Supplemental Digital Content: Supplemental figure

**Supplemental figure.** The *BCL2* and *BIM* expression levels in PBMCs were compared between patients aged 65 years or more and those aged less than 65 years. The results showed no significant differences of *BCL2* and *BIM* expression in PBMCs between these two patient groups. Comparisons were made using Mann–Whitney U tests. In box plots, boxes show the 25th – 75th percentiles, whiskers show the lowest and highest values of the respective quartile, and dots represent outliers. (open bar, patients with age ≥ 65 years; grey bar, patients with age < 65 years)