

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Cardiac lymphoid hyperplasia is the same as cardiac nodularity-like appearance

Dear Editor,


We have read the article “endoscopic findings of cardiac lymphoid hyperplasia and *Helicobacter pylori* infection status” by Adachi and his colleagues with great interest.<sup>1</sup> The photos of cardiac lymphoid hyperplasia were beautiful, and we easily noticed that cardiac lymphoid hyperplasia was the same as cardiac nodularity-like appearance which we recently reported.<sup>2,3</sup> In fact, we also have reported a similar phenomenon. We have found that this endoscopic finding was associated with *H. pylori* infection<sup>2</sup> and was improved by *H. pylori* eradication.<sup>3</sup> Nodularity mainly appears in the antral mucosa with *H. pylori* infection, and antral nodularity is also improved by *H. pylori* eradication.<sup>4</sup> The nodularity as the endoscopic term is included in the Kyoto classification, and the pathophysiology is lymphoid hyperplasia.<sup>5</sup> So, the term may be better to be used to correspond to this. We considered that cardiac nodularity-like appearance should be used as an endoscopic finding, and the pathophysiology is cardiac lymphoid hyperplasia. Either way, the term should be unified.

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