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Abstract The Large Area Lyman Alpha (LALA) survey has been designed and executed to detect a number of Lyman alpha (Ly alpha) emitting galaxies at high redshift to be statistically useful. Studies of clustering properties of those objects offer a probe for galaxy formation models.

We present the clustering properties of 167 Ly alpha galaxies around z=4.5 selected from the LALA survey. Our catalogue covers an area of 36' x 36' observed with five narrowband filters. We consider all galaxies as one sample.We assume that the angular correlation function is well represented by a power-law of slope beta equal 0.8 and we find for the amplitude of the angular correlation function to be 14.75 (for distances in arcsec). We then calculate the correlation length of the two-point spatial correlation function through the Limber transform. We estimate this value is 5.07/h Mpc in a Lambda-dominated universe. The strong clustering indicates that Ly alpha galaxies are associated with massive dark matter haloes.