Single-balloon-assisted endoscopy with peroral pancreatoscopy and electrohydraulic lithotripsy

The use of peroral pancreatoscopy (POPS) and electrohydraulic lithotripsy (EHL) to treat endoscopic pancreatic stones has recently been reported as an effective treatment [1]. Here, we report a case of successful removal of pancreatic stones with POPS (SpyScopeDII; Boston Scientific, Marlborough, Massachusetts, USA) and EHL using single-balloon-assisted endoscopy (BAE) in a patient with surgically altered anatomy.

A 73-year-old man underwent the Partington procedure secondary to alcoholic chronic pancreatitis with stones in the main pancreatic duct. However, the pancreatic stones recurred in the tail of the pancreas at the anastomotic site (Fig. 1). Although it was possible to reach the pancreatic jejunal anastomosis using BAE, it was difficult to remove the pancreatic stones using endoscopy alone. Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy was performed, but complete removal of the pancreatic stones was not possible. We decided to crush the pancreatic stones by using BAE with POPS and EHL. The BAE was inserted into the pancreatic jejunal anastomosis and the pancreatic duct was cannulated; pancreatography was then performed. After placing a guidewire in the pancreatic duct and dilating the anastomosis with a balloon dilation catheter (REN biliary dilation catheter; KANEKA, Osaka, Japan), the BAE was removed, leaving the guidewire and the overtube in place. The POPS

▶ Fig. 1 Computed tomography scan image showing recurrent stones in the main pancreatic duct in the tail of the pancreas at the anastomotic site.

▶ Video 1 Procedure for the removal of stones in the main pancreatic duct using single-balloon-assisted endoscopy with peroral pancreatoscopy and electrohydraulic lithotripsy.

▶ Fig. 2 Radiographic image showing the peroral pancreatoscope being inserted into the pancreatic duct through the overtube.

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Scope was smoothly inserted through the overtube into the pancreatic duct (▶Fig. 2). After confirming the pancreatic stones under direct vision (▶Fig. 3 a), they were crushed using EHL (▶Fig. 3 b), and were repeatedly removed using a basket catheter (Spyglass Retrieval Basket; Boston Scientific) under POPS guidance (▶Fig. 3 c). This novel procedure was concluded once all the pancreatic stones had been completely removed (▶Video 1). No adverse events were observed after the procedure, and the patient was discharged a few days later. The procedure described here is a potential endoscopic treatment option for pancreatic stones in patients with surgically altered anatomy.

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