



**S1 Fig.** Representative findings of immunohistochemical staining for CD44v9 and Ki-67 expression in early gastric cancer cells ( $\times 200$ ). (A) Negative ( $< 5\%$ ), (B) 1+(5%-19%), (C) 2+(20%-49%), and (D) 3+(50%-100%) for CD44v9 expression. (E) Negative ( $< 5\%$ ), (F) 1+(5%-19%), (G) 2+(20%-49%), and (H) 3+(50%-100%) for Ki-67 expression.