A basic study of the effect of the shielding method with polyglycolic acid fabric and fibrin glue after endoscopic submucosal dissection.

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Abstract:

Background and study aims: Recently, the shielding method with polyglycolic acid (PGA) fabric and

fibrin glue (P-F method) has been reported to prevent serious complications after endoscopic

submucosal dissection (ESD). However, the effectiveness and mechanism to prevent complications

by this method remain unclear and the corresponding basic research has not been fully conducted.

Methods and results: We examined the effectiveness and mechanism of the P-F method, using a

surgical ESD model of canine stomach and in vitro experiments. In the model experiment treated by

P-F method or no treatment (control), ulcer perforation or penetration occurred only in the control

group, but not in the P-F group. Microscopically, the P-F group showed less damages of the ulcer

lesion than that of the control group, showing thicker granulation tissues including PGA fibers on the

third day and excellent mucosal regeneration on the fourteenth day. In vitro culture experiments

showed that fibroblasts proliferated at a significantly higher rate on PGA than on fibrin or a complex

thereof. However, under hydrochloric acid treatment, fibroblasts were protected by fibrin, followed by

the complex of both, and PGA. Conclusion: The P-F method exhibited a protective effect against

gastric juice by fibrin glue to reduce tissue damages and a scaffold function of PGA fabric to induce

better granulation formation at the earlier phase, resulting in excellent long-term tissue repair, on

ulcer lesion following ESD, although the results were based on basic experiments.

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