

Soehendra stent retriever – a useful device for pancreatic pseudocyst drainage



Fig. 1 Endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS)-guided transduodenal puncture of a pancreatic pseudocyst



Fig. 2 Endoscopic images showing: **a** an attempt being made to enter the cyst using a cystotome but the wall was too hard and thick; **b** a Soehendra stent retriever being introduced with clockwise rotational movements.

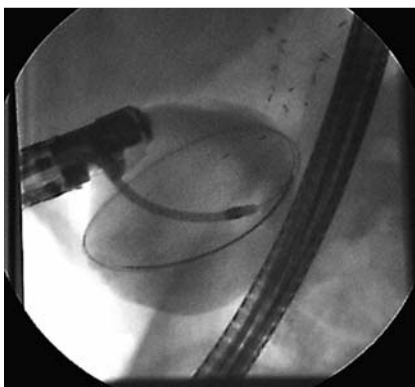


Fig. 3 Radiographic image of the Soehendra stent retriever, with which we were able to gain access to the pseudocyst.

A 52-year-old patient with chronic pancreatitis was admitted for drainage of two symptomatic pancreatic pseudocysts. Endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) showed pseudocysts in the pancreatic body and head of 50×40 mm and 30×20 mm in size, respectively.

We first performed transgastric drainage of the pancreatic body pseudocyst, using a lumen-apposing stent. In the same session, we approached the pancreatic head pseudocyst. A transduodenal puncture of the cyst was made with a 19-gauge needle (Fig. 1). A cystotome was used, but it failed to get through the hard and thick cystic wall (Fig. 2a). A through-

Video 1



A transduodenal puncture of the pancreatic head pseudocyst was made with a 19-gauge needle. Contrast was injected and a guidewire was inserted. Repeated attempts to access the cyst were unsuccessful using a 6-Fr cystotome and through-the-scope balloon dilation owing to its hard and thick wall. A 10-Fr Soehendra stent retriever was successfully introduced through the scope over the guidewire, using clockwise rotational movements while pushing the device into the cavity. An outpouring of the contents of the cyst into the duodenum was seen and a double-pigtail stent (8.5 Fr) was then inserted to drain the pseudocyst.

the-scope balloon dilation was attempted, but without success. A 10-Fr Soehendra stent retriever (SSR) was then introduced through the scope over the guidewire (Fig. 2b). As when it is used for difficult biliary stenoses [1,2], we performed clockwise rotational movements while pushing the device into the cavity (Fig. 3). This maneuver finally allowed access to the pseudocyst, which was confirmed by outpouring of the contents of the cyst into the duodenum (Fig. 4a). A double-pigtail stent (8.5 Fr, 4 cm) was inserted (Fig. 4b; Video 1), allowing efficient drainage.

The authors present this case to demonstrate the usefulness of the SSR, extending its utility, not only in difficult biliary stenosis but also as a device that may allow access into pancreatic pseudocysts with a hard and thick wall.

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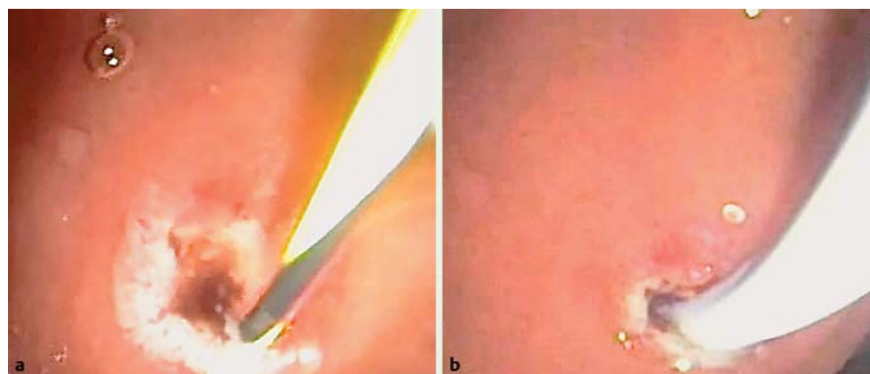


Fig. 4 Endoscopic images showing: **a** the content of the cyst draining into the duodenum after the pseudocyst had been accessed; **b** a double-pigtail stent that was inserted for pseudocyst drainage.

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