

Figure S1. Immunohistochemistry controls. Representative images showing negative and positive controls for FGF10 (top row) and FGFR2 (bottom row) immunohistochemical staining in normal intestinal tissue. Negative controls (left panels) showed no notable immunoreactivity. In the positive controls (right panels), expression in plasma cells confirmed FGF10 staining and expression in the glandular epithelium served as a control for FGFR2. Insets are higher magnification views of boxed areas in the positive control images. Scale bars: black, 50 μm ; red (insets), 5 μm . FGF10, fibroblast growth factor 10; FGFR2, fibroblast growth factor receptor 2.

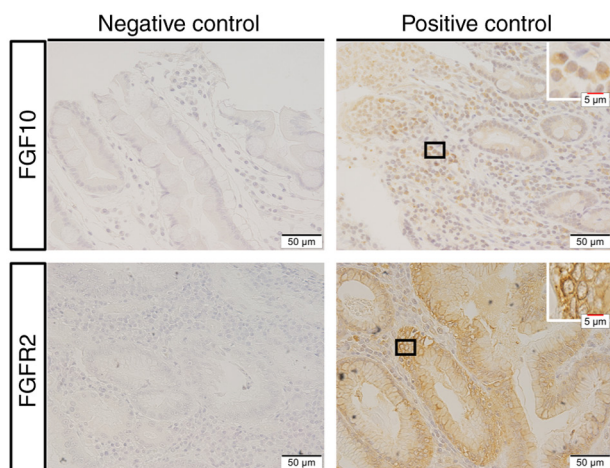


Figure S2. Flowchart illustrating patient selection process. Among patients who underwent gastrectomy for gastric tumors at Gifu University Hospital between June 1, 2000, and December 31, 2008, 117 cases were ultimately included in the study cohort, after applying the exclusion criteria.

