Peroral cholangioscopy-guided biopsy with novel biopsy forceps in comprehensive cancer genomic profiling for cystic duct carcinoma





▶ Fig.1 Contrast-enhanced computed tomography images (**a**-**d**), revealing cystic duct tumor (**a**) (arrow), infiltrating the portal vein (**b**), common hepatic artery (**c**), and celiac artery (**d**) (arrowheads).



Video 1 Peroral cholangioscopyguided biopsy using novel biopsy forceps for the comprehensive cancer genomic profiling of cystic duct carcinoma.



Fig.2 Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography demonstrated a cystic duct stricture (arrow).

Recent studies have demonstrated the benefits of comprehensive cancer genomic profiling (CGP) for detecting potential targets for genotype-matched therapy in patients with biliary tract cancer [1,2]. While peroral cholangioscopy (POCS) enables tissue acquisition for diagnosis [3], its utility for CGP of biopsy samples remains unclear. Herein, we report a case of cystic duct carcinoma where novel biopsy forceps under POCS proved useful for CGP.

A 70-year-old man presented to our hospital with upper abdominal pain. Contrast-enhanced computed tomography revealed a cystic duct tumor infiltrating the portal vein, common hepatic artery, and celiac artery (> Fig. 1). Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography demonstrated obstruction of the cystic duct (> Fig. 2). Owing to difficult insertion for fluoroscopy-quided biopsy, POCS was performed using the Spy-Glass Direct Visualization System (SpyGlass DS; Boston Scientific, Marlborough, Massachusetts, USA), revealing a cystic duct mass with irregularly dilated and tortuous blood vessels (> Fig. 3a). POCSguided targeted biopsies (> Fig. 3b, c) were subsequently performed using the SpyBite MAX forceps (SpyBite MAX; Boston Scientific) (> Fig. 4, > Video 1).

Histopathology revealed adenocarcinoma (▶ Fig. 5). Based on the radiological and pathological findings, we diagnosed the patient with unresectable cystic duct carcinoma of the gallbladder. CGP was then performed to determine the optimal chemotherapy regimen, which showed the following genetic findings: tumor nuclei percentage of 20%, a *KDM6A* nonsense mutation (E1376), a *KRAS* missense mutation (G12 D), and a *MUTYH* splice site mutation (892–2A>G).

Although POCS-guided biopsy enables target biopsy under direct visualization, there have been concerns regarding the relatively small sample volume that can be obtained. The SpyBite MAX forceps



▶ Fig. 3 Cholangioscopy and fluoroscopy. a Peroral cholangioscopy (POCS) revealed a cystic duct mass with irregularly dilated and tortuous blood vessels. b, c A POCS-guided biopsy was performed using the SpyBite MAX biopsy forceps (Boston Scientific, Marlborough, Massa-chusetts, USA).



Fig. 4 The SpyBite MAX (Boston Scientific, Marlborough, Massachusetts, USA).

has been reported to improve tissue acquisition due to its significant size and shark tooth-like tip for better grasping [4]. Therefore, sufficient tissue sampling for CGP can be expected with the use of these forceps.

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Conflict of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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▶ Fig. 5 Histopathology revealed adenocarcinoma, with a tumor nuclei percentage of 20%.

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