Texture and color enhancement imaging facilitates the identification of pancreatic and bile duct orifices after endoscopic papillectomy



Endoscopic papillectomy has been previously reported for the treatment of localized ampullary adenomas; however, pancreatitis and cholangitis can occur as endoscopic papillectomy-related adverse events [1]. For the prevention of these endoscopic papillectomy-related adverse events, endoscopic pancreatic duct and biliary stenting have been reported as being useful [1–3]. Pancreatic or biliary cannulation after endoscopic papillectomy is however sometimes difficult as the identification of these orifices can be unclear. Herein, we report a case of endoscopic papillectomy using texture and color enhancement imaging (TXI) as part of a new-generation endoscopy system (EVIS X1; Olympus Medical Systems, [apan) [4], which facilitated the identification of the pancreatic and bile duct orifices

A 77-year-old man with a 20-mm ampullary adenoma was referred to our facility (> Fig. 1). Radical treatment was performed with endoscopic papillectomy (**Video 1**). The ampullary adenoma was resected using snare forceps. Subsequently, we attempted to perform pancreatic and biliary cannulation for pancreatic duct and biliary stenting; however, the orifices of the pancreatic duct and bile duct were unclear on white-light imaging (> Fig. 2 a). To identify the orifices, we therefore applied TXI, which made them clearer (> Fig. 2b). Pancreatic and biliary cannulation were performed easily using TXI, which allowed complete pancreatic and biliary duct stenting (**Fig. 3**).

TXI is an imaging technique that optimizes three mucosal surface elements: structure, color, and brightness. It contributes to the improved observation of lesions [4]. TXI has also been reported to improve the ability of endoscopists to identify the papilla of Vater and for selective biliary cannulation [5]. In this case, TXI was extremely useful in identifying

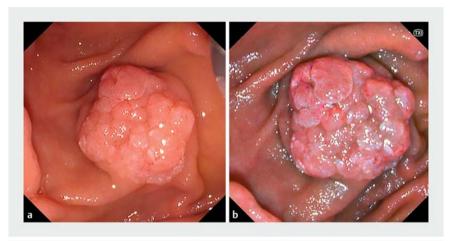
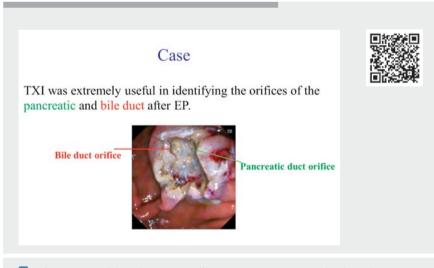


Fig.1 Endoscopic views showing a 20-mm ampullary adenoma: **a** on white-light imaging; **b** with texture and color enhancement imaging (TXI).



Video 1 Successful endoscopic papillectomy using texture and color enhancement imaging, which facilitated the identification of the pancreatic and bile duct orifices.

the orifices of the pancreatic and bile ducts after endoscopic papillectomy. Therefore, TXI could contribute to reducing the rate of endoscopic papillectomy-related adverse events, such as pancreatitis and cholangitis.

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Fig.2 Endoscopic views showing: **a** the orifices of the pancreatic and bile duct are unclear on white-light imaging; **b** the orifices of the pancreatic duct (green arrow) and bile duct (red arrow), which are much clearer on texture and color enhancement imaging (TXI).

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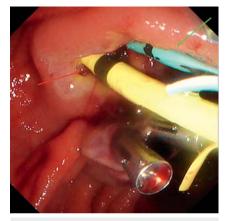
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► Fig. 3 Endoscopic view showing a pancreatic duct stent (green arrow) and biliary stent (red arrow), which were easily placed after identification of the orifices.

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