

Supplementary File 1:

Search strategy in PUBMED	
#1	"stomach neoplasms"[Mesh] OR "gastric neoplasms"[tiab] OR "stomach cancer"[tiab] OR "gastric cancer"[tiab]
#2	"Interleukin-6"[Mesh] OR "IL-6"[tiab] OR "Interleukin-6"[tiab] OR "interleukin 6"[tiab]
#3	#1 AND #2
Search strategy in SCOPUS	
#1	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("stomach neoplasms" OR "gastric neoplasms" OR "stomach cancer" OR "gastric cancer")
#2	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("Interleukin-6" OR "IL-6" OR "interleukin 6")
#3	#1 AND #2
Search strategy in Web of Science	
#1	("stomach neoplasms" OR "gastric neoplasms" OR "stomach cancer" OR "gastric cancer") (Topic)
#2	"Interleukin-6" OR "IL-6" OR "interleukin 6") (Topic)
#3	#1 AND #2 AND #3
Search strategy in EMBASE	
#1	('stomach cancer/exp OR 'cancer of the cardia' OR 'cancer of the gastric antrum' OR 'cancer of the gastric body' OR 'cancer of the gastric cardia' OR 'cancer of the gastric fundus' OR 'cancer, stomach' OR 'cardia cancer' OR 'gastric antral cancer' OR 'gastric antrum cancer' OR 'gastric body cancer' OR 'gastric cancer' OR 'gastric cardia cancer' OR 'gastric cardiac cancer' OR 'gastric malignancies' OR 'gastric malignancy' OR 'malignancies of the stomach' OR 'malignancy of the stomach' OR 'malignant gastric neoplasm' OR 'malignant gastric tumor' OR 'malignant neoplasm of the stomach' OR 'malignant neoplasms of the stomach' OR 'malignant tumor of the stomach' OR 'malignant tumors of the stomach' OR 'malignant tumour of the stomach' OR 'malignant tumours of the stomach' OR 'pyloric cancer' OR 'stomach cancer' OR 'stomach malignancies' OR 'stomach malignancy')
#2	('interleukin 6/exp OR '26 k protein' OR 'b cell stimulatory factor 2' OR 'b cell stimulating factor 2' OR 'b lymphocyte stimulating factor 2' OR 'beta 2 interferon' OR 'beta2 interferon' OR 'bsf 2' OR 'bsf2' OR 'hepatocyte stimulating factor' OR 'il 6' OR 'interferon beta 2' OR 'interferon beta2' OR 'interleukin 6' OR 'interleukin b' OR 'interleukin hp1' OR 'interleukin-6' OR 'liver cell stimulating factor' OR 'plasmacytoma growth factor' OR 'protein 26k')
#3	#1 AND #2