Balloon catheter-assisted rescue for misplacement of lumen-apposing stent across the pylorus in endoscopic ultrasound-guided transduodenal drainage of walled-off necrosis

A 57-year-old man presented with a walled-off necrosis after endoscopic papillectomy. Endoscopic ultrasound-guided transduodenal drainage was attempted using a lumen-apposing metal stent (SPAXUS; TaeWoong Medical, Gimpo-si, South Korea) [1]. The proximal flange was deployed in the necrotic cavity and an enteral flange was deployed within the working channel of the echoendoscope. The stent was ejected from the working channel by pushing the stent delivery system. However, the enteral flange was positioned in the gastric antrum across the pyloric ring because the endoscope tip in the duodenum moved backward into the gastric antrum due to the reaction force generated by pushing the stent delivery system to eject the intrascope channel stent portion (Fig.1a, Fig.2a).

A double-channel gastroscope (GIF-2T240; Olympus, Tokyo, Japan) was introduced, and a balloon catheter (Quattro; Cook Medical, Bloomington, Indiana, USA) was inflated after insertion into the necrotic cavity through one channel (Fig.2b). Forces were introduced through the second channel of the gastroscope to grasp the stent and pull it out over the balloon catheter until its proximal flange was positioned in the antrum. The inflated balloon was kept in the cavity to secure the fistula tract (Fig.2c). The balloon catheter was retrieved with the guidewire remaining in the cavity (Fig.2d). A rescue double plastic stent was advanced over the guidewire and placed (Fig.2e).

An additional plastic stent was inserted alongside the first (Fig.2f, Video 1). When the duodenal puncture site is close to the pyloric ring during endoscopic ultrasound-guided transduodenal intervention, the echoendoscope tip should be adequately supported to ensure that it does not retract into the gastric antrum while ejecting the intrascope channel stent portion. Additionally, the echoendoscope should be twisted in the duodenal bulb to secure adequate space for stent positioning.

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