Fatty acid 2-hydroxylation inhibits tumor growth and increases sensitivity to cisplatin in gastric cancer

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Supplementary Fig. 1. Enhanced Gli1 expression was significantly correlated with TNM stage and LNM.

a-b) Relative expression of FA2H and Gli1 in 18 paired tissue samples.

c-d) The IHC score of FA2H and Gli1 in cancer tissue with or without Lymph node metastasis (LNM).

e-f) The IHC score of FA2H and Gli1 in cancer tissue with TNM stage I-II or III-IV.

*, P < 0.05; **, P < 0.01; ***, P < 0.001.



Supplementary Fig. 2. The expression of FA2H and Gli1 is in association with LNM and TNM.

a-d) Kaplan-Meier curves for overall survival of 49 samples without lymph node metastasis (a), 68 with lymph node metastasis (b), 62 in TNM stage I-II (c), and 55 in TNM stage III-IV (d) according to the expression of FA2H. Cohorts were stratified by the median FA2H expression value of 117 gastric cancer samples (- indicates negative, + indicates positive). The color-shaded areas around the estimated survival curves represent the 95% confidence bands.

e-h) Correlation between Gli1 and FA2H expression levels in 49 samples without lymph node metastasis (e), 68 with lymph node metastasis (f), 62 in TNM stage I-II (g), and 55 in TNM stage III-IV (h). The gray-shaded areas around the estimated regression lines represent the 95% confidence bands.



Supplementary Fig. 3. Regulation of proliferation, migration and resistance to chemotherapy by Gli1. a-b) The whole cell lysates from different cell lines including 5 GC cell lines (MGC803, HGC27, SGC7901, MKN45, AGS) and a normal gastric cell line (GES-1) were prepared and subjected to Western blot analysis (a). (b) The expression levels of FA2H and Gli1 were quantified as histogram. The bands were quantified and presented as the mean \pm SEM (n = 3). c) The Western blot of Gli1 expression in SGC7901 cells in untreated (CTL) or transfected with negative control siRNA (NC) or siRNA against Gli1 (Gli1 KD) groups. d) MTT assay was used to test the proliferation ability of SGC7901 cells in CTL, NC or Gli1 KD group after incubation for 24 h, 48 h and 72 h. Statistical significance: Gli1 KD group versus NC and CTL groups showed P < 0.05 at least from 48 h to 72 h. e-f) Migration assay of SGC7901 cells in CTL, NC or Gli1 KD group after incubation for 24 h. (e) Representative photographs are presented (Scale bar, 100 µm) and (f) the relative number of migratory cells were counted and presented as mean \pm SEM (n = 3). g-h) Invasive ability of SGC7901 cells in CTL, NC or Gli1 KD group after incubation for 24 h, 48 h and 72 h (g). (h) Wound healing rate (%) was quantified and presented as the mean \pm SEM (n=3). i) MTT assay of SGC7901 cells in CTL, NC or Gli1 KD group in response to cisplatin, presented as mean \pm SEM (n = 3). Statistical significance: GLI1 KD group versus NC and CTL groups showed P < 0.05 at least from 1 μ M to 10 μ M. *, P < 0.05; **, *P* < 0.01; ***, *P* < 0.001.



Supplementary Fig. 4. Inhibition of Akt or mTOR decreases Gli1 level. a-b) MKN45 and SGC7901 were untreated (CTL) or treated with DMSO, 5 µM A6730, 10 µM A6730, 20 µM A6730 for 24 h. (a) The whole cell lysates were prepared and subjected to Western blot analysis with antibodies directed against each specific protein as indicated. (b) The bands were quantified and presented as the mean \pm SEM (n = 3). c-d) MKN45 and SGC7901 were untreated (CTL) or treated with DMSO, $0.5 \,\mu$ M Rapamycin, 1 µM Rapamycin for 24 h. (c) The whole cell lysates were prepared and subjected to Western blot analysis with antibodies directed against each specific protein as indicated. (d) The bands were quantified and presented as the mean \pm SEM (n = 3). e) MTT assay of MKN45 and SGC7901 cells untreated (CTL) or pre-treated with 10 µm Gant61 (G), 1 µm Rapamycin (Rap) or 1 µM Rapamycin in combination with 10 μ M Gant61 (G+Ra) in response to cisplatin, presented as mean \pm SEM (n = 3). Statistical significance for MKN45: G treatment group versus control group showed P <0.01 at 5 μ M; R treatment group versus control group showed P < 0.01 at 5 μ M; G+R treatment group *versus* control group showed P < 0.05 at least from 1 μ M to 10 μ M. Statistical significance for SGC7901: G treatment group *versus* control group showed P < 0.05 at least from 1µM onwards; R treatment group *versus* control group showed P < 0.05 at least from 5 μ M onwards; G+R treatment group *versus* control group showed P < 0.05 at least from 1 µM onwards. *, P < 0.05; **, P < 0.01; ***, *P* < 0.001.



Supplementary Figure 5. FA2H knockdown promotes while (R)-2-OHPA inhibited in vivo tumorigenesis of SGC7901 cells.

a-c) SGC7901 cells stably expressing FA2H shRNA (KD) or control shRNA (NC) were transplanted into nude mice (n = 8). (a) The volumes of the tumors were measured twice a week during the indicated period. (b)The average tumor mass of each group was also presented. (c) IHC staining of Gli1 and FA2H in representative tumors (Scale bar, 100 μ m). **d-f)** SGC7901 cells were transplanted into nude mice (n = 5) which untreated (CTL), or received 15 μ mol/kg (R)-2-OHPA, 5 mg/kg cisplatin (CIS), cisplatin combination with (R)-2-OHPA (CIS+2R). (d) The volumes of the tumors were measured twice a week during the indicated period. (e) The average tumor mass of each group was also presented. (f) IHC staining of Gli1 in representative tumors (Scale bar, 100 μ m). *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001. **Supplementary Table 1.** FA2H and Gli1 expression of human gastric cancer tumors and matched surrounding normal tissues.

	FA	A2H	G	Əli1
	positive	negative	positive	negative
Tumor tissues	61	56	73	44
Normal tissues	98	19	26	91
P value		< 0.001		< 0.001

		Gli1		FA2H		
	Negative	Positive	P value	Negative	Positive	P value
Age (years)						
≤60	14	30	0.316	21	2	0.982
>60	30	43		35	38	
Gender						
Male	34	56	0.944	41	49	0.362
Female	10	17		15	12	
Tumor size (cm)						
≤5	36	43	0.010*	29	50	<0.001***
>5	8	30		27	11	
Depth of tumor invasion						
T1-2	19	12	0.001**	6	25	<0.001***
T3-4	25	61		50	36	
Lymph node metastasis						
No	31	18	<0.001***	10	39	<0.001***
Yes	13	55		46	22	
Degree of differentiation						
Well	24	35	0.489	22	37	0.021*
Poor	20	38		34	24	
Venous invasion						
Negative	37	41	0.002**	31	47	0.013*
Positive	7	32		25	14	
Neural invasion						
Negative	31	47	0.500	35	43	0.360
Positive	13	26		21	18	
TNM staging						
I-II	35	27	<0.001***	14	48	<0.001***
III-IV	9	46		42	13	

Supplementary Table 2. Association between Gli1/FA2H and clinic-pathological factors in 117 patients with gastric cancer.

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Varieties	n	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis			
		HR	95% CI	Р	HR	95% CI	Р
Age (≤60 or >60 years)	44/73	0.808	0.519-1.257	0.344			
Gender (Male / Female)	90/27	0.938	0.569-1.47	0.803			
Size of tumor (\leq 5 or >5 cm)		0.356	0.226-0.560	<0.001***	0.835	0.475-1.468	0.518
Depth of tumor invasion (T1-2 / T3-4)		0.250	0.148-0.425	<0.001***	0.403	0.208-0.781	0.007**
Lymph node metastasis (negative / positive)		0.278	0.175-0.441	<0.001***	0.472	0.228-0.978	0.045*
Degree of differentiation (differentiated or	59/58	0.622	0.409-0.946	0.026*	0.801	0.503-1.275	0.333
undifferentiated)							
Venous invasion (negative / positive)		0.384	0.247-0.597	<0.001***	0.723	0.426-1.229	0.245
Neural invasion (positive / negative)		0.489	0.314-0.761	0.002**	1.072	0.626-1.836	0.801
TNM staging (I-II / III-IV)		0.243	0.153-0.385	<0.001***	1.426	0.625-3.254	0.397
FA2H expression (negative / positive)	56/61	3.735	2.379-5.862	<0.001***	2.219	1.240-3.969	0.008**
Gli1 expression (negative/ positive)		0.425	0.270-0.668	<0.001***	0.828	0.480-1.426	0.394

Supplementary Table 3. Results of univariate and multivariate analyses of underwent gastrectomy patients' survival by Cox's proportional hazard model.

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Name	Company	Catalog Number	RRID				
Phospho-mTOR (S2448)	Abcam	ab1093	AB_297588				
Gli1	Abcam	ab151796	Not available				
Smoothened (SMO)	Abcam	ab38686	AB_882615				
ΑΜΡΚα	Cell Signaling Technology	2532	AB_330331				
Phospho-AMPKα (Thr172)	Cell Signaling Technology	2535	AB_331250				
Akt	Cell Signaling Technology	9272	AB_329827				
Phospho-Akt (Ser473)	Cell Signaling Technology	4058	AB_331168				
Phospho-p70 S6 Kinase (Thr389)	Cell Signaling Technology	9205	AB_330944				
α-tubilin	Sigma-Aldrich	T6199	AB_477583				

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Rabbit anti-hFA2H antibody was kindly provided by Dr. Hama Hiroko (University of South Carolina) and rabbit anti-GLUT1 from Dr. Mike Mueckler (Washington University in St. Louis) *RRID*: Research Resource Identifier.