Tumorous neo-vascularization: a newly recognized endoscopic feature of intestinal non-Hodgkin lymphoma

A 42-year-old man with Crohn’s disease (since 1995) underwent control endoscopy in May 2005 (Figure 1). A diagnosis of extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT)-type of the jejunum was made using histology and immunohistochemistry.

A 68-year-old man, who had previously undergone chemo- and radiotherapy for non-small-cell lung cancer (up to April 2005), was investigated in January 2006 for pathological neo-vascularization in both human and experimental oncology [4,5]. In both our cases, B-lymphocytes also expressed bcl-2 proteins in the lymphoma.

In conclusion, awareness of this unusual, newly recognized endoscopic feature of winding, tortuous, tumorous vessels, in both small and large bowel lymphoma, may be helpful for timely diagnosis.

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