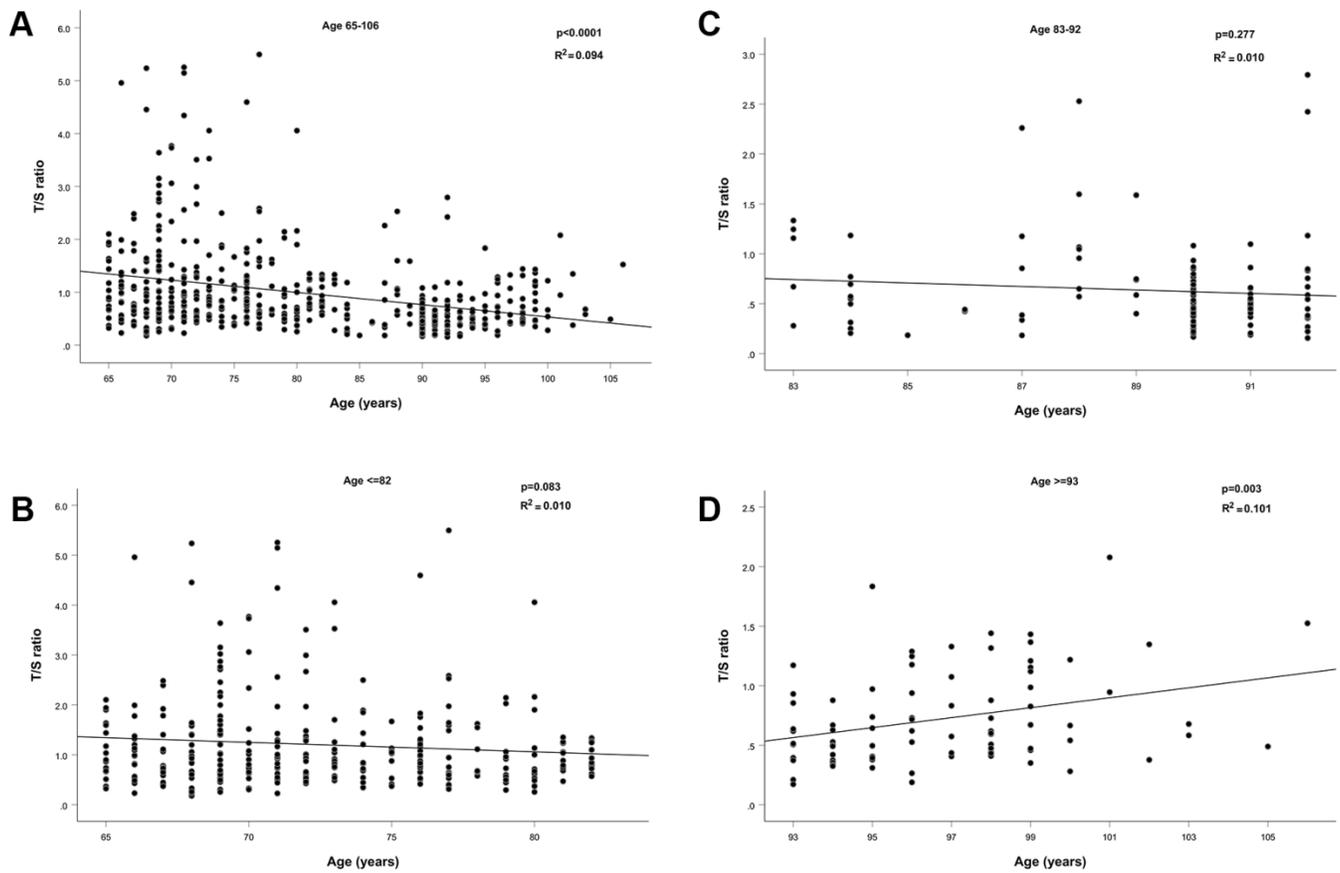


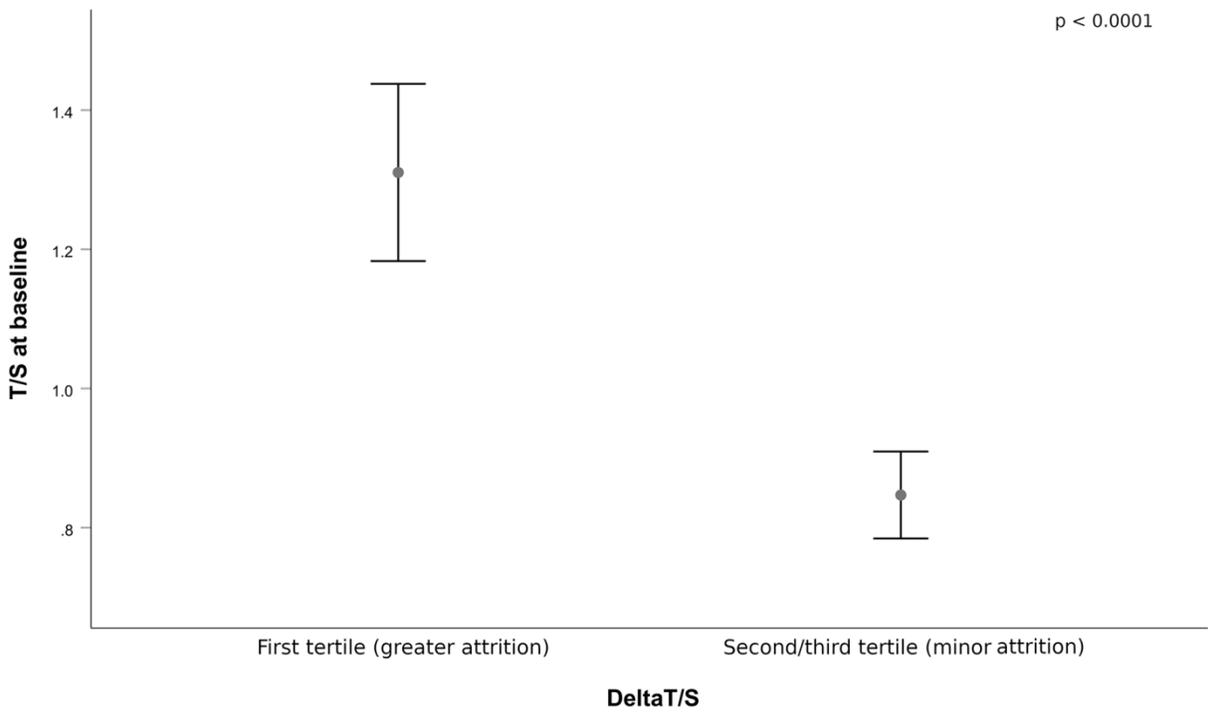
SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



Supplementary Figure 1. Scatterplot showing the relative Leukocyte Telomere Length (LTL) expressed as T/S ratio in males and females.



Supplementary Figure 2. Scatter plots showing the relative Leukocyte Telomere Length (LTL) expressed as T/S ratio in the whole sample (A) and in the sample divided in age ranges: from 65 to 82 years (B), from 83 to 92 years (C) and from 93 to 106 years (D). The linear regression line fitting the data, the R^2 and p-value are shown in each panel.



Supplementary Figure 3. T/S values at baseline of the subjects within the first tertile (greater telomere attrition) and second/third tertile (minor telomere attrition) of the delta T/S values. The data are reported as mean \pm standard error of the mean (SEM) and p-value computed by t-test.