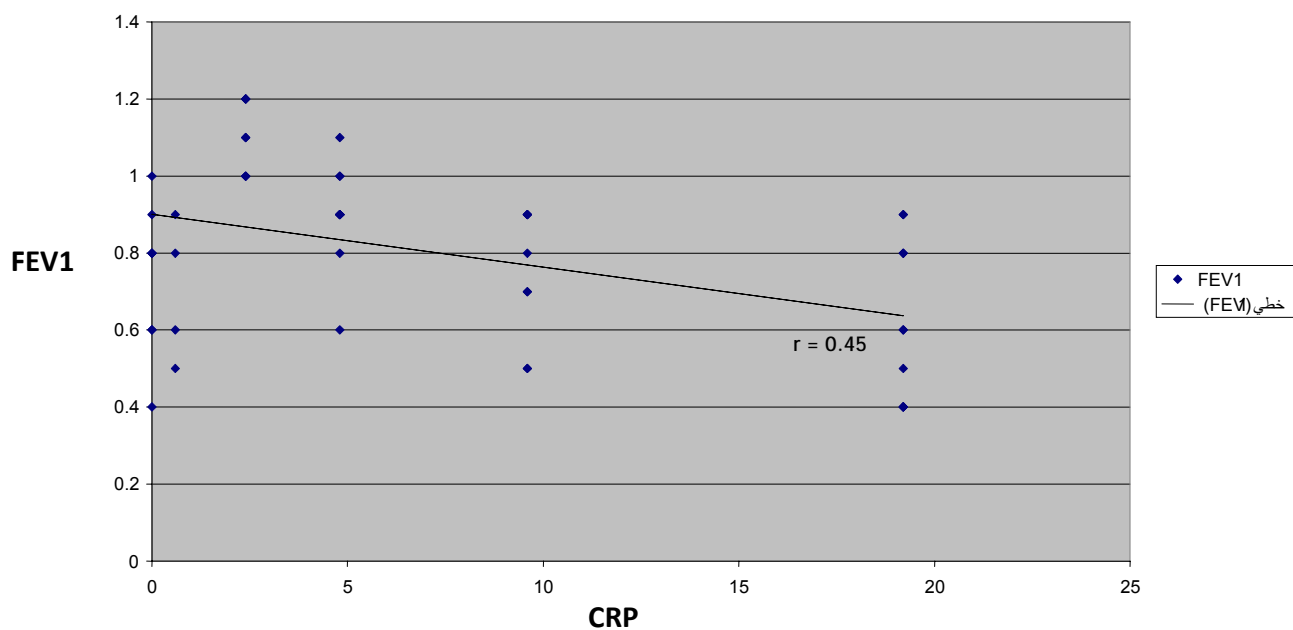


**Figure 2: Correlation between CRP before and after treatment with corresponding peripheral blood white cell count**  
 $r = 0.57$ ,  $p$  value  $< 0.001$



**Figure 3: Correlation between CRP before and after treatment and corresponding FEV1**  
 $r = -0.45$ ,  $p$  value  $< 0.001$