Magnetic beads-assisted endoscopic submucosal dissection of duodenal heterotopic gastric mucosa with fibrosis

A 53-year-old man was referred to our hospital for full evaluation of the nature of a lesion in the descending duodenum. Upper endoscopy showed a wide-based laterally spreading tumor-like mass (about 15 × 20 mm) with a depression at the top of the lesion (Fig. 1). Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) revealed a medium-echo lesion in the mucosal layer (Fig. 2). The biopsy result was inconclusive. Diagnostic endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) was attempted. However, despite repeated injections, lifting of the lesion was not satisfactory and the submucosal layer could not be exposed clearly, because of fibrosis (Fig. 3a). Magnetic beads were used to attach the thread of a magnetic bead to the edge of the mucosa. When two magnetic beads had been attached, the cutting line was clearly exposed and the lesion was smoothly dissected en bloc (Fig. 3b–d, Video 1).

Histological examination demonstrated the presence of pyloric glands and these glands were positive for MUC5AC and MUC6 (Fig. 4). The diagnosis of heterotopic gastric mucosa in the descending duodenum was made, and the patient was discharged uneventfully in 5 days. At 1-month follow-up, the ulcer bed after ESD was seen to be healed (Fig. 5).

Heterotopic gastric mucosa in the duodenum can mimic the appearance of a polyps, laterally spreading tumor, submucosal tumor, and so on [1]. In certain cases, ESD is indicated in order to achieve a definitive diagnosis especially when the heterotopic gastric mucosa is large in size. Magnetic beads are a novel traction method that can assist ESD [2].

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Fig. 3 Magnetic bead-assisted endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD). a The submucosal layer could not be clearly exposed despite repeated injections. b Attachment of one magnetic bead to the edge of the mucosa assisted traction by gravity. c A second magnetic bead was then attached for further traction. d The ulcer bed after resection.
Fig. 4 Specimen and pathological result. a The lesion after complete en bloc resection, with two magnetic beads. b Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining showed heterotopic gastric mucosa. c Immunohistochemical staining for MUC5AC was positive. d Immunohistochemical staining for MUC6 was positive.

Fig. 5 The ulcer bed after endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) seen at follow-up after 1 month: a white light; b narrow band imaging.