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CASE REPORT

A 77-year-old male presented with recurrent diarrhea for more than two years, aggravated, and a one-month history of a rectal mass. High-definition white light colonoscopy showed an approximately circumferential elevated lesion from about 12 cm from the anus to the dentate line. The lesion had surface nodules of different sizes, some surfaces slightly congested and internal hemorrhoids (Fig. 1A and B). The patient was diagnosed with a giant laterally spreading tumor of the rectum of the granular nodular mixed type (LST-G-M) with the possibility of local malignant transformation. The lesion was treated with single-tunnel assisted endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) at the patient's request. Histopathology of the specimen showed villous tubular adenoma with local carcinogenesis (Fig. 2), 33*12

cm in size (Fig. 1C), negative margins and no lymphovascular invasion. No bleeding or perforation was observed during or after the procedure, and no stenosis was observed two months later (Fig. 1D).

DISCUSSION

A few clinical retrospective studies reported ESD treatment for colorectal LST larger than 10 cm in diameter (1-3), and all demonstrated that ESD was effective and feasible for the treatment of giant colorectal LST. This case is the largest diameter colorectal LST known at present. The single-tunnel ESD method successfully achieved curative resection without stenosis or local recurrence during postoperative follow-up. In summary, the present case indicates the feasibility of ESD for the treatment of giant colorectal LST > 30 cm in diameter, providing a note for subsequent standardized endoscopic therapy of early gastrointestinal cancer.

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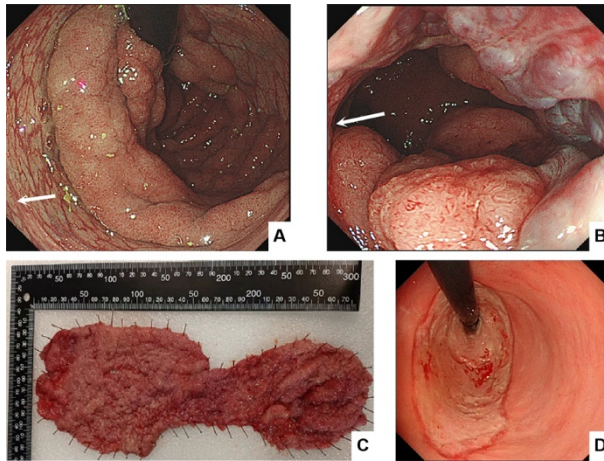


Fig. 1. A and B. Detailed observation of the lesion was applied by the endoscopist (white light colonoscopy before surgery). C. Pathological specimens were excised after surgery. D. Colorectal colonoscopy two months after surgery.

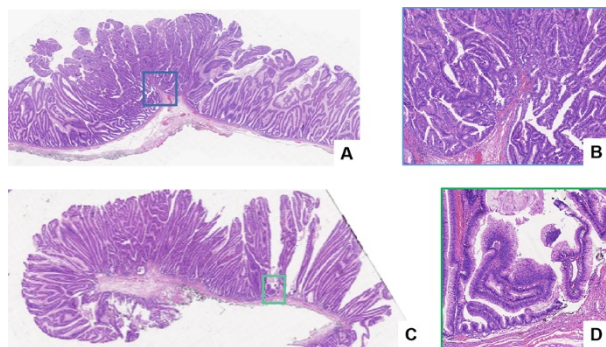


Fig. 2. A and C. Pathological section of the laterally spreading tumor (LST) specimen (HE staining, $\times 40$). B. Blue box in A (HE staining, $\times 400$). D. Green box in C (HE staining, $\times 400$).