Texture and color enhancement imaging facilitates the identification of pancreatic and bile duct orifices after endoscopic papillectomy

Endoscopic papillectomy has been previously reported for the treatment of localized ampullary adenomas; however, pancreatitis and cholangitis can occur as endoscopic papillectomy-related adverse events [1]. For the prevention of these endoscopic papillectomy-related adverse events, endoscopic pancreatic duct and biliary stenting have been reported as being useful [1–3]. Pancreatic or biliary cannulation after endoscopic papillectomy is however sometimes difficult as the identification of these orifices can be unclear. Herein, we report a case of endoscopic papillectomy using texture and color enhancement imaging (TXI) as part of a new-generation endoscopy system (EVIS X1; Olympus Medical Systems, Japan) [4], which facilitated the identification of the pancreatic and bile duct orifices.

A 77-year-old man with a 20-mm ampullary adenoma was referred to our facility (▶Fig. 1). Radical treatment was performed with endoscopic papillectomy (▶Video 1). The ampullary adenoma was resected using snare forceps. Subsequently, we attempted to perform pancreatic and biliary cannulation for pancreatic duct and biliary stenting; however, the orifices of the pancreatic duct and bile duct were unclear on white-light imaging (▶Fig. 2a). To identify the orifices, we therefore applied TXI, which made them clearer (▶Fig. 2b). Pancreatic and biliary cannulation were performed easily using TXI, which allowed complete pancreatic and biliary duct stenting (▶Fig. 3).

TXI is an imaging technique that optimizes three mucosal surface elements: structure, color, and brightness. It contributes to the improved observation of lesions [4]. TXI has also been reported to improve the ability of endoscopists to identify the papilla of Vater and for selective biliary cannulation [5]. In this case, TXI was extremely useful in identifying the orifices of the pancreatic and bile ducts after endoscopic papillectomy. Therefore, TXI could contribute to reducing the rate of endoscopic papillectomy-related adverse events, such as pancreatitis and cholangitis.

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Video 1
Successful endoscopic papillectomy using texture and color enhancement imaging, which facilitated the identification of the pancreatic and bile duct orifices.

Case

TXI was extremely useful in identifying the orifices of the pancreatic and bile duct after EP.

Bile duct orifice
Pancreatic duct orifice

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