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Abstract We report endoscopic polypectomy with a detachable snare in a patient with a hemorrhagic pedunculated duodenal lipoma. A 67-year-old man with a history of spinal canal stenosis was admitted to our hospital because of recurrent tarry stools and anemia. Esophagogastroduodenoscopy revealed a pedunculated submucosal tumor measuring approximately 4 cm, in the second part of the duodenum. The tumor had a slightly yellowish coloration, and longitudinal erosion was noted on the surface of the tumor. There were no significant findings in the esophagus, stomach and bulbs. Barium study revealed a pedunculated submucosal tumor measuring 40 × 12 mm in the second portion of the duodenum. We judged that the submucosal tumor may have been the hemorrhagic source, and removed it by endoscopic snare polypectomy with a detachable snare. No complications occurred during endoscopic procedures. Histopathological examination revealed that the tumor was composed of mature adipose tissue in the submucosa, which was consistent with a diagnosis of lipoma. In our experience, endoscopic polypectomy with a detachable snare is useful for the treatment of hemorrhagic pedunculated duodenal lipoma.

Key words: pedunculated duodenal lipoma, endoscopic polypectomy, detachable snare

Introduction

Duodenal lipoma is relatively rare and generally located in the second portion of the duodenum1). Most cases are asymptomatic, with a small tumor size, and do not need any special treatment1). However, severe complications such as bleeding, intussusception and obstruction sometimes occur1)2). The treatment of symptomatic duodenal lipoma is usually surgical, such as duodenotomy and laparotomy1)2). However, minimally invasive endoscopic treatment may be applied to manage hemorrhage from duodenal lipoma, following recent progress in endoscopic technology3)~5). The following report describes a patient with hemorrhagic pedunculated duodenal lipoma successfully treated with endoscopic polypectomy with a detachable snare.

Case Report

A 67-year-old man with a history of spinal canal stenosis was admitted to our hospital because of tarry stools and anemia. He had sinus tachycardia with hemoglobin of 107 g/L (10.7 g/dL) and a hematocrit of 32.3%. The platelet count and biochemistry results were all within normal limits. Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) revealed a pedunculated submucosal tumor, measuring approximately 4 cm, in the second part of the duodenum (Fig. 1a). The tumor had a slightly yellowish coloration, and longitudinal
erosion was noted on the surface of the tumor (Fig. 1b). Also, it was positive for a cushion sign. There were no significant findings in the esophagus, stomach and bulb. Barium study revealed a pedunculated submucosal tumor measuring 40 × 12 mm in the second portion of the duodenum (Fig. 2). We judged that the submucosal tumor may have been the hemorrhagic source, and removed it by endoscopic snare polypectomy with a detachable snare (Fig. 3). No complications occurred during endoscopic procedures. The resected specimen was covered by normal duodenal mucosa with longitudinal erosion. Histopathological examination revealed that the tumor was composed of mature adipose tissue in the submucosa, which was consistent with a diagnosis of lipoma (Fig. 4). There have been no further episodes of bleeding in the 10 months since this treatment.

**Discussion**

Lipoma is a benign, mesenchymal tumor that arises from the submucosa. In the gastrointestinal tract, the colon is the most common location of lipomas, but they are also found in the ileum, duodenum and jejunum, in decreasing order of frequency. In one series of 115,251 routine autopsies reported by Suire and Gousse, there were only 26 lipomas of the duodenum. Therefore, duodenal lipoma is a rare tumor in the gastrointestinal tract.

Most cases of duodenal lipoma are asymptomatic, with a small tumor size, and do not need any special treatment. However, severe complications such as bleeding, intussusception and obstruction occur in cases of duodenal lipoma greater than 4 cm in diameter. Duodenal lipoma can cause bleeding, ranging from hypochromic microcystic anemia to massive upper gastrointestinal hemorrhage. The overlying mucosa of the duodenal lipoma is usually normal, but there may be areas of ulceration or erosion. The mechanisms of erosion or ulceration are probably mucosal pressure atrophy or peristalsis that lead to elongating and stretching, with necrosis of the overlying epithelial layers.

In our case, EGD revealed longitudinal erosion on the surface of the duodenal lipoma. Therefore, we judged that this lesion may have been the hemorrhagic source.

EGD is often performed for the diagnosis of duodenal lipoma. The endoscopic finding of lipoma is characterized by a smooth hemispherical lesion with a broad base, but the shape of duodenal lipoma is variable and may become sessile or pedunculated. The treatment of symptomatic lipoma of gastrointestinal tract is usually surgical, such as duodenotomy and
Michel et al. have reported that acute gastrointestinal hemorrhage was found in 5.5% of 218 cases of duodenal lipoma, all of which were subjected to laparotomy. However, duodenal lipoma is easily and safely removed endoscopically if it is pedunculated, whereas removing pedunculated colonic lipoma by snare polypectomy has a high incidence of perforation. In our case, endoscopic polypectomy was easily performed. In addition, no complications occurred during endoscopic procedures. However, polypectomy-related bleeding should be considered. Endoscopic polypectomy in the duodenum might be accompanied by a higher incidence of bleeding than colonic polypectomy as a result of the more vascular nature of the duodenum. Detachable snare seems to solve this problem. Detachable snare, also referred to as endoloop device, was initially designed for the endoscopic ligation of the base of an elevated lesion instead of surgical suture ligation. This snare surrounds the base of an elevated lesion with a specially manufactured nylon-thread loop, which is then tightened. Hachisu have reported that detachable snare prevented postpolypectomy bleeding in 90.9% of patients with large polyps or other pedunculated elevated lesions. Ishii et al. have reported that no bleeding occurred either during or after a polypectomy using a detachable snare for large pedunculated colorectal polyps, while bleeding occurred much more frequently without the use of such a snare. Some case reports have also shown that detachable snare was useful for the prevention of polypectomy-related bleeding.

In our case, no bleeding occurred either during or after endoscopic procedures. We think that detachable snare can be safely and successfully used for the treatment of pedunculated duodenal lipoma. However, little information is available.
with regard to the usefulness and safety of detachable snares for pedunculated duodenal lipoma, and further clinical studies are needed.

In conclusion, we demonstrated the case of pedunculated duodenal lipoma successfully treated with endoscopic polypectomy with a detachable snares. We believe that this technique can be safely and successfully used for the treatment of pedunculated duodenal lipoma.

References


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留置スネアを併用し内視鏡下に切除した
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67歳の男性が黒色便を主訴に当院に紹介された。上部消化管内視鏡検査を施行し、十二指腸下行部に表面平滑で有茎性の粘膜下腫瘍を認めた。病変の色調はわずかに黄色調で、表面に縦走するびらんを認めた。低緊張性十二指腸造影検査では十二指腸下行部に透視上40×12mmの山田IV型の立ち上がりを呈する表面平滑な隆起性病変として描出された。各種検査の結果、出血源と判断し、留置スネアを併用した内視鏡的切除術を施行した。内視鏡的切除に関し明らかなる術中及び術後の合併症は認められなかった。術後病理組織学的検索では、粘膜下層において成熟した脂肪組織の増生を認め、十二指腸脂肪腫と診断された。有茎性の十二指腸脂肪腫に対し留置スネアを併用した内視鏡的切除術は有用と考えられた。