

Table SI. Baseline characteristics of the 24 matched EBV-positive and EBV-negative gastric cancer patient pairs.

Variable	EBV-positive (n=24)	EBV-negative (n=24)	P-value
Mean age $\pm$ SD, years	63.0 $\pm$ 9.4	63.2 $\pm$ 8.9	0.94 ^a
Mean maximum tumor diameter + SD, cm	5.0 $\pm$ 2.3	4.6 $\pm$ 2.1	0.44 ^a
Sex (males), n (%)	22 (91.7)	22 (91.7)	1.00 ^b
T stage (T1/T2/T3/T4), n	3/5/8/8	3/5/8/8	1.00 ^c
N stage (N0/N1/N2/N3), n	7/5/3/9	7/5/3/9	1.00 ^c
Postoperative chemotherapy (yes), n (%)	14 (58.3)	14 (58.3)	1.00 ^b

^aPaired t-test for continuous variables; ^bMcNemar's test for 2x2 categorical variables; ^c χ^2 test (or Fisher's exact test) for 4x2 contingency tables. All P-values are two-sided. EBV, Epstein-Barr virus.