S3 Table. Baseline characteristics of advanced gastric cancer patients

	Group A (n=45)	Group B (n=58)	Group C (n=59)	p-value
Age (yr)	61 (37-81)	62.5 (24-78)	67 (26-85)	0.014
Sex				
Male	26 (57.8)	42 (72.4)	40 (67.8)	0.330
Female	19 (42.2)	16 (27.6)	19 (32.2)	
Location				
Upper	7 (15.6)	11 (19.0)	11 (18.6)	0.714
Middle	8 (17.8)	13 (22.4)	6 (10.2)	
Lower	30 (66.7)	34 (58.6)	42 (71.2)	
Operation				
Subtotal gastrectomy	28 (62.2)	34 (58.6)	32 (54.2)	0.492
Total gastrectomy	14 (31.1)	21 (36.2)	24 (40.7)	
Proximal gastrectomy	2 (4.4)	2 (3.5)	3 (5.1)	
Wedge resection	1 (2.2)	1 (1.7)	0 (0.0)	
No. of lymph nodes dissection				
< 15	4 (8.9)	4 (6.9)	5 (8.5)	0.964
≥ 15	41 (91.1)	54 (93.1)	54 (91.5)	
Regional lymph node metastasis				
Negative	17 (37.8)	17 (29.3)	20 (33.9)	0.728
Positive	28 (62.2)	41 (70.7)	39 (66.1)	
TNM stage				
I	6 (13.3)	6 (10.3)	11 (18.6)	0.438
II	16 (35.6)	20 (34.5)	21 (35.6)	
III	23 (51.1)	32 (55.2)	27 (45.8)	
Tumor size (cm)	5.5 (2.0-17.0)	5.0 (1.0-13.0)	6.0 (1.3-15.0)	0.554
WHO classification				
Well-differentiated				
Moderately-differentiated	4 (8.9)	7 (12.1)	6 (10.2)	0.316
Poorly-differentiated and others[a]	11 (24.4)	16 (27.6)	20 (33.9)	
	30 (66.7)	35 (60.3)	33 (55.9)	

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Intestinal	23 (51.1)	35 (60.3)	48 (81.4)	0.002
Diffuse	21 (46.7)	18 (31.0)	9 (15.3)	
Mixed	1 (2.2)	5 (8.6)	2 (3.4)	

Values are presented as median (range) or number (%). [a]Undifferentiated and mucinous adenocarcinoma, and signet-ring cell carcinoma were included.