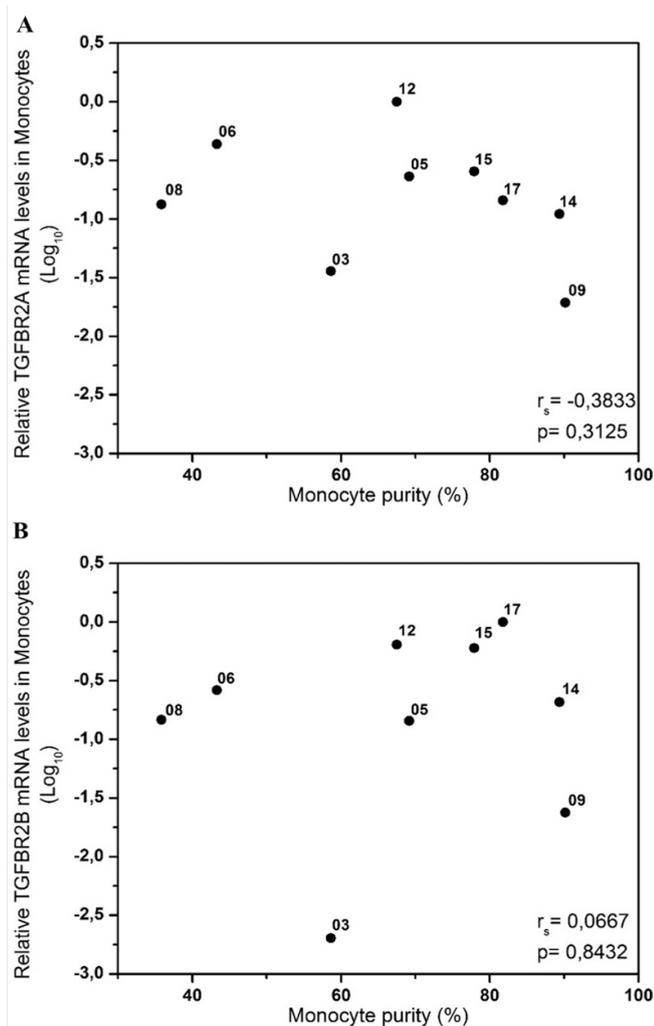
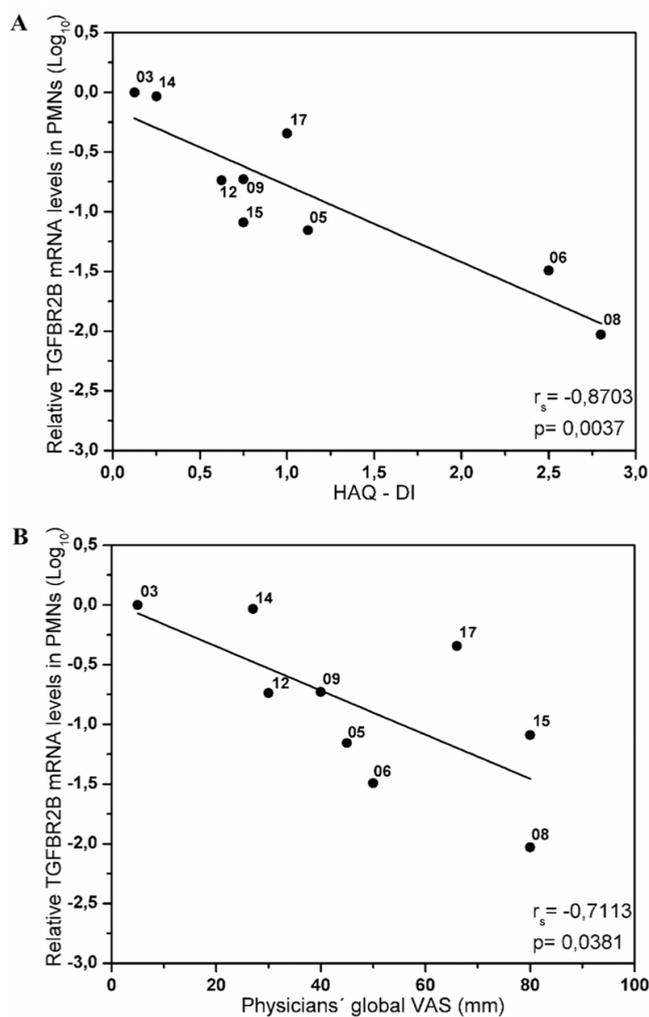


Supplementary Fig. S1. Comparison of non-monocyte and monocyte purity between different purification procedures. Plots show non-monocytes (A) and monocyte cells (B) after adherent (cohort 1) or magnetic cell sorting (cohort 2) purification. Each dot represents a patient. No statistically significant differences were found between both cohorts, neither in non-monocytes (CD3⁺) nor in monocytes (CD14⁺) cell purity, analysed by Mann-Whitney U-test (p -values <0.05 were considered statistically significant).



Supplementary Fig. S2. Lack of correlation between monocyte purity and the mRNA abundance of both splice variant. Numbers beside each data point correspond to the number assigned to volunteers in this study. r_s : Spearman's rank correlation coefficient.



Supplementary Fig. S3. Negative correlations between TGFB2B mRNA levels in PMNs and both, HAQ-DI (A) and physician global VAS (B). Numbers beside each data point correspond to the number assigned to volunteers in this study. r_s :