Endoscopic line-attached clipping closure with laparoscopic suturing for duodenal defects involving the medial wall post-endoscopic submucosal dissection

Duodenal endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is difficult to perform owing to a high incidence of complications, including intra/post-ESD perforation and bleeding. A complete closure of the post-ESD mucosal defect can prevent post-ESD perforation, but the success of a complete endoscopic closure depends on the size and location of the defect [1]. Although laparoscopic seromuscular suturing is the most reliable closing method [2], it cannot be used for duodenal lesions over the medial wall.

A 50-year-old man was endoscopically diagnosed with a duodenal adenoma, which was a flat, elevated, 3-cm lesion located near the ampulla and extended from the medial wall to the anterior wall of the second portion of the duodenum (Fig. 1). This lesion was judged as an indication for ESD, but it was difficult to achieve a complete closure with endoscopic clipping. Hence, duodenal ESD was planned, followed by a combined closure method including endoscopic line-attached clipping and laparoscopic suturing.

Endoscopic pancreatic stenting was performed to visualize the position of the ampulla and to prevent post-ESD pancreatitis before ESD (Fig. 2). A duodenal adenoma was successfully resected en bloc with ESD. The post-ESD mucosal defect extended from the medial wall to the anterior wall. The anterior-wall defect was visualized with a transparent laparoscopic light, whereas no laparoscopic light was observed in the medial defect (Fig. 3). Subsequently, the anterior-wall defect was laparoscopically sutured from the serosal side, and the medial-wall defect was closed with line-attached clipping. Finally, the post-ESD mucosal defect was completely closed (Fig. 4). The resected tumor was pathologically diagnosed as high-grade dysplasia (Fig. 5). No adverse events were observed after the treatment. The pancreatitis was successfully treated with endoscopic stenting.

Fig. 1 A 3-cm superficial flat tumor was laterally spread from the para-ampulla of the medial wall to the anterior wall in the second portion of the duodenum. The blue arrow indicates the ampulla.

Fig. 2 A side-view endoscopic image showing the laterally spreading tumor in the para-ampulla. An endoscopic pancreatic stent was inserted before endoscopic submucosal dissection.

Fig. 3 The post-ESD submucosal dissection mucosal defect was observed to extend from the medial wall to the anterior wall of the second portion of the duodenum. The anterior site could be recognized based on an extraluminal laparoscopic light and the medial site could be recognized without a laparoscopic light.

Fig. 4 Complete closure with line-attached endoscopic clipping and laparoscopic suturing.

Fig. 5 The resected tumor was a 3-cm high-grade dysplasia.
ic stent was endoscopically retrieved 2 months later.
Endoscopic line-attached clipping closure with laparoscopic suturing is a useful closure technique for duodenal post-ESD defects involving the medial wall (▶Video 1).

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