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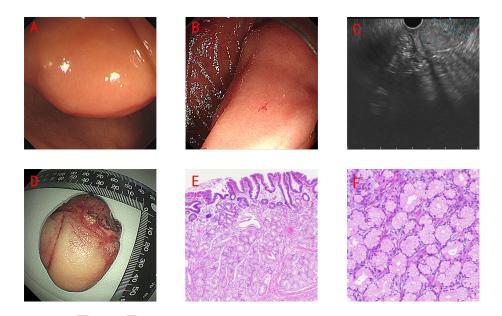
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A 53-year-old man presented to our hospital for resection of a duodenal mass because of the increasing diameter. Esophagogastroduodenoscopy revealed a giant oval mass in the back wall of duodenal bulb, which was protruded to the second part of duodenum(Figure 1). Endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) revealed a submucosal mass with heterogeneous echogenicity and regular shape(Figure 2). Eventually, the patient received endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) after signing informed consent. The mass was resected completely and measured 6.0×4.2×3.0 cm [Figure 3]. Histopathological examination revealed a brunner's gland adenoma. There was no complication besides minor intraoperative bleeding. Both surgery and endoscopic resection (ER) are alternative treatments for duodenal adenoma, but the best way remains controversial. Due to the thin wall, narrow cavity and plentiful vascular network of the duodenal bulb, ER is challenging because of the technical difficulty and probability of perforation and bleeding [1]. Our previous study found that ER is an effective and safe way for treating duodenal adenoma on experienced hands, and ER possesses several advantages over surgical resection for selected patients [2, 3]. In the present case, we removed the giant BGA by ESD, as far as we know, this is the largest yet removed by ER.



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A and B. A giant duodenal bulb mass on esophagogastroduodenoscopy, protruding to the second part of duodenum.

C.Endoscopic ultrasonography revealed that the tumor originated from the submucosal layer with heterogeneous echogenicity.

D. The resected mass.

E and F. Histopathological examination revealed brunner's gland adenoma(HE×10 and ×40).