

**Table S1.** Clinical and histopathological characteristics of gastric cancer samples from Caucasian patient dataset

	Code (Paired Normal Tissue)	Code (Gastric Cancer)	Sex	age	Date of Dx	Location	Histology	Pattern	Precursor	Depth	LV Invasion	Metastasis	stage
1	GN1	GT1	M	65	2001	Distal	poorly	variegated	NA	T3	yes	2,7	IIB
2	GN2	GT2	F	63	2004	Distal	moderate	intestinal	adenoma, metaplasia	T2	no	0,15	IB
3	GN3	GT4	F	72	2004	body	moderate	intestinal	metaplasia	T3	yes	5,28	IIIA
4	GN4	GT4	M	71	2005	Distal	moderate	intestinal	metaplasia	T3	yes	0,24	IIA
5	GN5	GT5	M	54	2003	Distal	moderate to poorly	lymphoepithelioma-like, intestinal	adenoma, metaplasia	T2	yes	0,11	IB
6	GN6	GT6	F	75	2003	Proximal	poorly	intestinal	NA	T3	yes	16,41	IIC
7	GN7	GT7	F	76	2003	Antrum	poorly	NA	NA	T4	yes	6,25	IIB
8	GN8	GT8	F	68	2003	Body	poorly	signet ring cell	NA	T4	yes	13,16	IIC
9	GN9	GT9	M	69	2003	Distal	moderate	intestinal	adenoma	T3	no	0,13	IIA
10	GN10	GT10	M	73	2003	Proximal	poorly	muinous component	NA	T3	yes	8,21	IIB
11	GN11	GT11	M	74	2004	GE junction	moderate to poorly	NA	NA	T4	yes	5,9	IIB
12	GN12	GT12	M	53	2003	Body	moderate	NA	adenoma	T1	no	0,9	IA
13	GN13	GT13	F	74	2004	Distal	poorly	signet ring cell	NA	T4	yes	8,26	IIC
14	GN14	GT14	M	68	2004	Body	poorly	signet ring cell	NA	T3	yes	1,28	IIB
15	GN15	GT15	F	66	2004	Body	moderate	intestinal	metaplasia	T4	yes	5,31	IIB
16	GN16	GT16	F	79	2004	Body	moderate to poorly	NA	NA	T3	yes	5,23	IIIA
17	GN17	GT17	M	74	2005	Proximal	poorly	NA	NA	T2	yes	15,37	IIIA
18	GN18	GT18	M	68	2005	Body	moderate to poorly	muinous component	metaplasia	T3	yes	0,13	IIA
19	GN19	GT19	M	60	2003	GE junction	moderate to poorly	signet ring cell	NA	T2	yes	2,3	IIB
20	GN20	GT20	F	61	2006	Body	poorly	signet ring cell	NA	T1	no	0,12	IA
21	GN21	GT21	F	68	2007	Body	poorly	signet ring cell	NA	T4	yes	14,18	IIC
22	GN22	GT22	F	64	2007	Body	moderate to poorly	muinous component	NA	T3	no	2,28	IIB

**Table S2.** Characteristics of expression datasets of Asian Pacific patients reported in published studies including the Caucasian patients in this study.

<b>Dataset</b>	<b>Ethnic Group</b>	<b>Comparison Group</b>	<b>Measurement Platform</b>	<b>Gene No.</b>
<b>TCGA (22)</b>	Caucasian	29 paired tumor and non-tumor	Illumina Hiseq	27,608
<b>Cho et al. (21)</b>	Korean	65 tumor vs. 19 non-tumor	Illumina Human WG-6 v3.0	25,235
<b>Kim et al. (20)</b>	Korean	24 tumor vs. 6 non-tumor	SOLiD Single-read RNA-seq	18,890
<b>This study</b>	Caucasian	22 paired tumor and non-tumor	SOLiD Paired-end RNA-seq	15,987

**Table S3.** Clinical and pathological characteristics of tumor cases in the tissue microarray.

<b>Total cases</b>	<b>251 (Discovery set 2006)</b>	<b>251 (Validation set 2005)</b>
<b>Sex</b>		
Male : Female	2.73 : 1 (71%:29%)	1.89 : 1 (65%:35%)
<b>Age</b>	59 ± 12 yrs (26-82)	58 ± 12 yrs (28-84)
<b>Lauren type</b>		
Intestinal	42%	50.60%
Diffuse	51.20%	47.80%
Mixed	6.40%	1.20%
Indeterminate	0.40%	0.40%
<b>Depth</b>		
pT2	26.80%	32.30%
pT3	40.00%	37.50%
pT4a	29.20%	28.30%
pT4b	4.00%	2%
<b>Nodal involvement</b>		
pN0	30.40%	31.10%
pN1	24.80%	16.30%
pN2	19.60%	23.90%
pN3a	16.40%	17.10%
pN3b	8.80%	11.60%
<b>Lymphovascular invasion</b>		
absent	46.40%	37.50%
present	53.60%	62.50%
<b>UICC stage</b>		
Ib	15.20%	16.70%
IIa	18.00%	16.30%
IIb	18.80%	19.50%
IIIa	17.20%	13.50%
IIIb	14.00%	16.30%
IIIc	16.80%	17.50%
<b>Recurrence</b>		
absent	76.80%	69.30%
present	23.20%	30.70%
<b>Death</b>		
no	75.20%	64.50%
yes	24.80%	35.50%

The total number of cases was 251 (discovery data set) and 251 (validation data set). Inclusion criteria: advanced gastric adenocarcinoma cases underwent gastrectomy and lymphadenectomy from Jan. 2006 to Dec. 2006 (discovery data set) and from Jan. 2005 to Dec. 2005 (validation data set) at the National Cancer Center, Korean.

Exclusion criteria: noncurative resection, developed in remnant stomach, follow-up was incomplete.

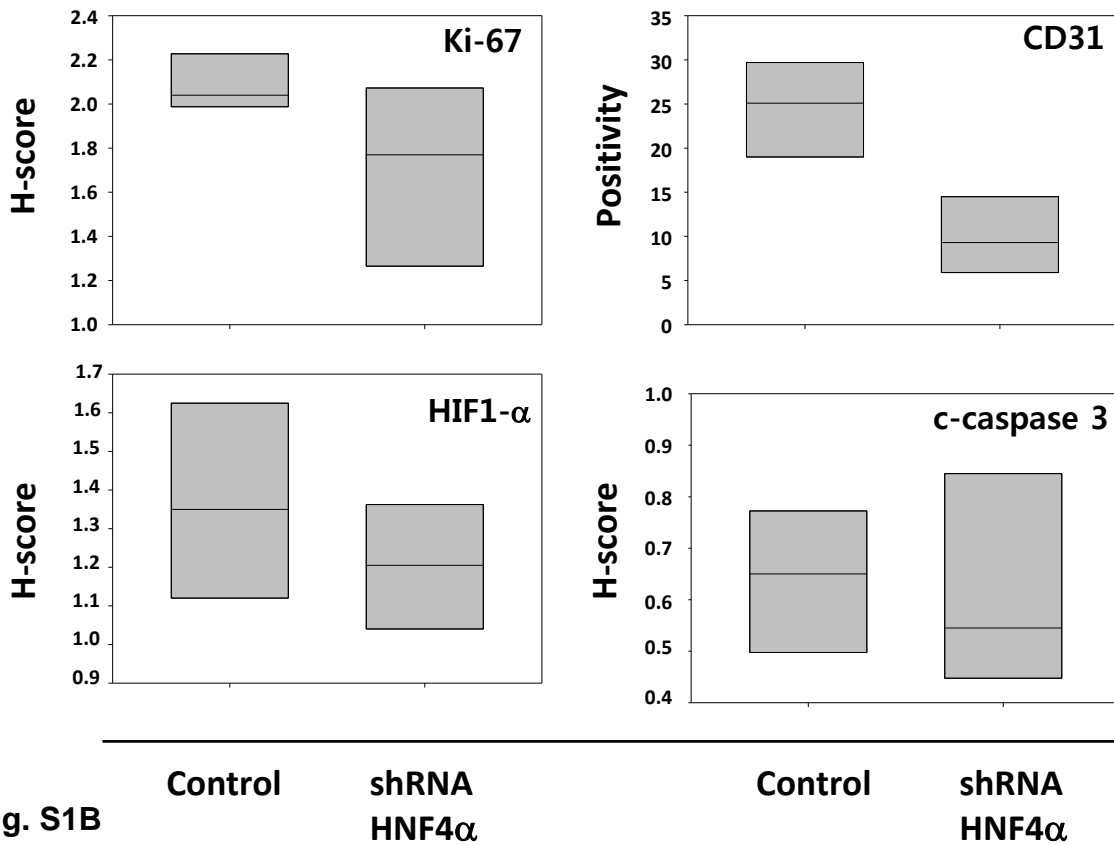
**Table S4.** Relationships of WNT5A intensity and positivity with pathological and clinical variables.

	WNT5A Intensity (Discovery data set 2006)			p-value	WNT5A Intensity (Validation data set 205)			p-value
	0	1	2		0	1	2	
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	35 (62.5%)	98 (71.0%)	45 (78.9%)	0.157	22(59.5%)	95(65.1%)	47(69.1%)	0.607
Female	21 (37.5%)	40 (29.0%)	12 (21.1%)		15(40.5%)	51(34.9%)	21(30.9%)	
Total	56	138	57		37	146	68	
<b>Age (mean±SD)</b>	57.0±12.1	57.7±12.6	63.5±8.4	<0.001	55.7±10.7	57.6±13.0	60.9±11.7	0.078
<b>Lauren</b>								
Intestinal	15 (26.8%)	57 (43.5%)	34 (73.9%)	<0.001	9(24.3%)	70(49.0%)	48(71.6%)	<0.001
Diffuse	41 (73.2%)	74 (56.5%)	12 (26.1%)		28(75.7%)	73(51.0%)	19(28.4%)	
<b>Depth</b>								
pT2	16 (28.6%)	37 (26.8%)	16 (28.1%)	0.062	10(27.0%)	48(32.9%)	23(33.8%)	0.381
pT3	31 (55.4%)	47 (34.1%)	22 (38.6%)		13(35.1%)	52(35.6%)	29(42.6%)	
pT4a	9 (16.1%)	47 (34.1%)	16 (28.1%)		14(37.8%)	46(31.5%)	16(23.5%)	
pT4b	0 (0.0%)	7 (5.1%)	3 (5.3%)		0(0.0%)	5(3.4%)	0(0.0%)	
<b>Nodal involvement</b>								
pN0	23 (41.1%)	35 (25.4%)	20 (35.1%)	0.005	12(32.4%)	48(32.9%)	18(26.5%)	0.632
pN1	10 (17.9%)	39 (28.3%)	13 (22.8%)		6(16.2%)	20(13.7%)	15(22.1%)	
pN2	12 (21.4%)	27 (19.6%)	9 (15.8%)		6(16.2%)	34(23.3%)	20(29.4%)	
pN3a	11 (19.6%)	26 (18.8%)	4 (7.0%)		8(21.6%)	26(17.8%)	9(13.2%)	
pN3b	0 (0%)	11 (8.0%)	11 (19.3%)		5(13.5%)	18(12.3%)	6(8.8%)	
<b>UICC stage</b>								
IB	11 (19.6%)	18 (13.0%)	11 (19.3%)	0.122	6(16.2%)	26(17.8%)	10(14.7%)	0.904
IIA	11 (19.6%)	22 (15.9%)	12 (21.1%)		5(13.5%)	23(15.8%)	13(19.1%)	
IIB	11 (19.6%)	28 (20.3%)	8 (14.0%)		8(21.6%)	27(18.5%)	14(20.6%)	
IIIA	13 (23.2%)	26 (18.8%)	4 (7.0%)		4(10.8%)	18(12.3%)	12(17.6%)	
IIIB	6 (10.7%)	16 (11.6%)	12 (21.1%)		5(13.5%)	25(17.1%)	11(16.2%)	
IIIC	4 (7.1%)	28 (20.3%)	10 (17.5%)		9(24.3%)	27(18.5%)	8(11.8%)	

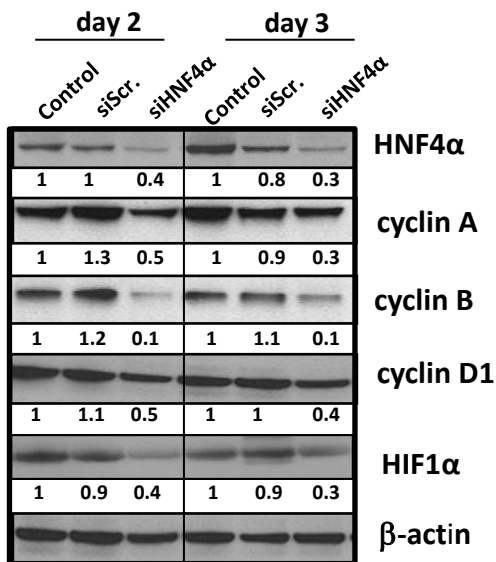
**Table S5.** Clinical relevance of WNT5A in diffuse type. Beta is an estimate of logarithm of hazard ratio, so exp(beta) implies hazard ratio compared with baseline hazard rate. ( Df: degrees of freedom; Coxph: cox proportional hazard model)

Test	WNT5A intensity (diffuse type case)	Discovery data set (2006)				Validation data set (2005)				Merged: Discovery and Validation data set (2006 and 2005)				
		Beta (exp(beta))	se	z	P-value	Beta (exp(beta))	se	z	P-value	Beta (exp(beta))	se	z	P-value	
Log-rank	0 vs. (1 and 2) df1				2.51E-02				0.115				5.70E-03	
	0 vs. 1 vs. 2 df2				7.79E-05				0.269				5.10E-03	
Coxph	No covariates 0 vs. (1 and 2) df1	0.967 (2.63)	0.449	2.16	3.10E-02	0.637 (1.89)	0.411	1.55	0.120	0.814 (2.26)	0.303	2.69	7.20E-03	
	Sex, age 0 vs. (1 and 2) df1	0.962 (2.62)	0.451	2.14	3.30E-02	0.608 (1.84)	0.413	1.48	0.140	0.751 (2.12)	0.305	2.46	1.40E-02	
	No covariates 0 vs. 1 vs. 2 df2	0 vs. 1	0.747 (2.11)	0.463	1.61	1.10E-01	0.666 (1.95)	0.419	1.59	0.110	0.729 (2.07)	0.310	2.35	1.90E-02
		0 vs. 2	2.041 (7.70)	0.543	3.76	1.70E-04	0.517 (1.68)	0.535	0.97	0.330	1.184 (3.27)	0.379	3.12	1.80E-03
		0 vs. 1 vs. 2				1.27E-03				0.236				4.57E-03
	Sex, age 0 vs. 1 vs. 2 df2	0 vs. 1	0.760 (2.22)	0.465	1.63	1.00E-01	0.636 (1.89)	0.420	1.51	0.130	0.720 (2.05)	0.310	2.32	2.00E-02
		0 vs. 2	1.778 (5.92)	0.550	3.23	1.20E-03	0.495 (1.64)	0.535	0.92	0.360	1.102 (3.01)	0.381	2.89	3.80E-03
		0 vs. 1 vs. 2				5.93E-03				0.274				8.15E-03

**Fig. S1A**



**Fig. S1B**



**Fig. S1.** HNF4α inhibition shows antiproliferative activity. (A) IHC analysis on xenograft tumor samples silenced with shRNA-mediated HNF4α showing inhibited growth, angiogenesis and HIF-1α, in the NCI-N87 cell line. (B) Immunoblotting analysis on NCI-N87 cell line knockdown with siRNA mediated HNF4α showed decreased cell cycle regulators and HIF-1α.

Fig. S2A

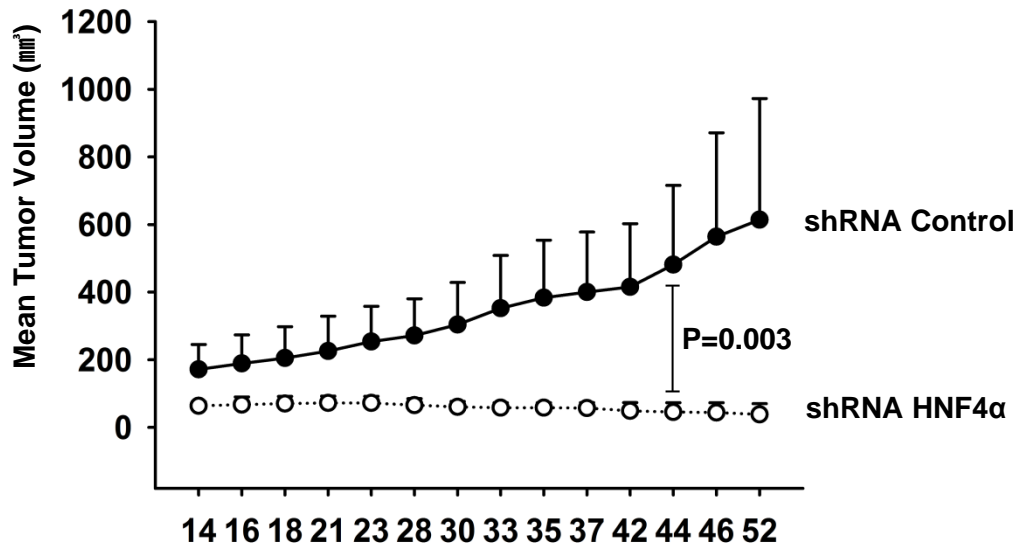
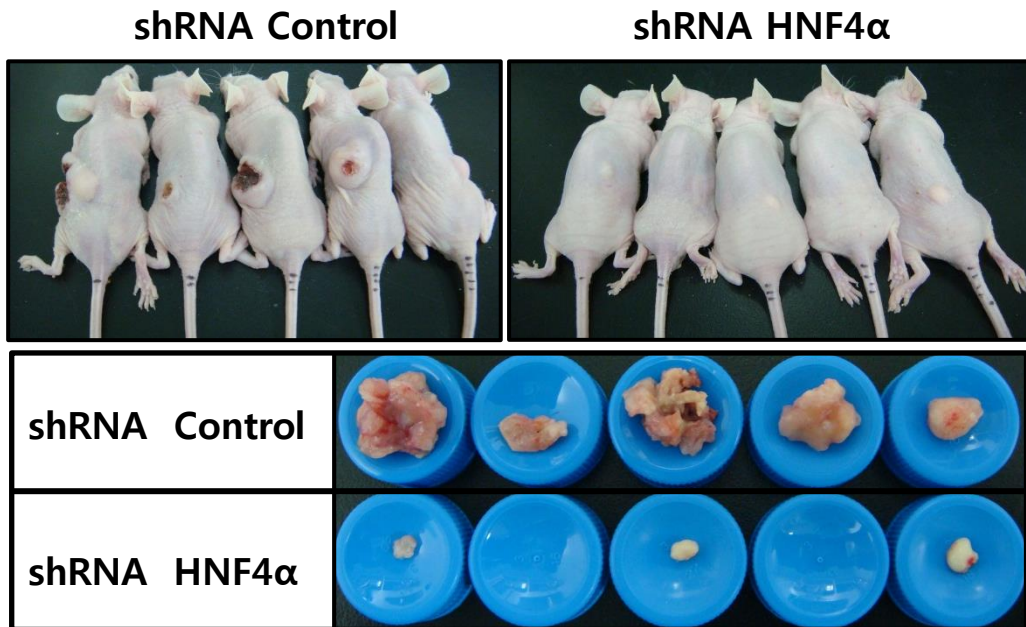


Fig. S2B



**Fig. S2.** HNF4 $\alpha$  inhibition shows anti-tumor activity. (A) and (B) shRNA lentiviral particles targeting different regions of HNF4 $\alpha$  mRNA or shRNA empty vectors were infected into MKN45 cells. Stably transfected cells were selected by puromycin. Ten, 5-week-old female BALB/C nude mice were randomly divided into two groups (5 for shRNA control, and 5 for shRNA HNF4 $\alpha$ ). Approximately  $10^7$  shRNA control (CTRL) cells and shRNA HNF4 $\alpha$  cells in 100 $\mu$ L phosphate-buffered saline were inoculated subcutaneously.

Fig. S3A

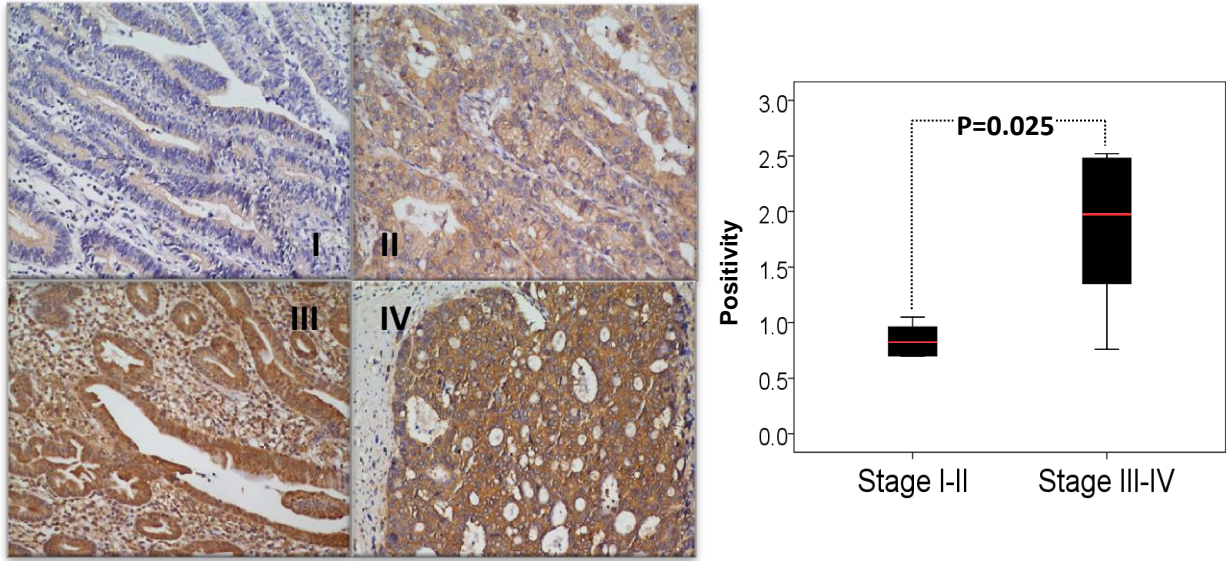


Fig. S3B

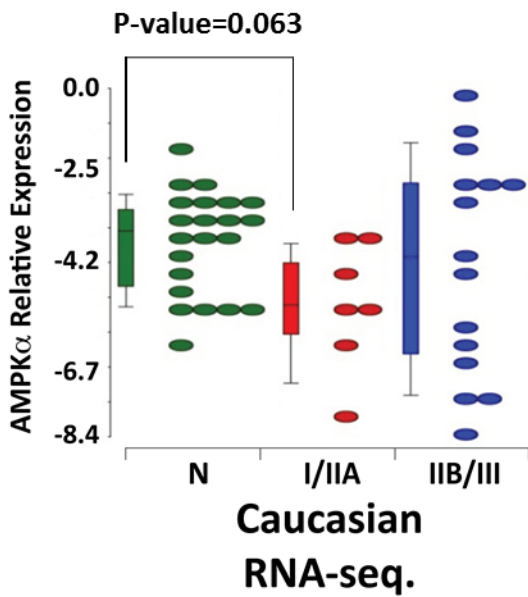
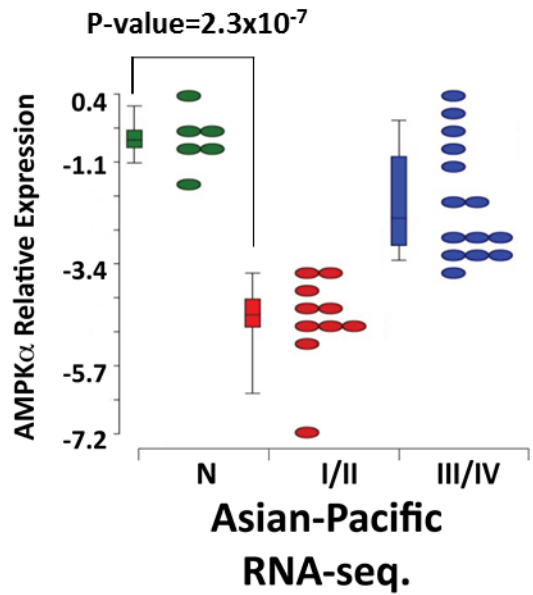


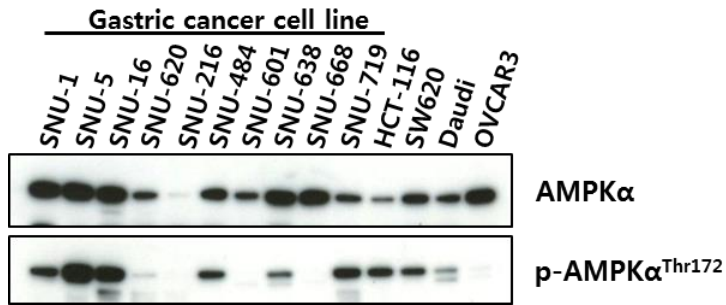
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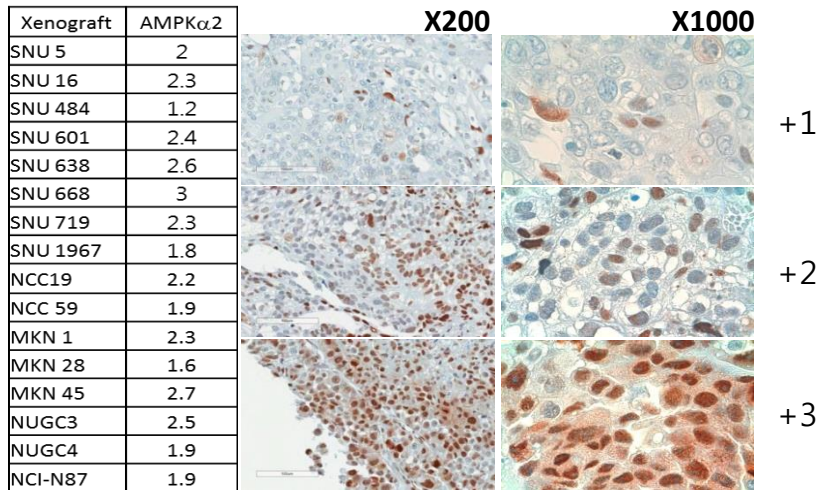
**Fig. S3.** Expression of AMPK $\alpha$ 2 in both Caucasian and Pacific-Asian GC patients tumors. **(A)** AMPK $\alpha$ 2 expression on Asian gastric cancer, and immunohistochemistry was done on 10 patient tissue samples per tumor stage. **(B)-(C)** The expression of AMPK $\alpha$ 2 based on RNA-seq data.



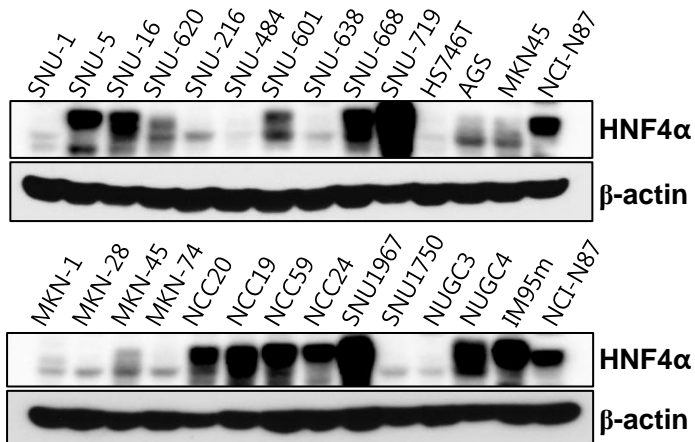
**Fig. S4A**



**Fig. S4B**

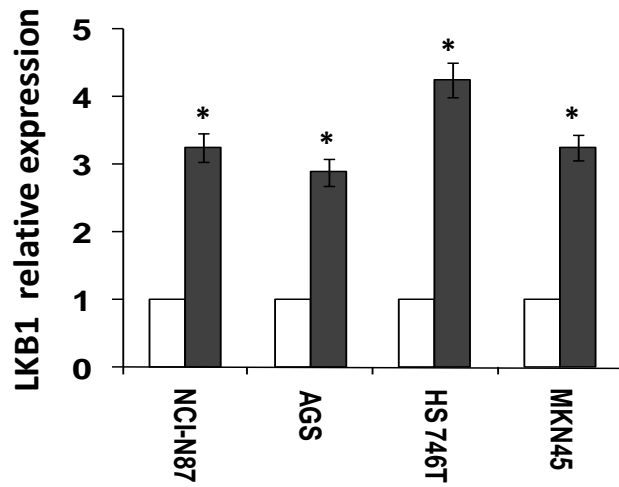


**Fig. S4C**



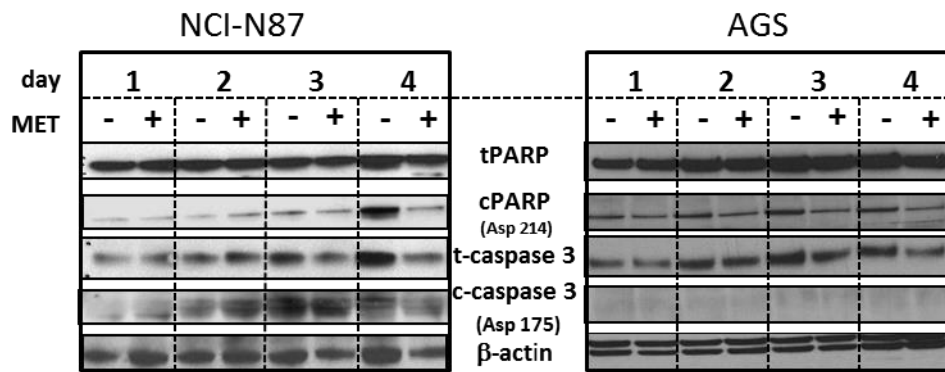
**Fig. S4.** The protein expression of AMPK $\alpha$ . **(A)** in a panel of gastric cell lines and **(B)** xenograft models from various GC cell lines **(C)** Protein expression of HNF4 $\alpha$  in a panel of gastric cell lines.

Fig. S5



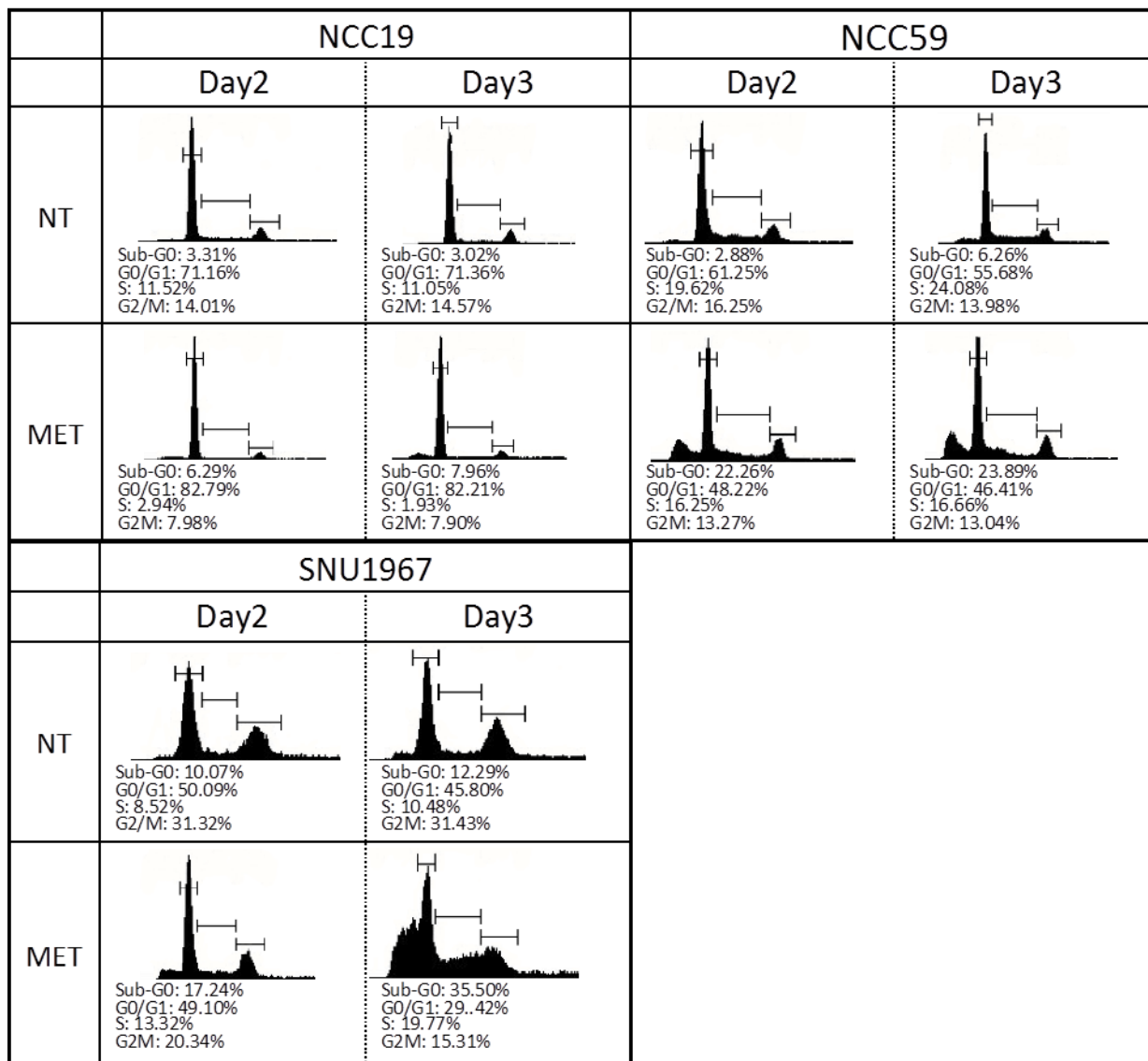
**Fig S5.** Effect of metformin treatment on the expression of liver kinase B1 (LKB1). Measurement of LKB1 gene expression levels at day 2 with metformin treatment. (white bars= NT, black bar= MET (10 mM) treatment. RNA expression was determined using qRT-PCR, \* $P < 0.05$ ).

**Fig. S6**



**Fig. S6.** Metformin antiproliferation activity against NCI-N87 and AGS GC cells. Decreased levels of cleaved caspase 3 and poly ADP-ribose polymerase upon metformin treatments, as determined by immunoblotting.

**Fig. S7**



**Fig S7** Cell cycle effects following metformin treatment. Measurement of cell cycle distribution at days 2 and 3 after metformin treatment.

Fig. S8

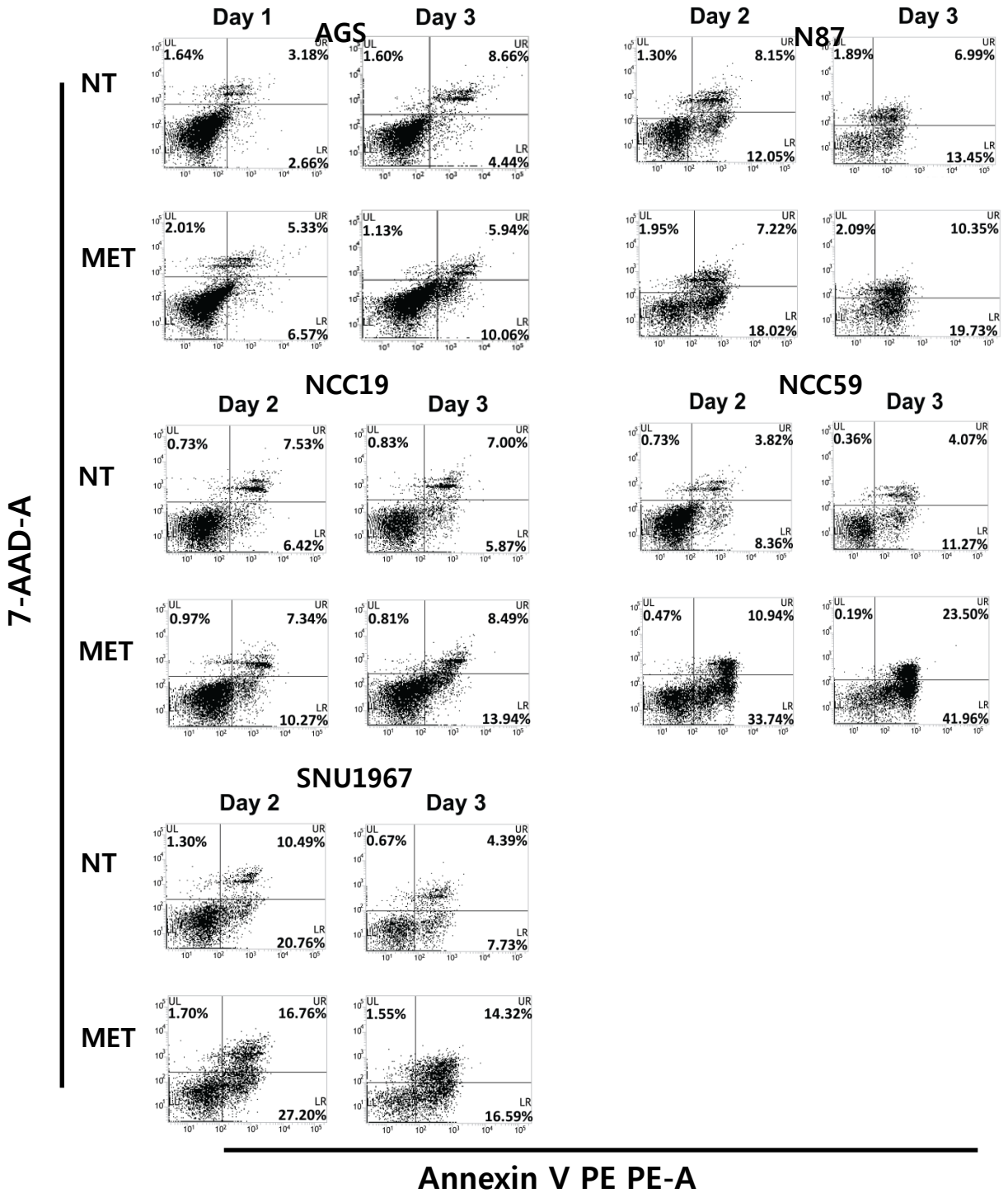
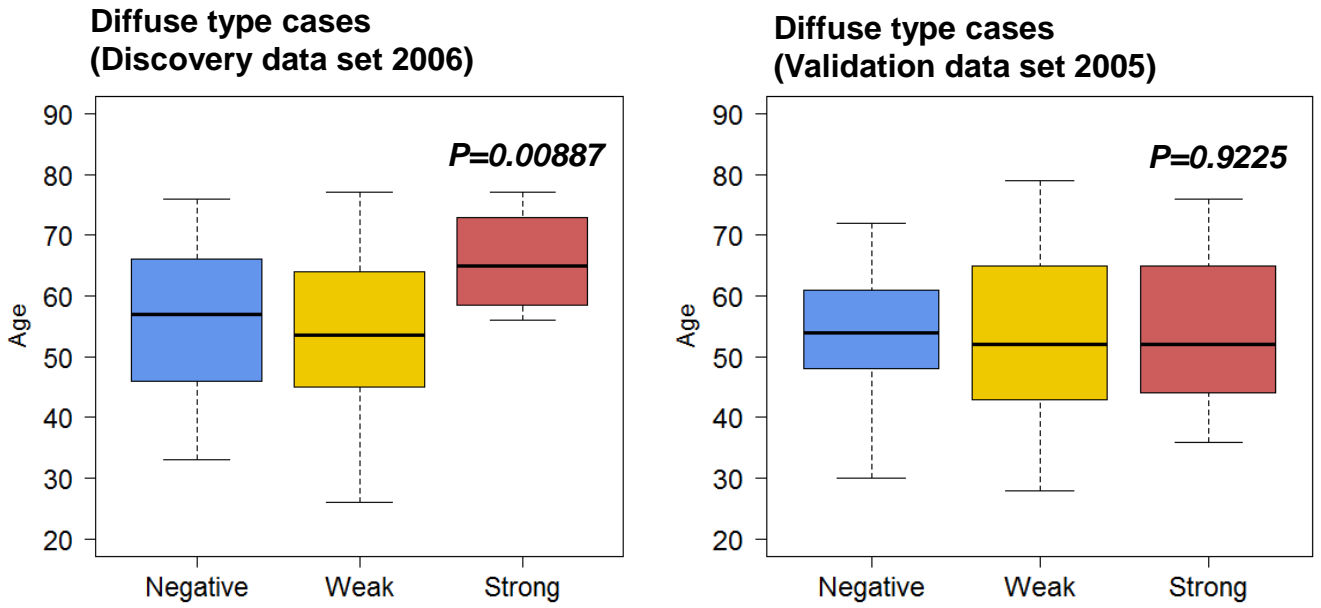


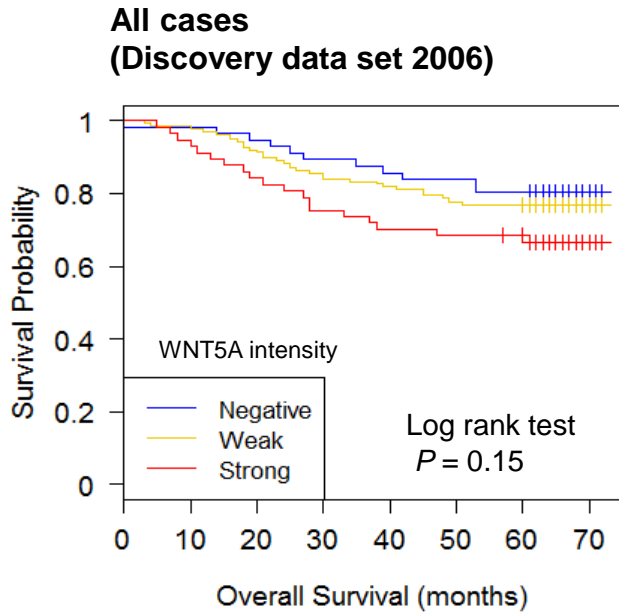
Fig. S8. Apoptotic activity of metformin treatment of five GC cell lines. Apoptosis and necrosis were analyzed by flow cytometry. Annexin V PE apoptosis detection Kit I (BD Biosciences) was used for staining the cells.

**Fig. S9**

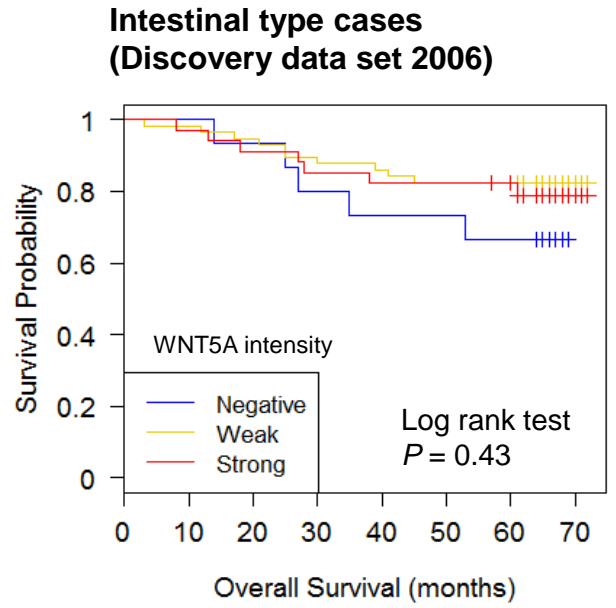


**Fig. S9** Clinical relevance of WNT5A expression in diffuse type GC. Significance in aging population (left panel) in discovery data set-2006 vs. validation data set-2005 (right panel) .

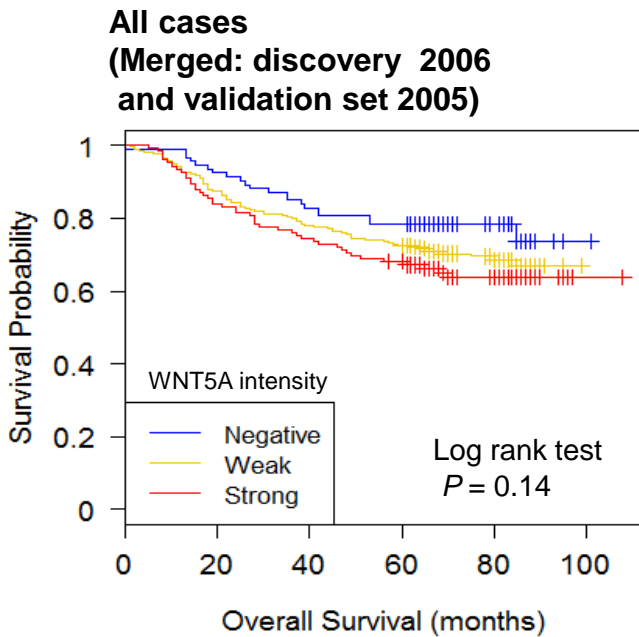
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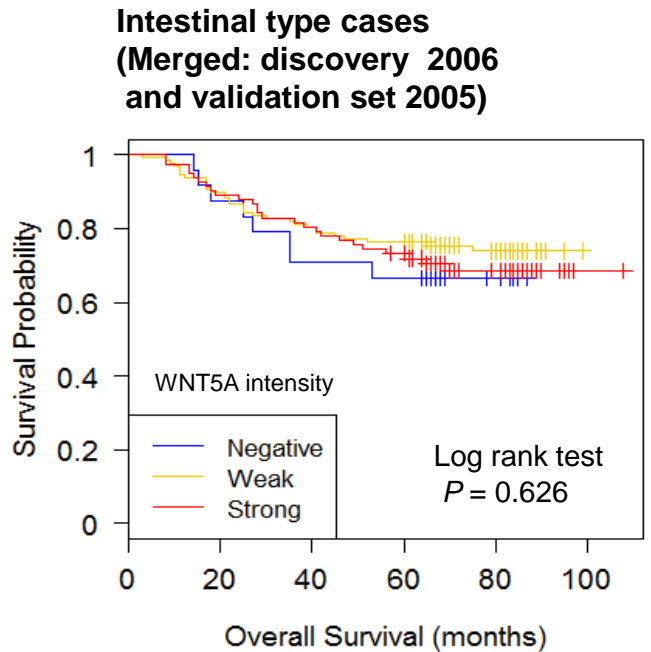
**Fig. S10B**



**Fig. S10C**

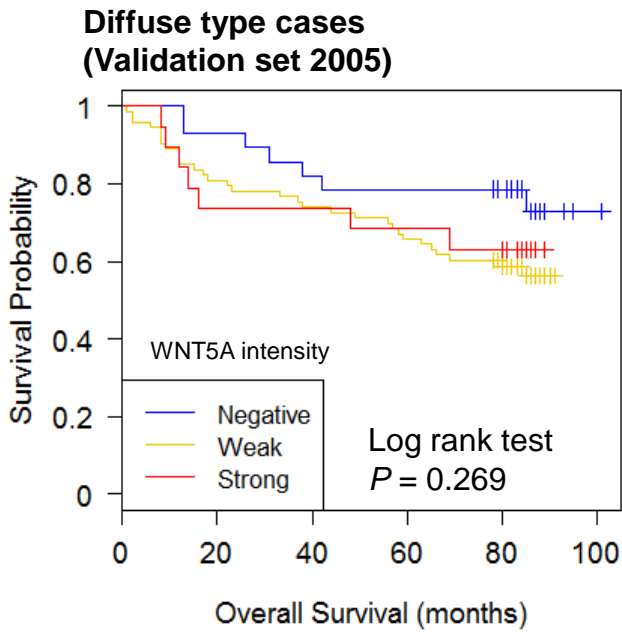


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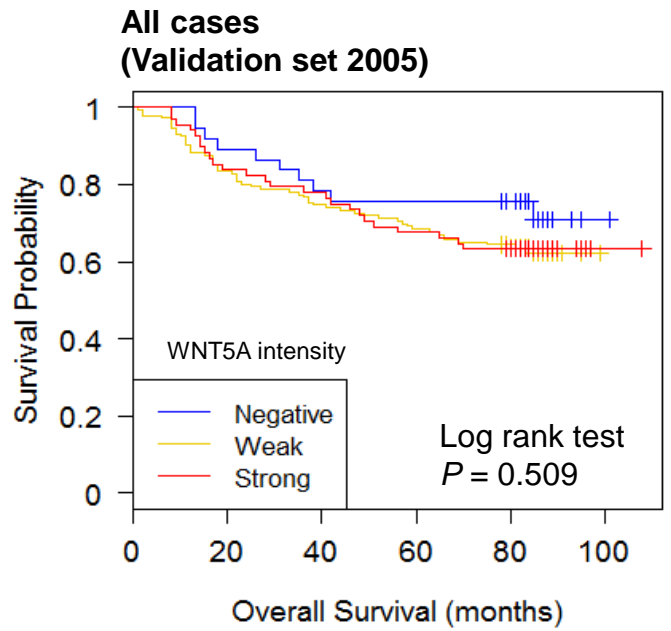


**Fig. S10** Discovery data set-2006 and merged (discovery 2006 and validation data set-2005). Kaplan-Meier plots showing the correlation of WNT5A with overall patient survival (A) in all cases and (B) in intestinal type cases. (C) WNT5A expression as associated with overall survival in all GC subtypes (C) or in intestinal type GC (D) cases.

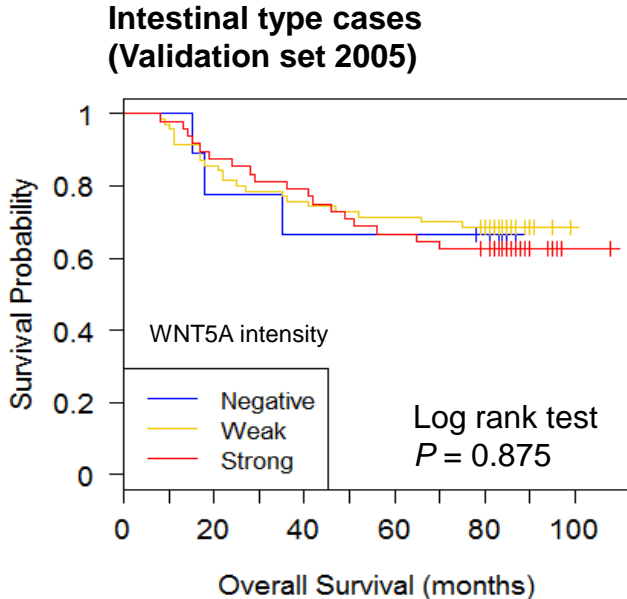
**Fig. S11A**



**Fig. S11B**



**Fig. S11C**



**Fig. S11** Validation data set 2005, Kaplan-Meier plots showing the correlation of WNT5A with patient Survivals (A) in all cases and (B) in intestinal type cases.