

Table e-1. Comparison of serum levels of inflammatory proteins in the placebo and etanercept treated groups at baseline, 12 weeks, 24 weeks and after 4 weeks washout (28 weeks).

Week Groups	Baseline			Week 12			Week 24			Week 28		
	Etanercept	Placebo	Group comparison	Etanercept	Placebo	Group comparison	Etanercept	Placebo	Group comparison	Etanercept	Placebo	Group comparison
TNF (pg/ml) [IQR]	2.2 [1.8-3.2]	2.7 [2.1-3.2]	MWU p = 0.4	36.4 [32.4-44.1]	2.5 [2.1-3.0]	MWU p<0.0001	38.3 [32.4-54.5]	2.8 [2.0-3.2]	MWU p<0.0001	9.4 [7.4-11.2]	2.8 [2.3-3.5]	MWU p<0.0001
IL6 (pg/ml) [IQR]	0.9 [0.5-1.5]	0.8 [0.6-1.1]	MWU p = 0.7	0.9 [0.6-1.6]	0.7 [0.5-1.4]	MWU p=0.4	0.9 [0.6-1.8]	0.8 [0.5-1.6]	MWU p=0.6	1.0 [0.4-1.7]	0.9 [0.6-2.0]	MWU p = 1.0
IL10 (pg/ml) (se)	0.25 (0.03)	0.36 (0.04)	t-test p = 0.03	0.36 (0.02)	0.36 (0.04)	t-test p = 0.9	0.40 (0.03)	0.36 (0.04)	t-test p = 0.4	0.26 (0.02)	0.41 (0.05)	t-test p = 0.01
IL12 (pg/ml) [IQR]	0.10 [0.05-0.23]	0.15 [0.05-0.35]	MWU p = 0.3	0.30 [0.21-0.47]	0.18 [0.07-0.24]	MWU p=0.03	0.22 [0.19-0.30]	0.19 [0.08-0.24]	MWU p=0.3	0.15 [0.06-0.28]	0.19 [0.10-0.30]	MWU p = 0.3
CRP(mg/ml) [IQR]	1.8 [0.7-3.6]	1.1 [0.5 -3.6]	MWU p = 0.5	1.3 [0.5-3.4]	1.4 [0.4-4.0]	MWU p=0.7	1.7 [0.6-3.3]	1.8 [0.5-5.3]	MWU p=0.9	1.7 [0.7-5.6]	2.2 [0.5 -8.4]	MWU p = 0.9

MWU = Mann Whitney U test; t-test = unpaired t test