Flat gastric epithelial neoplasm detected by endoscopic screening with autofluorescence imaging video endoscopy

Autofluorescence imaging (AFI) video endoscopy provides real-time color images from the computerization of captured fluorescence emitted from natural endogenous fluorophores that have been excited by light of specific wavelength. With early gastric cancers, AFI can visualize flat tumors, or the extent of isochromatic tumors, in a way that white-light endoscopy cannot [1]. Because of the difference in fluorescence properties between neoplasia and normal tissue, it was able to reveal a flat neoplasm that did not show up under white-light endoscopy. A 79-year-old man with history of endoscopic submucosal resection for early gastric cancer was scheduled to undergo follow-up examination in our endoscopy unit. Endoscopic screening was done using an AFI protosystem. The system consists of an image processor (XCV-260HP; Olympus Medical Systems Corp., Tokyo, Japan), a light source (XCLV-260HP), and a dedicated video endoscopy system by using autofluorescence and reflectance imaging for diagnosis of esophagogastric cancers. Gastrointest Endosc 2005; 62: 521–528

In our patient, autofluorescence observation showed a 20-mm blurred purple area in the prepylorus (Fig. 1) that was not clear in white-light images (Fig. 2). Magnifying NBI showed a fine-network microvascular pattern in the center, suggesting a differentiated-type adenocarcinoma (Fig. 3) [3]. With the extent of the tumor being established by both AFI and magnifying NBI, it was removed by endoscopic submucosal dissection. Histological examination of the resected specimen showed that it was well-differentiated tubular adenocarcinoma confined to the mucosa and with clear margins (Fig. 4, Video 1).

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