# Endoscopic submucosal dissection for early gastric cancer, using a disposable endoscope





▶ Fig.1 The Ambu aScope Gastro single-use device: diameter 9.9 mm; working channel 2.8 mm; bending angle, up 210°, down 90°, left 100°, right 100°; and equipped with two light-emitting diodes (LEDs).



**Video 1** Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) of an early gastric cancer by means of a single-use disposable endoscope.

The environment in reusable endoscopes is conducive to bacterial growth [1,2] because of difficult-to-clean areas, deterioration with reprocessing, and surface abrasion. Hence, the risk of cross-infection has been reported [3]. Single-use endoscopes can solve these problems. Diagnostic esophagogastroduodenoscopy using a novel sterile single-use disposable endoscope (Ambu aScope Gastro; Ambu, Ballerup, Denmark) has been reported in recent years (▶ Fig.1) [4]. Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is widely performed for early-stage gastric cancer regardless of tumor size, morphology, and location. ESD is minimally invasive and can achieve high en bloc and complete resection rates [5]. Here, we present a case of early gastric cancer resected by means of ESD using the abovementioned single-use disposable endoscope (**Video 1**).

A 70-year-old woman with early gastric cancer was referred for ESD. The tumor (5 mm, 0-IIc) was located at the anterior



► Fig. 2 Magnified narrow-band imaging (NBI) image of early gastric cancer (yellow arrowheads), using a GIF-XZ1200.

wall of the greater curvature of the middle body. The tumor was well-demarcated by magnified narrow band imaging (NBI) (► Fig. 2). A DualKnife | 2.0 mm (Olympus Medical Systems, Tokyo, Japan) with magnified NBI via a GIF-XZ1200 (Olympus) was used for marking. The endoscope was changed for the singleuse disposable endoscope when marking had been done, and the ESD procedure was performed using the single-use scope. Imaging and maneuverability were adequate for performing mucosal incision and submucosal dissection (**Fig.3a**). The clip-and-line traction method was successfully applied by means of the 2.8-mm working channel (**Fig.3b**). In addition, the bleeding point could be identified using the waterjet function of the device (> Video 1). Hence, the tumor was completely resected (> Fig. 3 c) without any major complications. The pathological finding was adenocarcinoma of fundic gland type, SM1, Ly0, V0, HM0, and VM0, with curative resection.

Our case demonstrates a successful gastric ESD with a single-use disposable scope. This device could be considered as an alternative to reusable endoscopes if an appropriate case is selected.



▶ Fig. 3 After marking had been done, gastric endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) was performed employing the single-use gastroscope. a Mucosal incision. b Clip-and-line traction was successfully applied. c The tumor was completely removed.

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### **Competing interests**

Ambu K.K., the manufacturer of Ambu ascope Gastro that was used in this study, provided the product sample at no cost.

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