

Table SI. Clinicopathological variables and METTL3 protein expression in gastric cancer patients.

Variable	n	METTL3 expression		P-value
		High <sup>b</sup> (n=37)	Low (n=37)	
Sex				1 <sup>c</sup>
Male	56	28	28	
Female	18	9	9	
Age, years				0.82 <sup>c</sup>
<69 <sup>a</sup>	33	16	17	
≥69	41	21	20	
Histological type				0.48 <sup>c</sup>
Intestinal type	43	23	20	
Diffuse type	31	14	17	
Pathological T category				1 <sup>c</sup>
pT1/2	28	14	14	
pT3/4	46	23	23	
Vessel invasion				1 <sup>c</sup>
Present	54	27	27	
Absent	20	10	10	
Lymphovascular invasion				0.77 <sup>c</sup>
Present	59	30	29	
Absent	15	7	8	
Lymph node metastasis				1 <sup>c</sup>
Present	42	21	21	

Absent	32	16	16	
Distant metastasis				1 <sup>c</sup>
Present	22	11	11	
Absent	52	26	26	
UICC TNM classification				0.99 <sup>d</sup>
Stage I	27	14	13	
Stage II	13	6	7	
Stage III	12	6	6	
Stage IV	22	11	11	

<sup>a</sup>Median age at surgery was 69 years in this cohort; <sup>b</sup>Cutoff threshold of METTL3 expression was determined by ROC analysis with Youden's index for overall survival of GC patients; <sup>c</sup> $\chi^2$  test; <sup>d</sup>Cochran-Armitage test for trend. METTL3, methyltransferase-like 3; GC, gastric cancer.