Peroral transhepatic cholangioscopy-guided electrohydraulic lithotripsy via an endoscopic ultrasonography-guided hepaticogastrostomy route for bile duct stones in a patient with Roux-en-Y anatomy

Endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS)-guided antegrade bile duct stone treatment has been developed for patients with altered anatomy [1–5]. Here, we present a case of successful bile duct stone treatment via an EUS-guided hepaticogastrostomy (EUS-HGS) route in the setting of prior Roux-en-Y reconstruction. Direct peroral transhepatic cholangioscopy-guided electronic hydraulic lithotripsy (EHL) and endoscopic papillary large-balloon dilation (EPLBD) were used.

An 84-year-old man with bile duct stones, acute cholecystitis, cholangitis, and a history of distal gastrectomy with Roux-en-Y reconstruction was referred to our hospital. As the papilla was inaccessible even with balloon enteroscopy, only percutaneous transhepatic gallbladder drainage had been previously performed.

Transhepatic EUS-guided antegrade treatment was selected for the treatment of the bile duct stones. A B3 branch duct was punctured using a 22-gauge needle, and a 0.018-inch guidewire (NovaGold; Boston Scientific Japan, Tokyo, Japan) was placed. EUS-guided antegrade cholangiography revealed multiple bile duct stones (Fig. 1a). After exchanging to a 0.035-inch guidewire (Jagwire Plus High Performance Guidewire; Boston Scientific), we performed EPLBD (Giga, 13–15mm; Century Medical, Tokyo, Japan) under fluoroscopic guidance (Fig. 1b), but were unable to extract the bile duct stones using a retrieval balloon (Extractor Pro RX retrieval balloon catheter, 15–18mm; Boston Scientific) (Video 1). A partially covered self-expandable metallic stent (WallFlex, 10×60mm, Boston) was placed without complications (Fig. 1c).

Then 1 month later, we performed EHL under direct antegrade peroral video cholangioscopy (SpyGlass DS; Boston Scientific) using a therapeutic duodenoscope via an EUS-HGS route (Fig. 2, Video 2). However, extraction of the bile duct stones, this time by basket and balloon catheter, again failed. Therefore, 2 months later, we repeated EPLBD, and achieved complete clearance.
clearance of the bile duct stones with a balloon catheter (Fig. 3).

Although it is challenging, EUS-guided antegrade cholangiography should be recognized as a treatment in patients with altered gastrointestinal anatomy. We have recently reported successful EUS-ACC in one such case [4]. Tonozuka et al. have described laser lithotripsy via the EUS-HGS route after pancreaticoduodenectomy [5]. To our knowledge, this is the first report of treatment for bile duct stones with EHL via an EUS-HGS route guided by direct antegrade cholangioscopy.

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