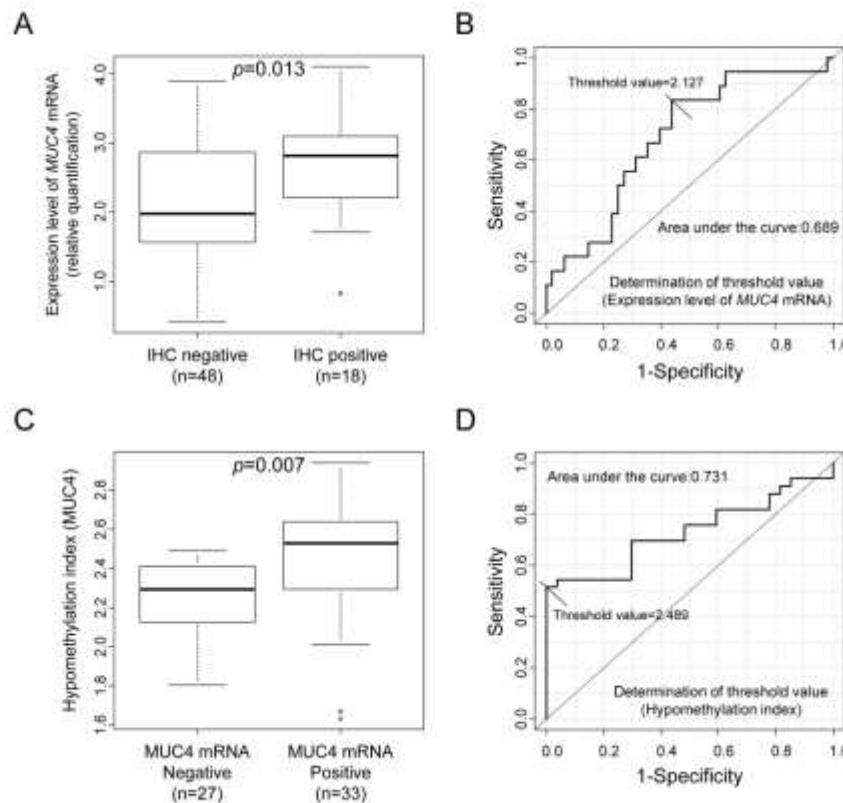
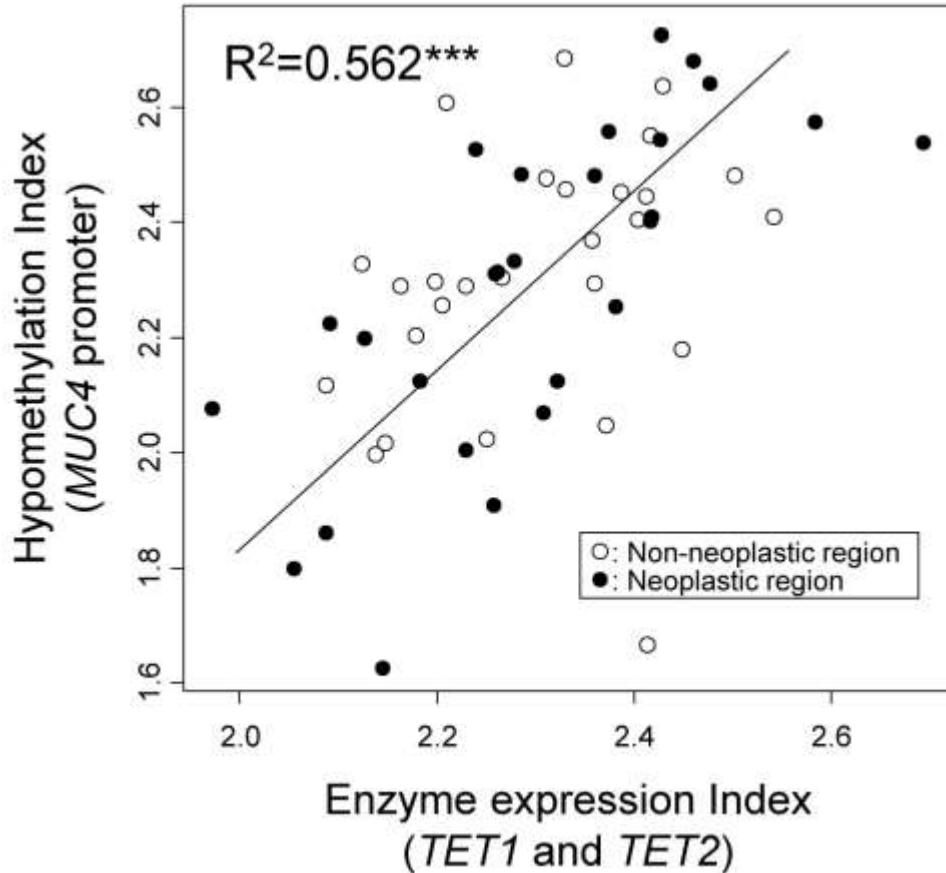


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Supplementary Figure 1: ROC analysis for determination of threshold value. (A) Comparison of the expression level of *MUC4* mRNA between the group found to be *MUC4* negative and the group found to be *MUC4* positive by IHC analysis. The IHC positive group showed a higher expression level of *MUC4* than the IHC negative group. (B) Calculation of the threshold value of *MUC4* mRNA between *MUC4* negative and *MUC4* positive groups (as determined by IHC analysis). The threshold value (2.127) of mRNA expression between the *MUC4* negative and *MUC4* positive groups was calculated by ROC analysis. (C) Comparison of the hypomethylation index of the *MUC4* promoter between *MUC4* negative and *MUC4* positive groups (mRNA expression). The *MUC4* mRNA-positive group showed a higher hypomethylation index than the *MUC4* mRNA negative group. (D) Calculation of the threshold value of the *MUC4* hypomethylation index between *MUC4* negative and *MUC4* positive groups (mRNA expression). The threshold value (2.489) to differentiate between hypo-methylation and hyper-methylation of the *MUC4* promoter was calculated by ROC analysis.



Supplementary Figure 2: Multiple regression analysis of the expression level of DNA demethylation-related enzymes against the hypomethylation status of the *MUC4* promoter. The multiple regression predictive value was obtained with the following formula: F_m (Enzyme expression index for *MUC4*) = $1.8 + 0.23(TET1) + 0.17(TET2)$. R^2 : R squared, ***: $p < 0.001$, **: $p < 0.01$, *: $p < 0.05$, ○: non-neoplastic region, ●: neoplastic region.

Table S1. Clinicopathological features

Age	Median	$\pm SD$	
	69	± 9.0	
Sex	n	(%)	
F	18	(54.5%)	
M	15	(45.4%)	
Size	Median	$\pm SD$ (mm)	
	25	± 10.2	
T	n	(%)	
1a	8	(24.2%)	
1b	10	(30.3%)	
2a	12	(36.3%)	
2b	2	(6%)	
3	1	(3%)	
N	n	(%)	
negative	31	(93.9%)	
positive	2	(6%)	
M	n	(%)	
negative	32	(96.9%)	
positive	1	(3%)	
ly	n	(%)	
negative	9	(27.2%)	
positive	24	(72.7%)	
v	n	(%)	
negative	19	(57.5%)	
positive	14	(42.4%)	
Pathology	n	(%)	
Adenocarcinoma			
	n=	31	(91.1%)
Keratinizing squamous cell carcinoma			
	n=	2	(5.8%)
Adenosquamous carcinoma			
	n=	1	(2.9%)
Solid adenocarcinoma			
	n=	1	(2.9%)

Papillary adenocarcinoma

n= 25 (73.5%)

Lepidic adenocarcinoma

n= 17 (50%)

Mucinous adenocarcinoma

n= 4 (11.7%)

Micropapillary carcinoma

n= 3 (8.8%)

Table S2. Synthetic oligonucleotides used in the study

RT-PCR			
MUC1	Forward:	5'-CCAGCACCGACTACTACCAAGAG-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-CGTCGTGGACATTGATGGT-3'	
MUC4	Forward:	5'-TGGGACGATGCTGACTTCTC-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-CCCCGTTGTTGTCATCTTTC-3'	
TET1	Forward:	5'-CCCGAATCAAGCGGAAGAATA-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-TACTTCAGGTTGCACGGT-3'	
TET2	Forward:	5'-AAGGCTGAGGGACGAGAACGA-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-TGAGCCCATCTCCTGCTTCCA-3'	
TET3	Forward:	5'-CCTGCCGATGACAAGCTGGA-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-GAGTTCCCGGATAGAGGCGA-3'	
AID	Forward:	5'-AAAATGTCCGCTGGGCTAAG-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-AGGTCCCAGTCCGAGATGTAG-3'	
DNMT1	Forward:	5'-GAGGAAGCTGCTAAGGACTAGTTC-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-ACTCCACAATTGATCACTAAATC-3'	
DNMT3a	Forward:	5'-ACAAGAATGCCACCAAAGCAG-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-TCATCCACCAAGACACAATGC-3'	
CAIX	Forward:	5'-CGGAAGAAAACAGTGCCTATGAG-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-CAGGGCGGTGTAGTCAGAGA-3'	
β-actin	Forward:	5'-CTCTTCCAGCCTCCTCCTG-3'	
	Reverse:	5'-GAAGCATTGCGGTGGACGAT-3'	
MSE			
MUC1	1st	Forward:	5'-AAAGGGGGAGGTTAGTTGGA-3'
		Reverse:	5'-TACCCCTCACCTATAAACAC-3'
	2nd	Forward:	5'-[GC clamp*]AAGAGGTAGGAGGTAGGGGA-3'
		Reverse:	5'-AAAACAAAACAAATTCAAAC-3'
MUC4	1st	Forward:	5'-AGAGTAAGGGGTGTATGGGTG-3'
		Reverse:	5'-AACCTACCCCTTCATAAC-3'
	2nd	Forward:	5'-[GC clamp*]AGGAGAGAAAAGGGTGATTAG-3'
		Reverse:	5'-ACTCCACTACCCAACAACTAC-3'

*GC clamp: 5'-CGCCCGCCGCGCGCGGGCGGGCGGGGCACGGGGGG-3'

Table S3. Comparison of expression level or methylation index between permeation negative and positive.

a) Non-neoplastic region

	Vascular permeation						Lymphatic permeation						Tumor size (TS)											
	negative			positive			negative			positive			TS < 20 mm			TS > 20mm								
	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	p value	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	p value	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	p value			
Methylation index of MUC4 promoter																								
5mC	(19)	59.4	±22.5	(12)	70.7	±28.1	0.226	(8)	58.3	±27.3	(23)	65.8	±24.5	0.475	(6)	41.6	±18.9	(25)	69.1	±23.6	0.013			
5hmC	(19)	19.2	±21.0	(14)	17.8	±12.4	0.506	**	(9)	29.3	±28.0	(24)	14.6	±10.0	0.160	*	(8)	24.4	±28.3	(25)	16.8	±13.0	0.486	*
Expression level of mRNA																								
MUC4	(19)	2.25	±0.78	(14)	2.13	±0.72	0.666	(9)	2.05	±0.67	(24)	2.25	±0.78	0.509	(8)	2.23	±0.82	(25)	2.18	±0.74	0.876			
TET1	(19)	1.89	±0.44	(14)	1.79	±0.45	0.532	(9)	2.00	±0.51	(24)	1.79	±0.41	0.226	(8)	1.97	±0.45	(25)	1.81	±0.44	0.375			
TET2	(17)	0.28	±0.75	(14)	0.25	±0.66	0.895	(7)	0.18	±0.51	(24)	0.29	±0.76	0.728	(7)	-0.01	±0.66	(24)	0.35	±0.70	0.238			
TET3	(18)	2.70	±0.67	(14)	2.46	±0.77	0.355	(8)	2.34	±0.87	(24)	2.68	±0.66	0.258	(7)	2.21	±0.88	(25)	2.70	±0.65	0.113			
AICDA	(19)	2.40	±0.55	(14)	2.27	±0.56	0.490	(9)	2.52	±0.41	(24)	2.28	±0.58	0.268	(8)	2.53	±0.54	(25)	2.28	±0.55	0.273			
GCM1	(19)	1.70	±0.48	(14)	1.58	±0.33	0.415	(9)	1.83	±0.29	(24)	1.58	±0.45	0.121	(8)	1.91	±0.37	(25)	1.56	±0.41	0.039			
Dnmt1	(18)	0.01	±0.55	(14)	-0.06	±0.53	0.729	(9)	-0.09	±0.45	(23)	0.01	±0.57	0.647	(8)	0.00	±0.57	(24)	-0.03	±0.53	0.921			
Dnmt3a	(18)	0.09	±0.38	(14)	0.01	±0.40	0.575	(9)	0.27	±0.30	(23)	-0.03	±0.39	0.041	(8)	0.28	±0.33	(24)	-0.02	±0.38	0.060			

b) Neoplastic region

	Vascular permeation						Lymphatic permeation						Tumor size (TS)										
	negative			positive			negative			positive			TS < 20 mm			TS > 20mm							
	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	p value	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	p value	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	p value		
Methylation index of MUC4 promoter																							
5mC	(19)	60.4	±27.5	(12)	72.8	±32.5	0.263	(8)	52.9	±30.4	(23)	69.5	±28.8	0.176	(6)	50.8	±30.0	(25)	68.6	±29.1	0.189		
5hmC	(19)	39.8	±40.9	(14)	20.8	±12.3	0.199	**	(9)	31.8	±24.8	(24)	31.7	±36.1	0.994	(8)	45.7	±39.7	(25)	27.3	±30.2	0.254	**
Expression level of mRNA																							
MUC4	(19)	2.44	±0.76	(14)	2.45	±1.07	0.962	(9)	2.58	±0.73	(24)	2.39	±0.95	0.599	(8)	2.70	±0.61	(25)	2.36	±0.95	0.351		
TET1	(19)	1.99	±0.64	(14)	1.83	±0.62	0.488	(9)	2.33	±0.76	(24)	1.77	±0.51	0.020	(8)	2.40	±0.69	(25)	1.77	±0.54	0.011		
TET2	(17)	0.34	±0.51	(14)	0.22	±0.65	0.588	(7)	0.46	±0.46	(24)	0.24	±0.60	0.375	(7)	0.50	±0.40	(24)	0.22	±0.61	0.264		
TET3	(18)	2.45	±0.93	(14)	2.72	±0.58	0.346	(8)	2.49	±0.71	(24)	2.59	±0.83	0.780	(7)	2.55	±0.71	(25)	2.57	±0.83	0.955		
AICDA	(19)	2.32	±0.60	(14)	2.28	±0.72	0.868	(9)	2.58	±0.63	(24)	2.20	±0.62	0.127	(8)	2.43	±0.58	(25)	2.27	±0.67	0.541		
GCM1	(19)	1.63	±0.68	(14)	1.58	±0.62	0.815	(9)	1.89	±0.76	(24)	1.51	±0.58	0.130	(8)	1.82	±0.63	(25)	1.54	±0.65	0.295		
Dnmt1	(18)	0.08	±0.64	(14)	-0.05	±0.52	0.527	(9)	0.37	±0.57	(23)	-0.11	±0.54	0.032	(8)	0.31	±0.47	(24)	-0.07	±0.60	0.117		
Dnmt3a	(18)	0.11	±0.46	(14)	-0.06	±0.49	0.330	(9)	0.40	±0.45	(23)	-0.10	±0.41	0.005	(8)	0.38	±0.43	(24)	-0.08	±0.44	0.014		

c) comparison between neoplasm and non-neoasm

Vascular permeation positive						Lymphatic permeation positive						Early stage (TS < 20 mm)										
non-neoplastic region			neoplastic region			non-neoplastic region			neoplastic region			non-neoplastic region			neoplastic region							
n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	n	mean	±SD	p value ^p				
Methylation index of <i>MUC4</i> promoter																						
5mC	(12)	70.7	±28.1	(12)	72.8	±32.5	0.707	(23)	65.8	±24.5	(23)	69.5	±28.8	0.370	(6)	41.6	±18.9	(6)	50.8	±30.0	0.257	
5hmC	(14)	17.8	±12.4	(14)	20.8	±12.3	0.420	(24)	14.6	±10.0	(24)	31.7	±36.1	0.004	**	(8)	24.4	±28.3	(8)	45.7	±39.7	0.297
Expression level of mRNA																						
MUC4	(14)	2.13	±0.72	(14)	2.45	±1.07	0.178	(24)	2.25	±0.78	(24)	2.39	±0.95	0.384	(8)	2.23	±0.82	(8)	2.70	±0.61	0.084	
TET1	(14)	1.79	±0.45	(14)	1.83	±0.62	0.770	(24)	1.79	±0.41	(24)	1.77	±0.51	0.750	(8)	1.97	±0.45	(8)	2.40	±0.69	0.009	
TET2	(14)	0.25	±0.66	(14)	0.22	±0.65	0.861	(24)	0.29	±0.76	(24)	0.24	±0.60	0.579	(7)	-0.01	±0.66	(7)	0.50	±0.40	0.016	
TET3	(14)	2.46	±0.77	(14)	2.72	±0.58	0.157	(24)	2.68	±0.66	(24)	2.59	±0.83	0.563	(7)	2.21	±0.88	(7)	2.55	±0.71	0.500	
AICDA	(14)	2.27	±0.56	(14)	2.28	±0.72	0.901	(24)	2.28	±0.58	(24)	2.20	±0.62	0.512	(8)	2.53	±0.54	(8)	2.43	±0.58	0.567	
GCM1	(14)	1.58	±0.33	(14)	1.58	±0.62	0.987	(24)	1.58	±0.45	(24)	1.51	±0.58	0.485	(8)	1.91	±0.37	(8)	1.82	±0.63	0.679	
Dnmt1	(14)	-0.06	±0.53	(14)	-0.05	±0.52	0.934	(23)	0.01	±0.57	(23)	-0.11	±0.54	0.213	(8)	0.00	±0.57	(8)	0.31	±0.47	0.179	
Dnmt3a	(14)	0.01	±0.40	(14)	-0.06	±0.49	0.357	(23)	-0.03	±0.39	(23)	-0.10	±0.41	0.089	(8)	0.28	±0.33	(8)	0.38	±0.43	0.194	

ks.test is Kolmogorov–Smirnov test. Performs an F test to compare the variances of two samples from normal populations. p value is calculated by equal variance t test, Unequal variance t test (*) or Mann-Whitney U test (**), p value p is calculated by paired t test. n: negative, p: positive, N: non-neoplastic region, T: neoplastic region, E: Early stage (T score=1a), L: Late stage (T score>1a)