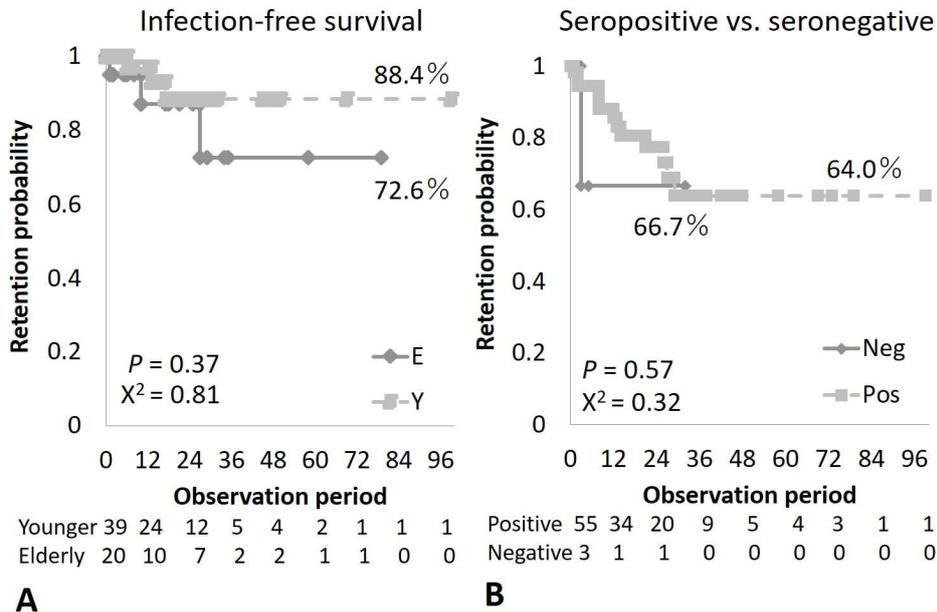


**Supplementary Figure S1.** Clinical efficacy of abatacept at 6 months of treatment. **A.** DAS28CRP(3) levels were significantly decreased in younger (aged <75 years) and elderly (aged ≥75 years) rheumatoid arthritis patients. **B.** EULAR response after 6 months of ABT treatment between the two groups. *p*-values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant. ABT, abatacept; DAS28CRP(3), disease activity score 28-joint count C-reactive protein based on three variables; EULAR, European League Against Rheumatism, m, months; NS, not significant.



**Supplementary Figure S2.** A comparison of infection-free survival in younger/elderly patients and overall retention rates in seropositive RA patients. **A.** Cumulative overall infection-free survival rates between elderly and younger patients. **B.** The overall retention rates between seropositive (anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide [CCP]-positive or rheumatoid factor [RF]-positive) and seronegative (negative for both anti-CCP antibody and RF) RA patients. E, elderly patients (≥75 years); neg, negative; pos, positive; Y, younger patients (<75 years).