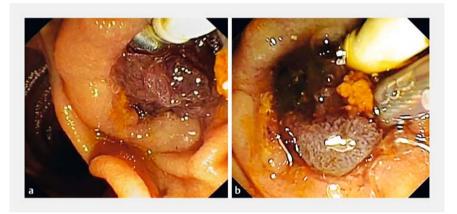
Endoscopic removal of tubulovillous adenoma with high grade focal dysplasia in the distal common bile duct



▶ **Fig. 1** Initial imaging. **a** Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography showed a filling defect at the distal common bile duct. **b** An endoscopic ultrasound revealed the presence of a 10×8 mm polyp.



▶ Fig. 2 Removal of the polyp. a Using a Fogarty balloon, the polyp was tractioned toward the duodenum. b Polypectomy was performed using a pediatric hot snare.

An 80-year-old woman with pluripathology was admitted with cholangitis. A computed tomography scan showed a dilated common bile duct (CBD) and a possible distal choledocholithiasis. An endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography was performed and the duct was swept with a balloon, revealing a polypoid lesion of adenomatous appearance through the papilla. The pathology confirmed a tubulo-villous adenoma with high grade focal dysplasia. An endoscopic ultrasound revealed the

presence of a 10×8 mm polyp in the CBD (▶ Fig. 1). As the patient was a high risk surgical candidate, endoscopic treatment was indicated in accordance with a multidisciplinary committee.

The papilla was reached using the duodenoscope and a papilloplasty was performed with a 12-mm pneumatic balloon (Video 1). With the help of the Fogarty balloon and a biopsy forceps, the polyp was tractioned toward the duodenum and polypectomy was performed using a pediatric hot snare (Fig. 2). Then, a ful-



► Fig. 3 No remaining polyp was seen with a baby scope cholangioscopy at the 6-month follow-up visit. Pathology confirmed the absence of adenoma at 2 and 6 months.

guration soft coagulation was done and a fully covered self-expanding metallic biliary stent was placed.

After a 2-month follow-up period, a baby scope cholangioscopy showed no macroscopic lesion after removing the stent. In addition, fulguration with argon beam was applied to the polypectomy site. In the next follow-up at 6 months, a baby scope cholangioscopy showed no remaining polyp (> Fig. 3). Pathology confirmed the absence of adenoma at 2 and 6 months. No complications were detected during follow-up.

Adenomas of the extrahepatic bile duct are uncommon benign neoplasms with an unknown malignant potential [1–3]. Surgery is the current treatment [1–3], with only five published cases of successful endoscopic treatment in nonsurgical patients [2]. In the current case, the key to achieving technical success was good visualization through the papilla (papilloplasty+stent) and the use of a pediatric polypectomy snare with the help of the balloon.





▶ Video 1 Endoscopic removal of a tubulovillous adenoma with high grade focal dysplasia in the distal common bile duct.

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