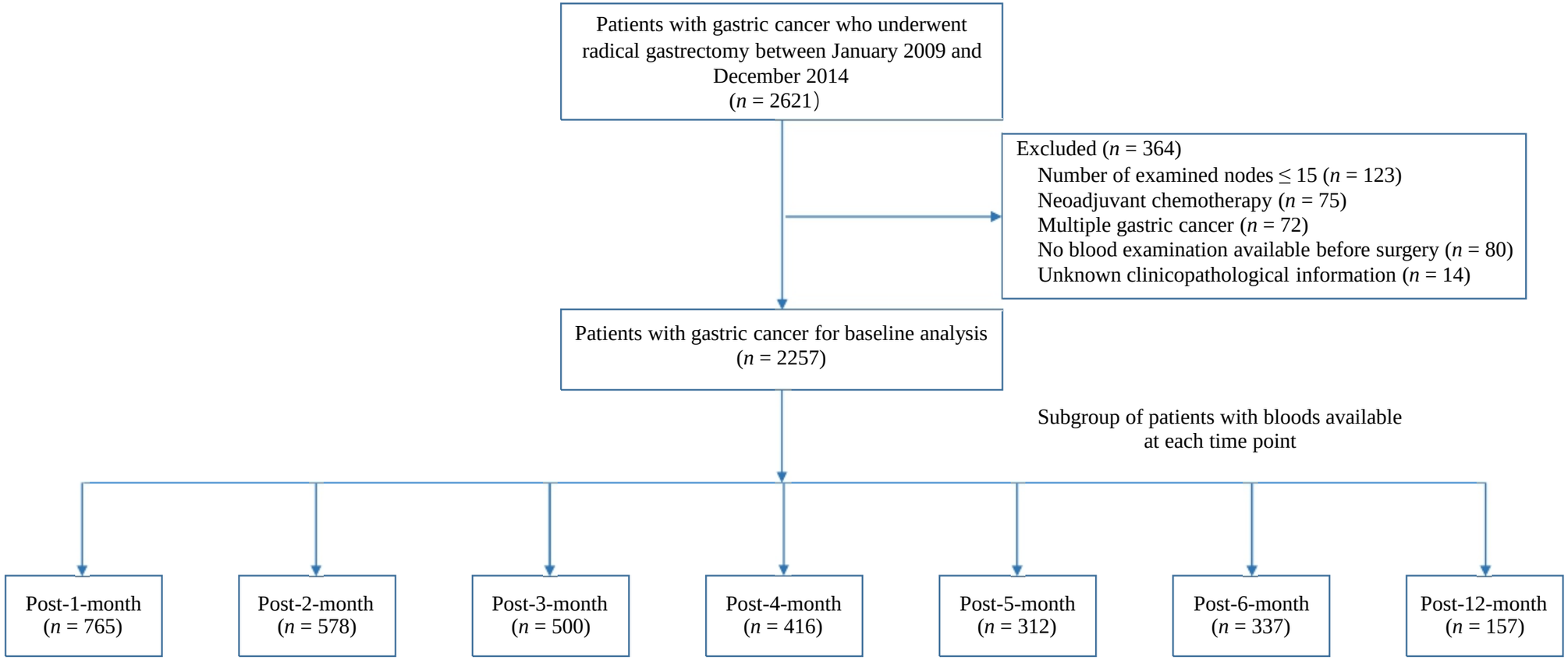
Patients with gastric cancer who underwent radical gastrectomy between January 2009 and December 2014
(n = 2621)
Excluded (n = 364)
Number of examined nodes ≤ 15 (n = 123)
Neoadjuvant chemotherapy (n = 75)
Multiple gastric cancer (n = 72)
No blood examination available before surgery (n = 80)
Unknown clinicopathological information (n = 14)
Patients with gastric cancer for baseline analysis
(n = 2257)
Subgroup of patients with bloods available at each time point
Post-1-month
(n = 765)
Post-2-month
(n = 578)
Post-3-month
(n = 500)
Post-4-month
(n = 416)
Post-5-month
(n = 312)
Post-6-month
(n = 337)
Post-12-month
(n = 157)