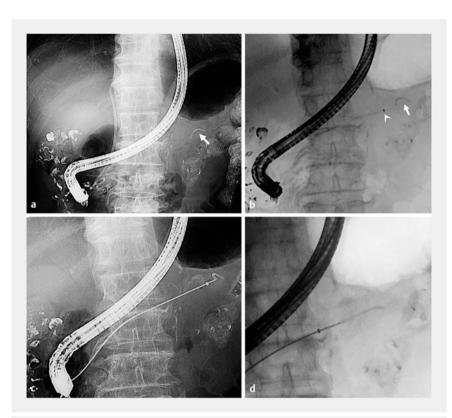
Successful removal of a proximally migrated pancreatic stent using a novel device delivery system



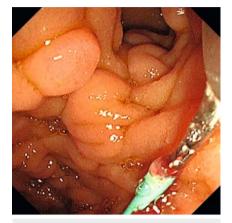


▶ Fig. 1 Fluoroscopic images showing: a the pancreatic stent (arrow) that had migrated into the tail of the pancreatic duct; b a novel device delivery system (EndoSheather; arrowhead) that was inserted close to the stent (arrow), with the inner catheter then removed; c the intraductal cholangioscopy forceps with a 1-mm diameter (SpyBite) being used to grasp the migrated stent; d the biopsy forceps being pulled up within the outer sheath.

The removal of a proximally migrated pancreatic stent is technically challenging [1–3]. A novel device delivery system (EndoSheather; Piolax) was recently developed, which comprises a slim-tipped guide catheter and pusher tube that facilitate the insertion of devices up to 1.9 mm in diameter [4, 5].

An 80-year-old man was admitted to our hospital for treatment of choledocholithiasis. We removed the bile duct stone by performing endoscopic sphincterotomy; however, black stools were observed 2 days after the procedure. Emergency endoscopy revealed an exposed blood vessel in the papilla of Vater. We planned to perform hemostasis by injecting hypertonic saline and epinephrine after stenting both the bile and pancreatic ducts; however, the pancreatic stent (Geenen, 5 Fr, 3 cm; Cook Medical Japan) migrated during the procedure. We were unable to remove the migrated pancreatic stent despite attempts with several different devices, including a dilation balloon, stone removal balloon, and basket catheter, with the stent finally ending up in the tail of the pancreatic duct (PD) (**> Fig. 1a**). We therefore replaced the additional pancreatic stent, and the procedure was terminated once hemostasis had been achieved.

Cessation of the bleeding was confirmed 2 days later, when we also attempted to



► Fig.2 Endoscopic view showing the migrated stent being successfully grasped with the biopsy forceps and removed.

remove the migrated pancreatic stent. First, a guidewire (EndoSelector; Boston Scientific) was placed on the proximal side of the PD. Second, the novel device delivery system (EndoSheather) was inserted close to the migrated pancreatic stent, and the inner catheter was removed (> Fig. 1 b). A biopsy forceps with a 1.8-mm diameter (Radial Jaw; Boston Scientific) was then inserted through the sheath; however, it was not possible to open the jaws because of the narrow PD. We therefore used a smaller biopsy forceps with a 1-mm diameter (SpyBite; Boston Scientific) to grasp the migrated pancreatic stent (> Fig. 1 c). Finally, we pulled the biopsy forceps up into the outer sheath of the device (> Fig. 1 d) and were able to successfully remove the migrated stent (> Fig. 2). Endoscopic nasopancreatic drainage was subsequently performed to prevent pancreatitis due to clots (> Video 1), and the patient was discharged without further complications.

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Video 1 Successful removal of a proximally migrated pancreatic stent using a novel device system.

Competing interests

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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