A case of high grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia diagnosed by endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration

We report a case of high grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia diagnosed by endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration (EUS-FNA) (▶ Video 1). The patient was a 68-year-old man who came for a checkup. Main pancreatic duct (MPD) dilatation was observed on abdominal ultrasonography. His tumor marker levels were normal. Contrast-enhanced computed tomography showed a dilated caudal MPD and pancreatic parenchyma atrophy, consistent with the interruption of the MPD in the pancreatic body (▶ Fig. 1). Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography revealed caudal MPD dilatation and a small cystic lesion around the MPD stenosis. Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) showed a faint 10-mm hypoechoic area around the pancreatic duct with indistinct borders, irregular contours, and heterogeneous internal echogenicity.

High grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia or minimally invasive carcinoma was suspected. Endoscopic pancreatography revealed a 20-mm stenosis in the MPD (▶ Fig. 2); endoscopic nasopancreatic drainage and subsequent pancreatic juice cytology were performed [1]. All samples were classified as Class III. EUS-FNA was performed to evaluate the faint hypoechoic area in order to exclude malignancy (▶ Fig. 3). Four punctures were performed using EZ-shot3 plus (22G; Olympus Medical Systems Corp., Tokyo, Japan). The patient developed mild pancreatitis that improved with conservative treatment.

The pathological diagnosis was adenocarcinoma (▶ Fig. 4). He underwent laparoscopic pancreatic tail resection with a preoperative diagnosis of T1aN0M0 stage I or TisN0M0 stage 0. Microscopic examination revealed papillary growth of high grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia.
There was no invasion of the pancreatic parenchyma. The final pathological diagnosis was TisN0M0 stage 0. We speculated that tumor cells could be confirmed by EUS-FNA because of the widespread presence of the high grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia in the branched pancreatic duct and the weak cell adhesion of the cancer. There has been only one previous report of high grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia diagnosed by EUS-FNA [2]. We encountered a high grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia case diagnosed by EUS-FNA as a rescue for negative pancreatic juice cytology.

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Fig. 5 Tumor cells with a high nuclear-to-cytoplasmic ratio with papillary growths in the pancreatic duct. There was no invasion into the pancreatic parenchyma, and the tumor was confined to the epithelium of the pancreatic duct, indicating high grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia. It was extensively present from the main pancreatic duct to the branch ducts.

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