

Table 4 Significant positive correlations between inflammatory markers in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus

Marker	Marker					
	CRP	anti-dsDNA	Neopterin	sICAM-1	sVCAM-1	C3
CRP	1	-	-	-	-	-
anti-dsDNA	-	1	-	-	-	-
Neopterin	< 0.05	< 0.001	1	-	-	-
sICAM-1	-	-	-	1	-	-
sVCAM-1	-	-	< 0.001	-	1	-
C3	-	-	-	-	-	1
BILAG score	< 0.001	-	< 0.05	-	< 0.01	-

CRP = C-reactive protein; anti-dsDNA = antibodies to double-stranded DNA; sICAM-1 = soluble intercellular adhesion molecule; sVCAM-1 = soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule; C3 = complement component 3; BILAG = British Isles Lupus Assessment Group index.