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Dear Editor,

A 59-year-old man with cholelithiasis and choledocholithiasis and biliary obstruction due to enolic chronic pancreatitis treated via cholecystectomy, ERCP, and a fully coated biliary metal stent for 6 months, 7 years ago. He attended the emergency department due to progressive jaundice and abdominal pain. An abdominal ultrasound showed a "non-distended gallbladder with a 12 mm lithiasis and biliary mud with dilatation of the intrahepatic (IBD) and extrahepatic (EBD) bile duct". Given the inconsistency between the findings and the history, ERCP was performed where the cholangiography corroborated the dilatation of the IBD and proximal EBD with lithiasic content and stricture of the intrapancreatic common bile duct. A low-insertion dilated cystic duct was filled, whose proximal portion increased in volume, acquiring the appearance of a neo-vesicle (cystic duct remnant syndrome). A plastic biliary stent was inserted after the duct was cleaned.

DISCUSSION

5-15% of patients undergoing a cholecystectomy present symptoms similar to those described above, referred to as postcholecystectomy syndrome. The causes are classified, according to the appearance of symptoms, into early (cystic duct remnant syndrome or CDRS, alteration of the bile duct or bile leakage) or late (alteration of the biliary structure, residual lithiasis in the cystic duct remnant or its inflammation, papillary stenosis, etc.). CDRS has a prevalence of less than 2.5% and is defined as a residual cystic duct remnant of more than 1 centimetre in length that can cause symptoms if there is lithiasis within it, due to the distension of the remnant, which may be accompanied by analytical alterations. This duct is detected by means of imaging



tests, of which cholangiography is the method of choice. The treatment can comprise extracorporeal lithotripsy or be performed directly via cholangioscopy, although surgical treatment via laparoscopy is the treatment of choice. Our patient is awaiting surgery and reevaluation of the intrapancreatic choledochal stricture in the event that a new coated metal stent is required.

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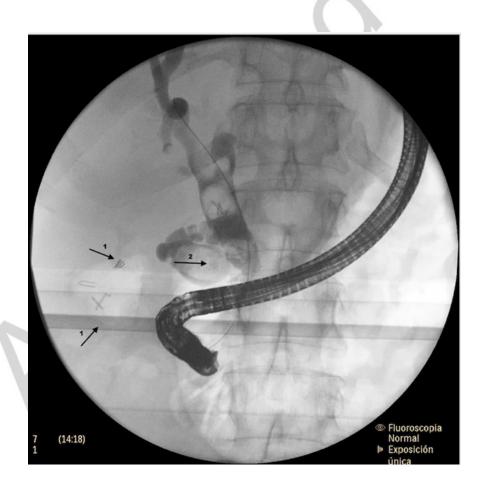




Figure 1. Cholangiography. 1. Remnant cystic walls ("neo-vesicle"). 2 Remanent cystic filling with lithiasis inside

