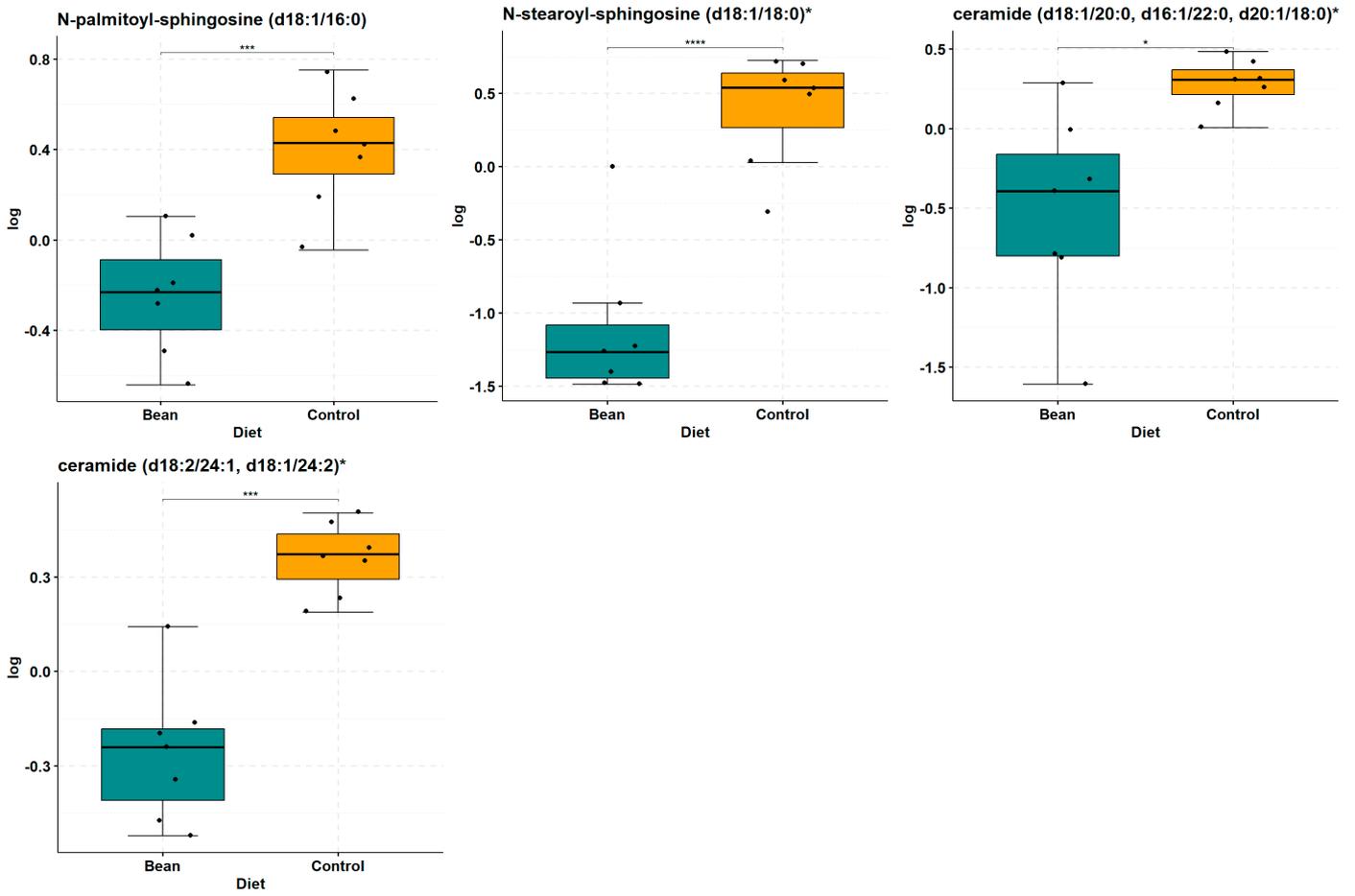


Figure S1. Bean prevents the accumulation of lipid droplets in the liver of female animals in a dose-dependent manner. (a) Oil Red O- and H&E-stained liver sections across different diets: percentage indicates the amount of total dietary protein derived from common bean. (b) Box plots of the bean dose effects on the hepatic lipid. Values represent amount of lipid in mg normalized to g of dry liver weight across the diet groups. Groups indicate total dietary protein percent sourced by bean. Kruskal–Wallis testing showed significant differences by the diet effect ($\chi^2 = 37.78$, p -value = 3.147×10^{-8}) with the large effect size ($\eta^2 = 0.458$). Pairwise comparisons between the diet group were conducted using the *post-hoc* Dunn test: ** q -value < 0.01; *** q -value < 0.001; **** q -value < 0.0001.

Ceramides



Hexosyl- and lactosylceramides

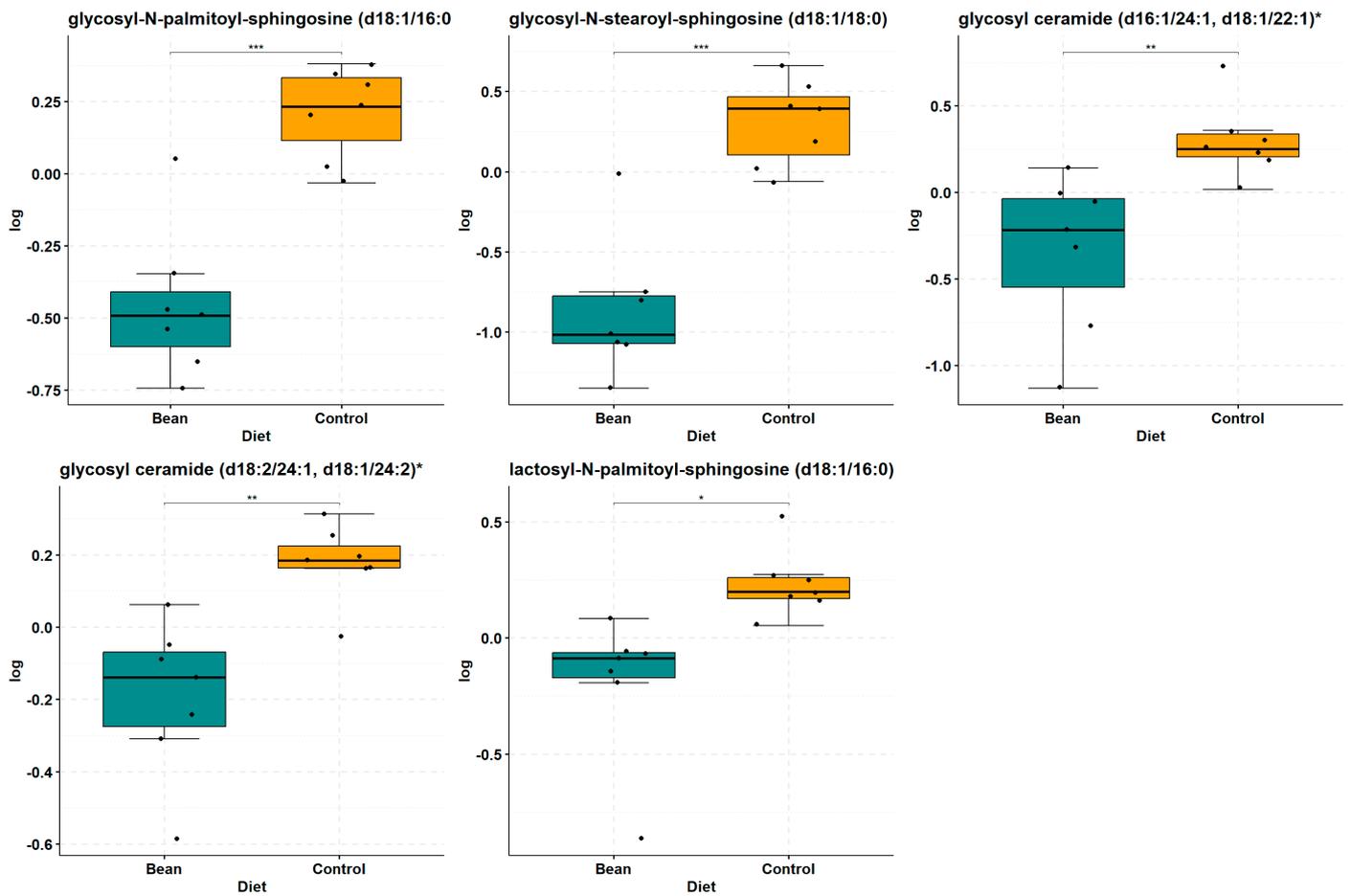
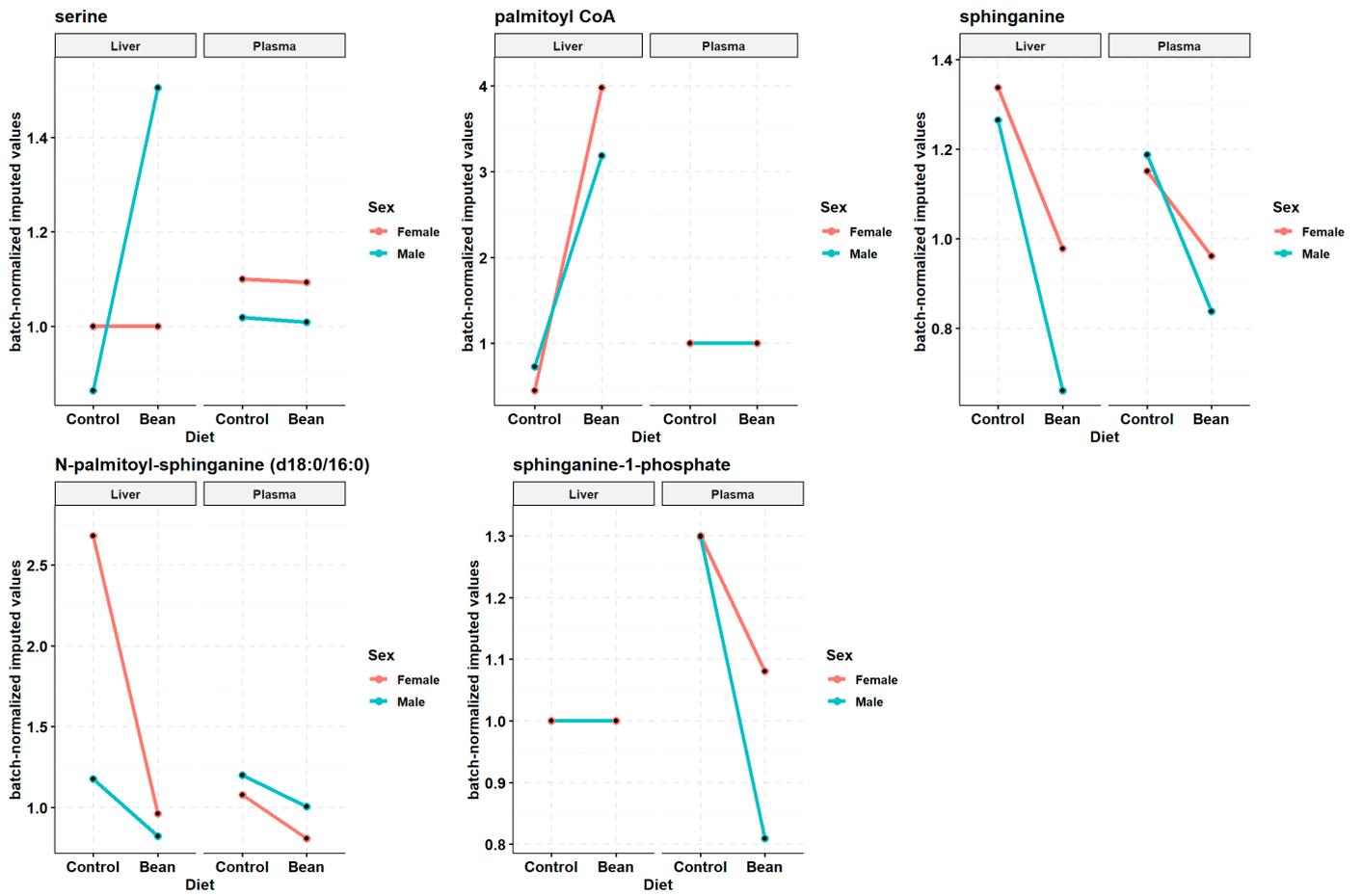
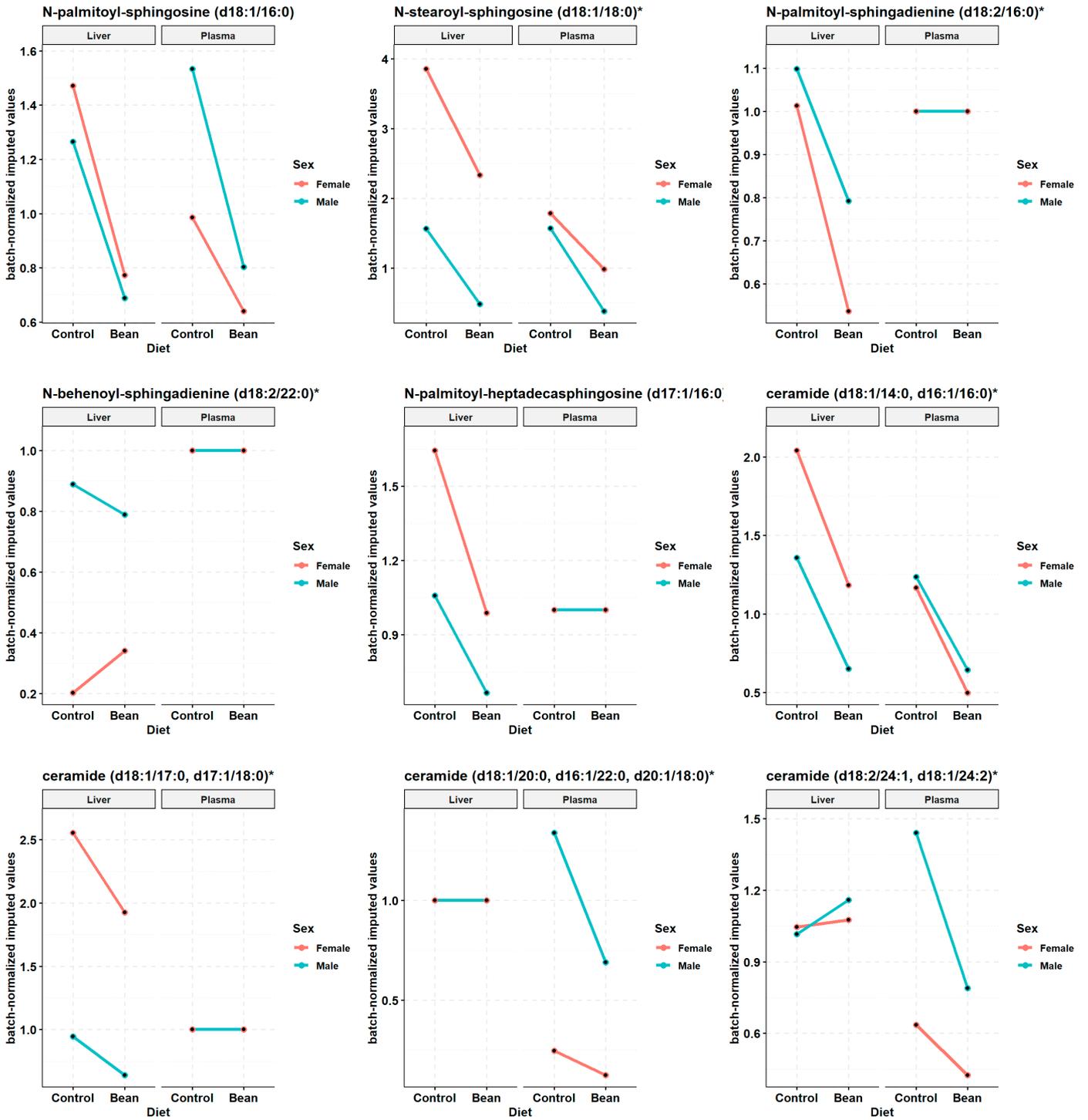


Figure S2. Box plots of selected ceramide metabolites from the plasma. Statistically significant differences where * q -value < 0.05; ** q -value < 0.01; *** q -value < 0.001; **** q -value < 0.0001.

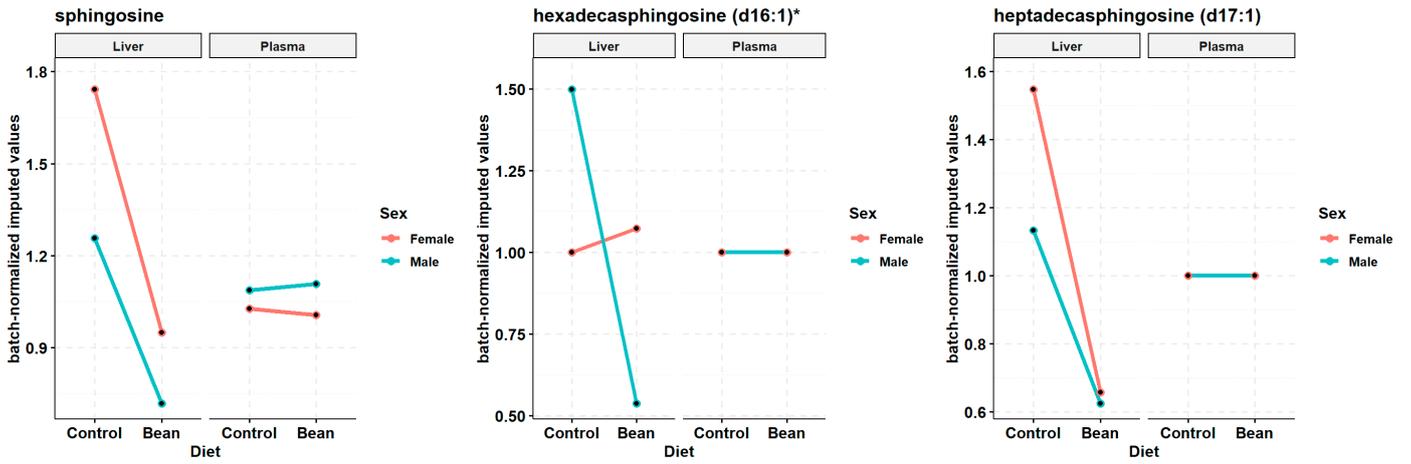
De novo ceramide synthesis substrates



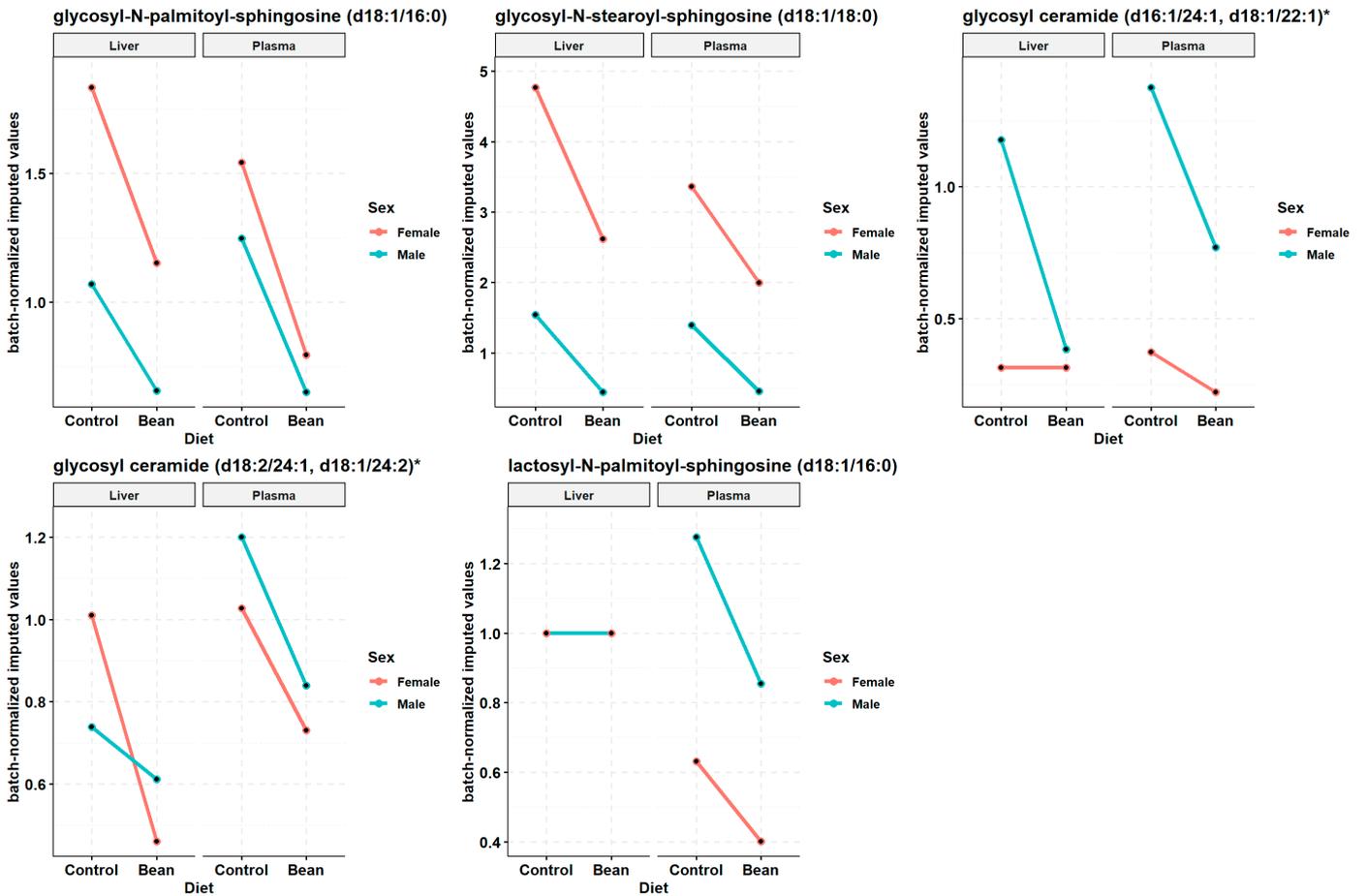
Ceramides



Sphingosines



Hexosyl- and lactosylceramides



Sphingomyelins

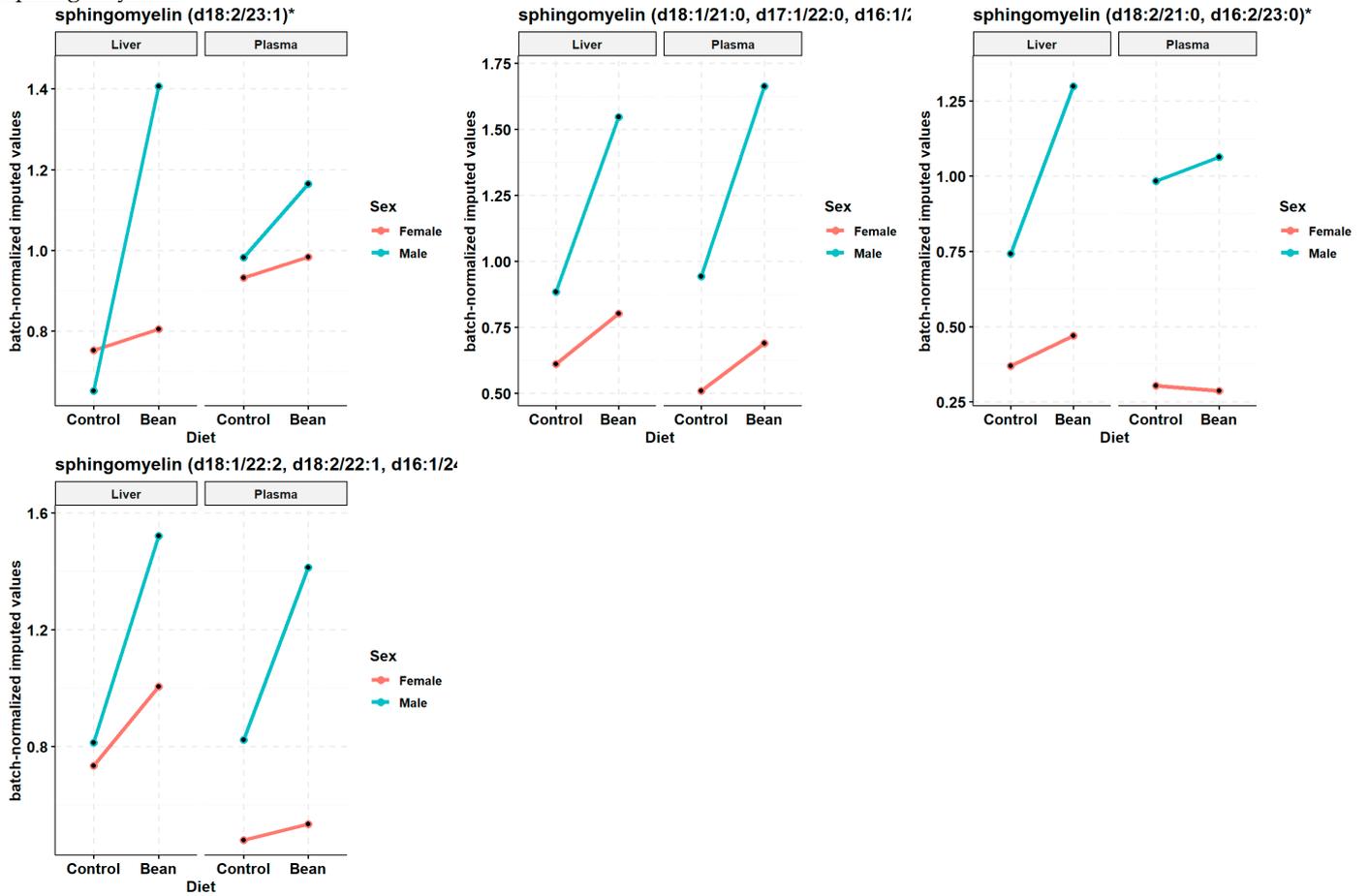
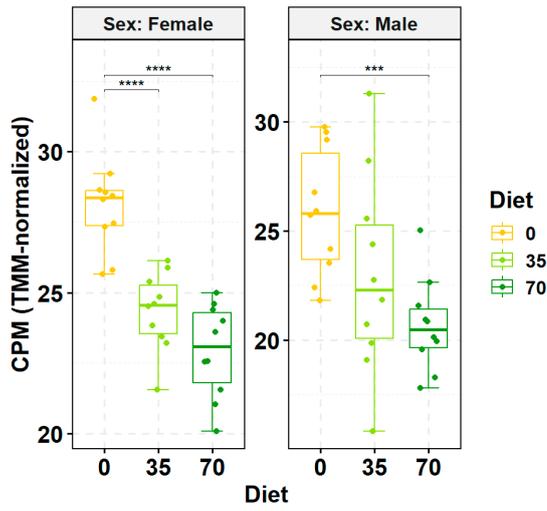


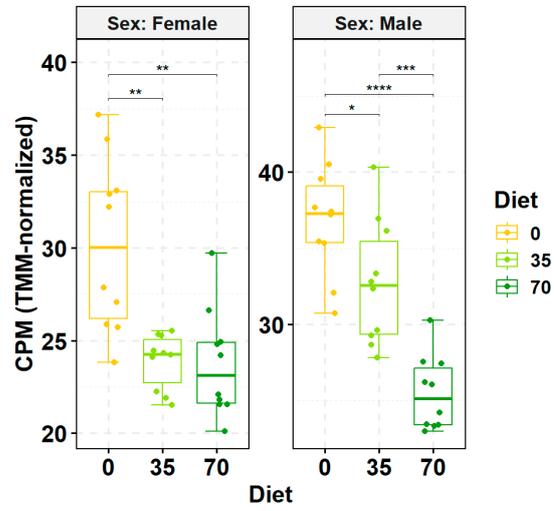
Figure S3. Patterns of change in ceramide-related metabolites in males and females in liver and plasma samples. Dots indicate averaged values of metabolite abundance.

Ceramide *de novo* biosynthesis pathway

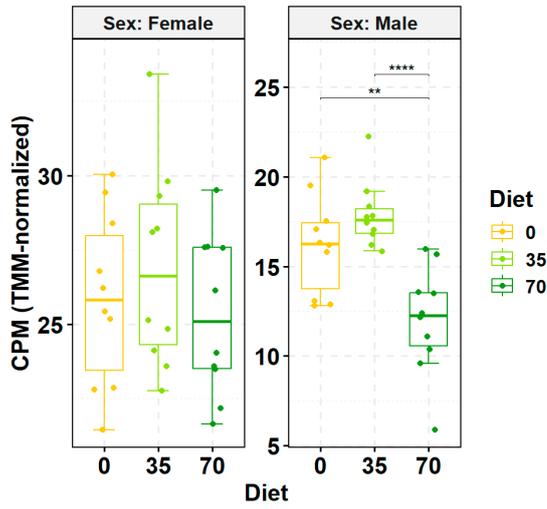
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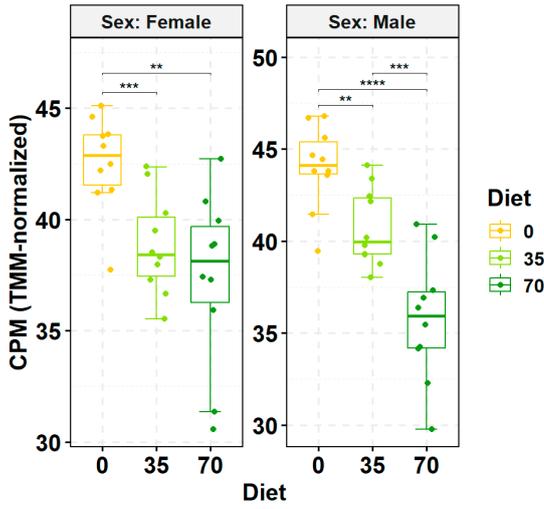


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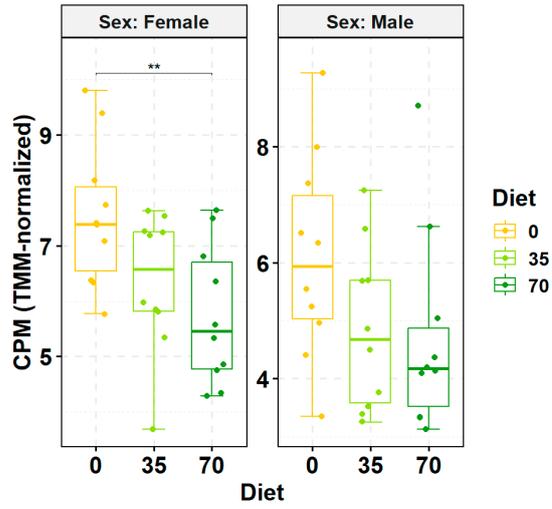


Ceramides biotransformation and degradation pathways

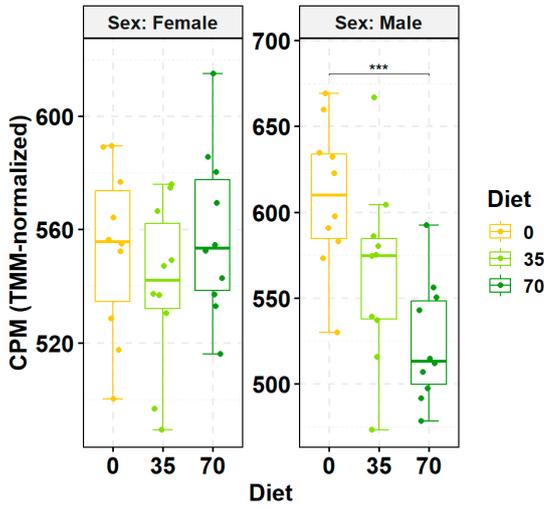
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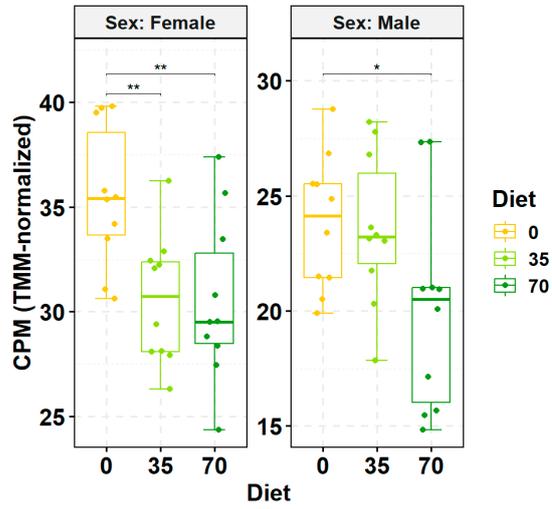
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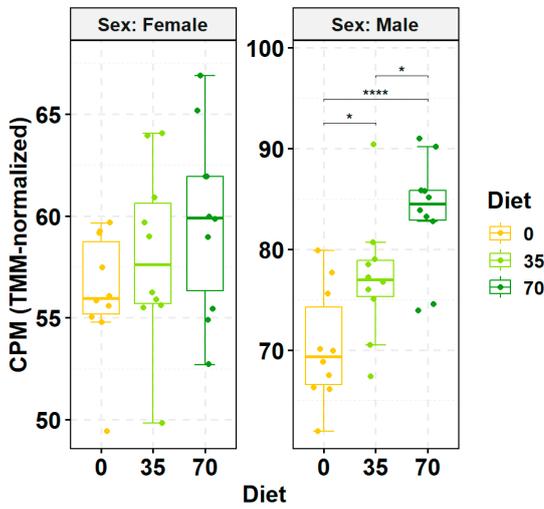
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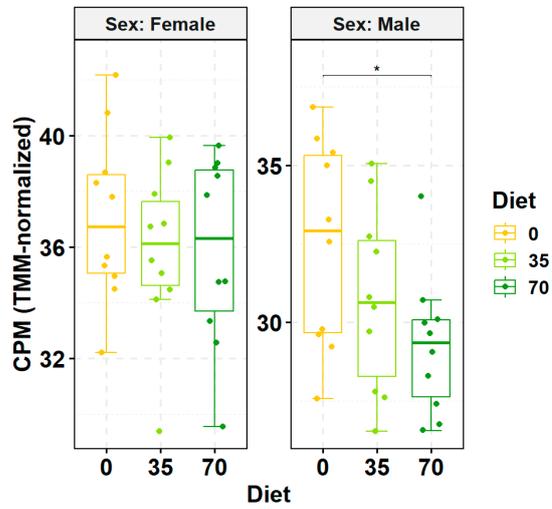
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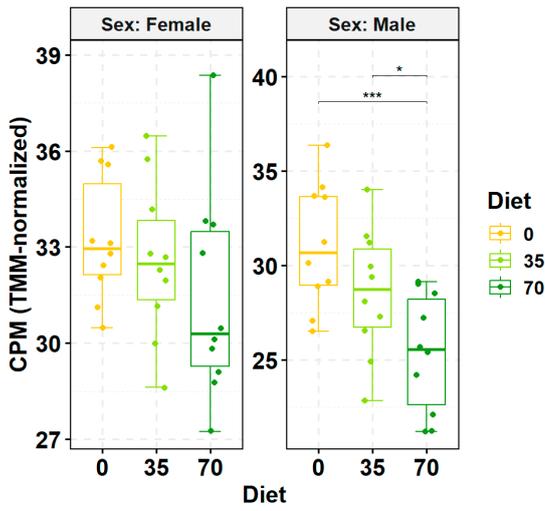
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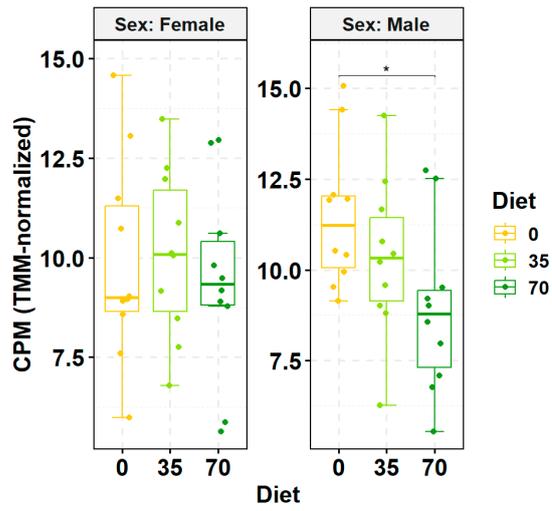
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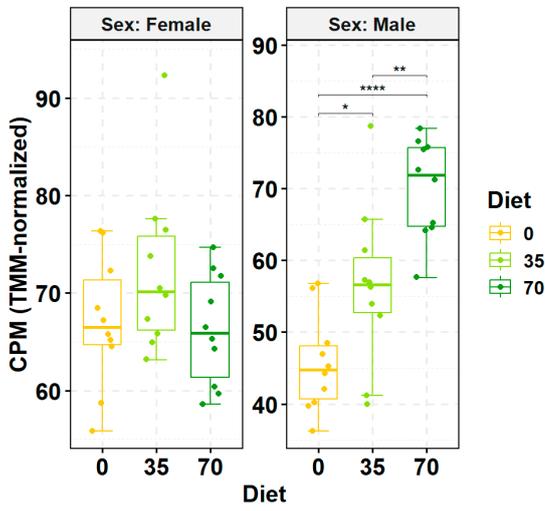
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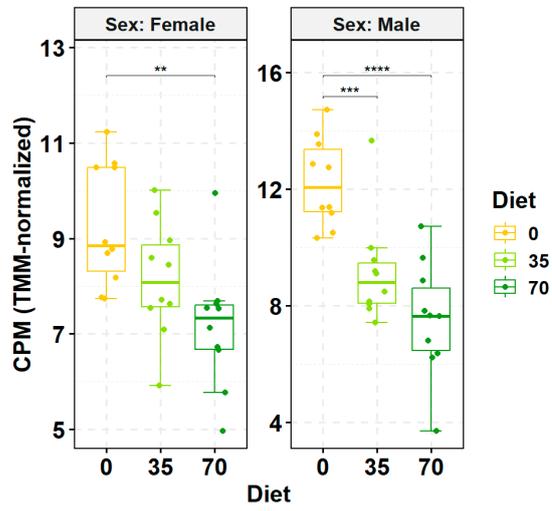
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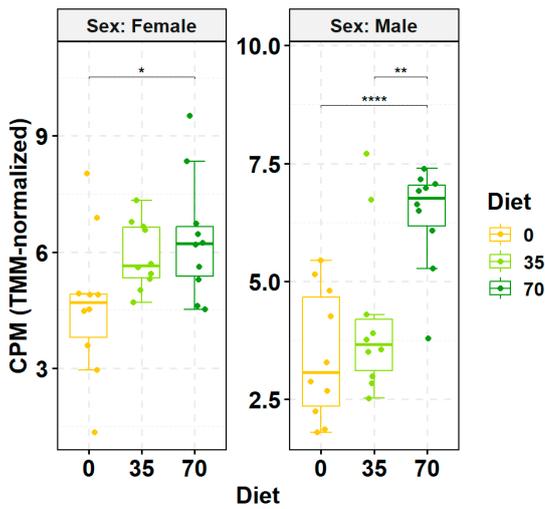
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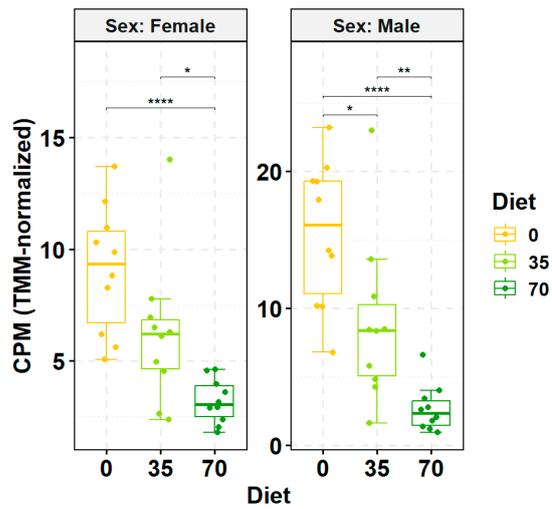
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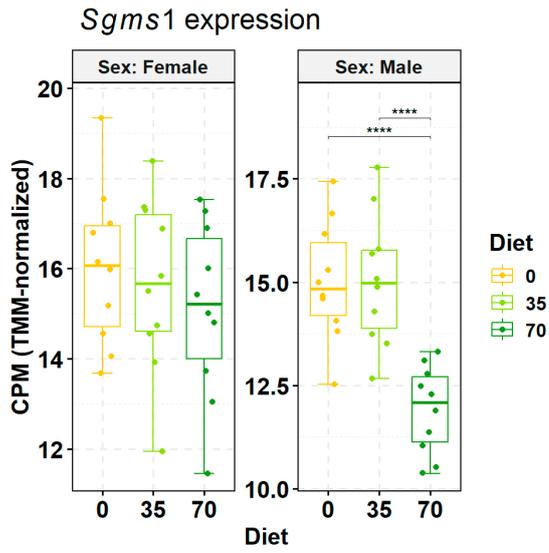


Figure S4. Box plots of genes expressed in the ceramide production from the *de novo* biosynthesis, salvage, and sphingomyelin hydrolysis pathways between females and males. Diet indicates the dose of bean expressed in the percentage of total dietary protein derived from bean. Statistically significant differences where * p -value < 0.05; ** p -value < 0.01; *** p -value < 0.001; **** p -value < 0.0001.

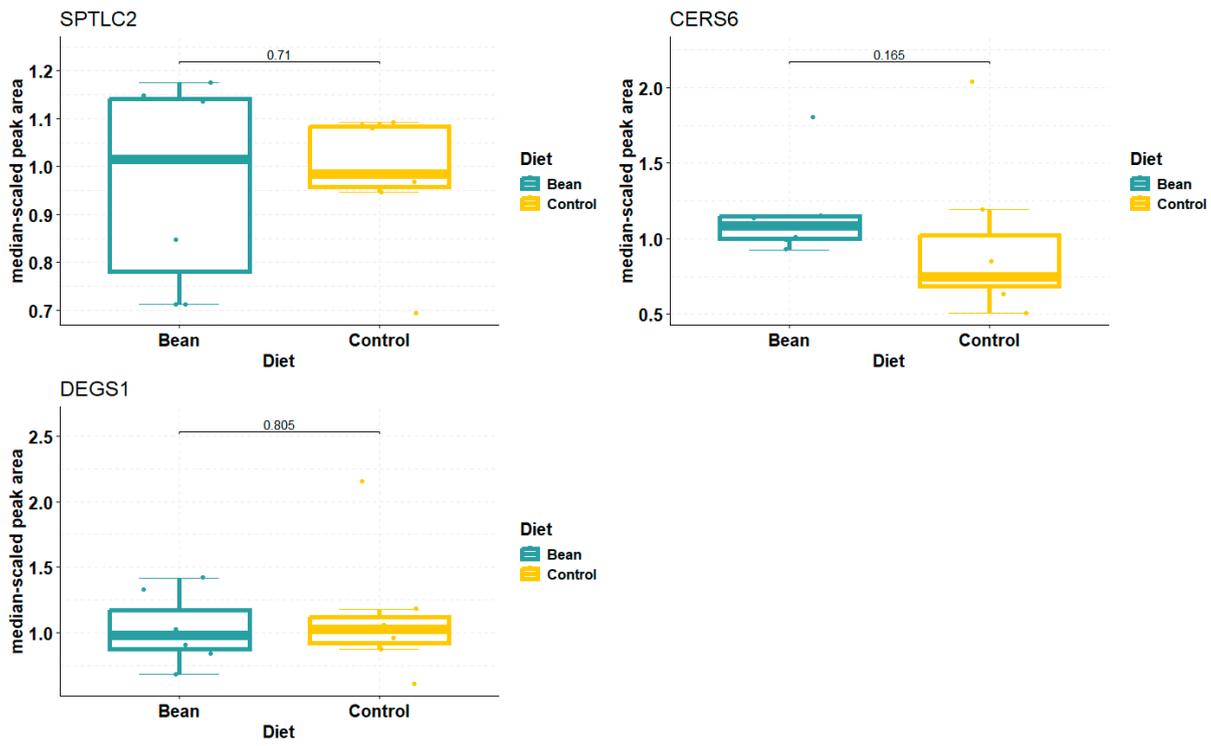
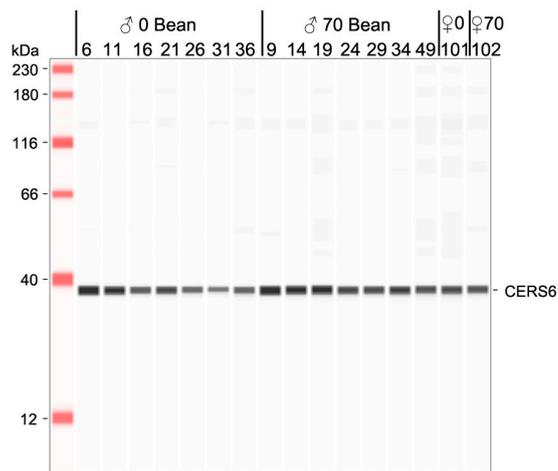
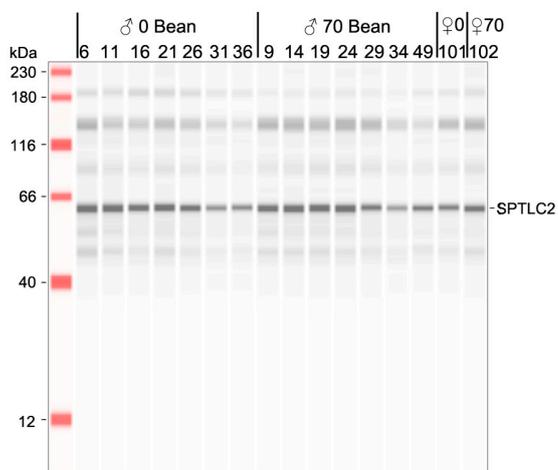


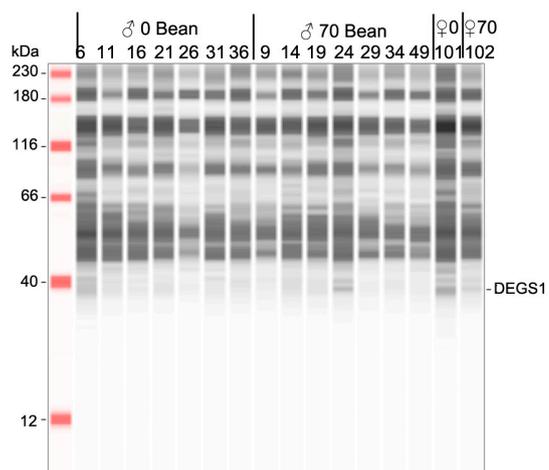
Figure S5. Box plots of protein levels in the ceramide *de novo* biosynthesis pathway in males. Statistical *p*-values are included.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure S6. Western blot gel images of protein levels in the ceramide *de novo* biosynthesis pathway in the liver. Sample information on group and sex is on top of each panel. Numbers underneath indicate sample IDs. Pooled female samples are included.