# Electronic hydraulic lithotripsy by antegrade digital cholangioscopy through endoscopic ultrasound-guided hepaticojejunostomy

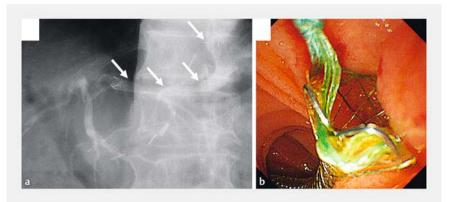


▶ Fig. 1 Fluoroscopic image showing a common bile duct stone (arrowhead) and balloon dilator (arrows).

This report describes antegrade electronic hydraulic lithotripsy (Lithotron EL 27; Walz Elektronik, Rohrdorf, Germany) using a digital peroral cholangioscope (SpyGlass DS System; Boston Scientific, Marlborough, Massachusetts, USA) [1,2] through an endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided hepaticojejunostomy route for common bile duct (CBD) stones (**> Video 1**).

A 77-year-old man, who underwent total gastrectomy with a Roux-en-Y procedure for gastric cancer, presented with cholangitis caused by CBD stones. Endoscopic transpapillary drainage was attempted, but the scope could not be inserted into the ampulla; therefore, EUS-guided hepaticojejunostomy was performed.

From the Roux-en-Y jejunum, the dilated intrahepatic bile duct was punctured with a 19-gauge needle under EUS. After guidewire insertion toward the distal bile duct, the puncture site was dilated using a balloon dilator (diameter 4 mm, REN; Kaneka Medix, Osaka, Japan) (▶ Fig. 1). A covered metal stent (diameter 8 mm, length 8 cm, Niti-S; Taewoong Medical, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea) was inserted between the intrahepatic bile duct and the Roux-en-Y jejunum (▶ Fig. 2). The following day, the patient's cholangitis was



▶ Fig. 2 Stent deployment between the intrahepatic bile duct and the Roux-en-Y jejunum (arrows). a Fluoroscopic image. b Endoscopic image.



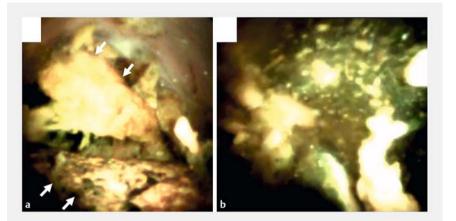
**Video 1** Antegrade electronic hydraulic lithotripsy using a digital peroral cholangioscope through an endoscopic ultrasound-guided hepaticojejunostomy fistula. This novel method could become a rescue procedure when the conventional transpapillary approach is unsuccessful.

markedly improved, and he was discharged 3 days after surgery.

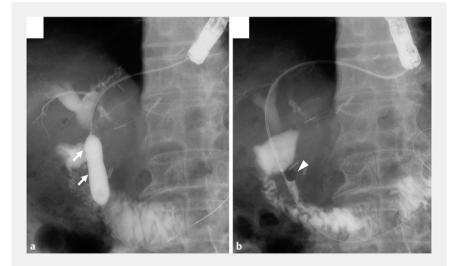
The patient was re-admitted to our hospital 4 weeks later to continue treatment for CBD stones. The cholangioscope was inserted over the guidewire through the metal stent ( $\triangleright$  Fig. 3), and the CBD stones were revealed by cholangioscopy ( $\triangleright$  Fig. 4a). The stones were crushed by electronic hydraulic lithotripsy (▶ Fig.4b). Subsequently, the metal stent was removed and a balloon dilator was inserted into the fistula toward the ampulla and dilated up to 12mm (▶ Fig.5a). The CBD stones were pushed out into the digestive tract in an antegrade fashion using a balloon catheter (▶ Fig.5b). Finally, a singlepigtail plastic stent (7 Fr, 20 cm length)



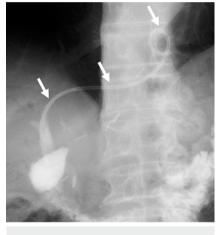
► Fig.3 Insertion of the digital peroral cholangioscope (arrows) over the guide-wire through the metal stent (arrow-heads).



**Fig.4** Treatment of common bile duct (CBD) stones. **a** Cholangioscopic view showing CBD stones (arrows). **b** Crushing of CBD stones by electronic hydraulic lithotripsy.



▶ Fig. 5 Removal of common bile duct (CBD) stones. a Fluoroscopic image showing endoscopic papillary balloon dilation (arrows). b Use of a balloon catheter (arrowhead) to push CBD stones into the digestive tract in an antegrade manner.



▶ Fig. 6 Fluoroscopic image showing deployment of a single-pigtail plastic stent between the common bile duct and the Roux-en-Y jejunum (arrows).

[3] was deployed between the CBD and the Roux-en-Y jejunum (► Fig. 6). The patient resumed eating 4 days after surgery with no adverse effects, and was discharged 7 days after surgery.

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# **Competing interests**

None

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