



Supplementary figure S1: TNF/etanercept complexes in the circulation. Patients with high levels of TNF were selected (n=11) and further analyzed. A) Levels of TNF in serum samples taken at six-week follow-up. B) Showing marked reduced levels of free TNF, after immunoadsorption by protein G (p=0.001). C) Showing reconstituted levels of TNF bound to etanercept after elution (p=0.001). No binding of free TNF to protein G was seen. Thus, we concluded that the levels of TNF detected in serum at follow-up mainly comprised of TNF in complex with etanercept, and not free TNF. Median values are depicted as thick lines in boxes and whiskers indicate min to max values.