Endoscopic submucosal dissection for residual gastric lesion made easier thanks to use of adaptative traction device

European guidelines recommend endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) for gastric dysplastic lesions to ensure en bloc resection and for a lower risk of recurrence than endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) [1]. However, this procedure is considered technically challenging especially for residual lesions in which the fibrosis after previous treatments can be found in the submucosal space and EMR is still performed with a local risk of recurrence. Herein, we report the case of a 66-year-old woman assessed for ESD of a residual dysplastic gastric lesion at the site of previous piecemeal EMR resection (posterior wall of antrum) (Video 1).

Several techniques, such as traction strategies, have already been described to facilitate these technically challenging procedures. In previous cases we reported the benefits of using a new adaptative multipolar traction system (A-TRACT) in different challenging resections. This device facilitates the dissection phase through exposing the submucosa and accelerating the procedure [2–5].

After circumferential incision with large margins and submucosal trimming, an adaptative traction device (A-TRACT 2) was used to improve submucosal exposure (Fig. 1). The two loops were fixed by clips at the edges of the lesion. The rubber band was fixed to the opposite wall to achieve 90° of traction and the dissection was started with traction. The device was tightened when exposure was poor, and the procedure was completed after 35 minutes with good submucosal exposure and no adverse events. Resection was R0 and the histopathology revealed an adenoma with low-grade dysplasia.

We can assume that this adaptative traction device can make ESD procedures feasible and faster, especially in selected cases like residual lesions, allowing curative endoscopic treatment.

Conflict of Interest

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