



**Supplementary Fig. 1.** (A, B) In group 1, serum eosinophil cationic protein (ECP) correlated well with serum immunoglobulin E (IgE) level and peripheral blood eosinophil count. (C, D) In group 2, serum ECP showed no relationship with serum IgE level but was highly associated with peripheral blood eosinophil count. Group 1, school-age, 6–13 years; group 2, preschool-age, <6 years.