

NARROW BAND IMAGING FOR DETECTION OF NON-POLYPOID COLORECTAL NEOPLASMS; A PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Background

Non-polypoid (flat and depressed) colorectal neoplasms (NP-CRNs) are more difficult to detect by conventional white light colonoscopy (WLC) or computed tomography colonography, because the subtle findings can be difficult to distinguish from those of normal mucosa. Narrow band imaging (NBI) has been reported to highlight the mucosal capillaries of neoplastic lesions, and thus increase the detection rate of colon polyps, however, the detection rate of NP-CRNs, especially depressed in shape, has not been assessed yet.

Aim

To investigate the detection rate of NP-CRNs using NBI colonoscopy in comparison to WLC.

Patients and method

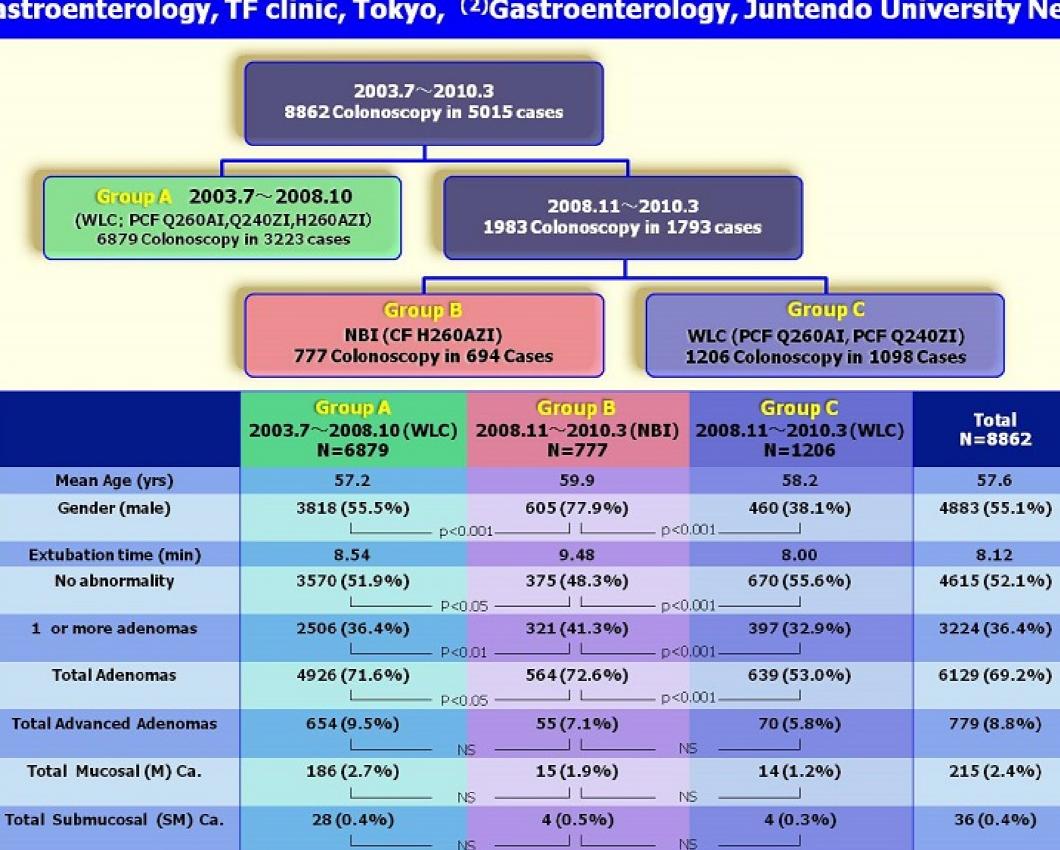
From July 2003 to March 2010, a consecutive of 8862 colonoscopies in 5015 patients conducted in TF clinic was recruited in this study. All colonoscopies were performed by a single experienced endoscopist (TF), an expert in the field of magnifying chromoendoscopy. Total colonoscopy was introduced into cecum with WLC, and then withdrawn with WLC or NBI for observation. The patients were divided into three groups as follows for analysis; 6879 colonoscopies in 3223 patients (July 2003 to October 2008; Group A) examined with WLC before introducing NBI system, 1206 colonoscopies in 1098 patients (November 2008 to March 2010; Group C) examined with WLC after introducing NBI system, 777 colonoscopies in 694 patients (November 2008 to March 2010; GroupB) examined with NBI. The primary endpoint of this study is to assess the detection rate of NP-CRNs with NBI. The difference of detection rate of all neoplastic lesions, polypoid lesion, and NP-CRNs between WLC (before NBI; GroupA or after NBI; Group C) and NBI (GroupB) was also investigated.

Results

- 1. A total of 397 NP-CRNs (4.5%) was detected in this study population.
- 2. NBI colonoscopy detected significantly more NP-CRNs than WLC before NBI (7.2% vs 4.3%, p<0.001) and WLC after NBI (7.2% vs 3.6%, *p*<0.001).

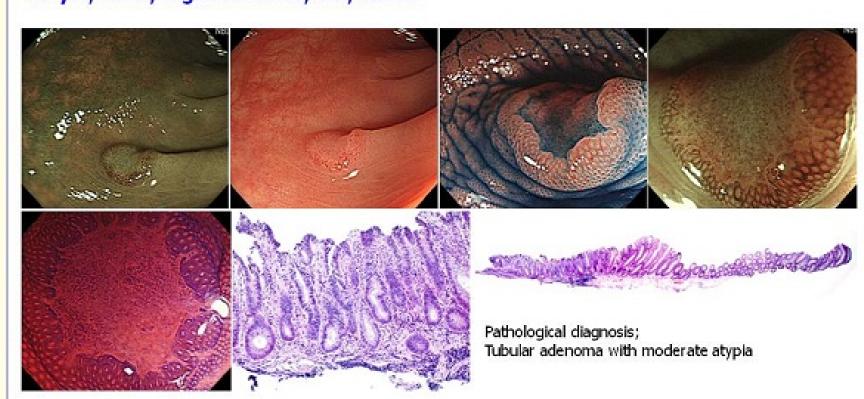
Conclusion

NBI colonoscopy can detect a significant number of NP-CRNs. This new technique has the potential to detect more NP-CRNs than WLC. Further prospective study in randomized fashion is necessary to clarify this difference.



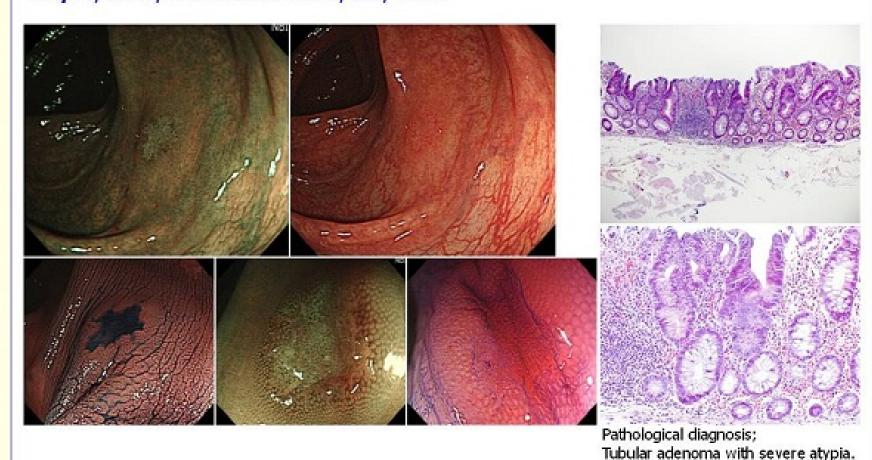
	<u> </u>	NS —		– NS –		
Total of polypoid lesion(Ip,Is,IIa,LST-G)	4837 (70.3%) 	NS —	515 (66.3%)	_ p<0.001	601 (49.8%)	5953 (67.2%)
Total of Non-polypoid lesions	297 (4.3%) └───── p<	0.001—	56 (7.2%)	— p<0.001—	44 (3.6%)	397 (4.5%)
IIa+IIc	99 (1.4%)	_{NS} —	14(1.8%)	_ NS _	18 (1.5%)	131 (1.5%)
IIb	4 (0.05%)	0.001—	4 (0.5%)	_ NS _	1 (0.08%)	9 (0.1%)
IIc	28 (0.4%)	:0.05	8 (1.0%)	_ NS _	6 (0.5%)	42 (0.5%)
LST-NG (Non-granular type of laterally spreading tumor)	166 (2.4%)	:0,01 —	30 (3.9%)	— P<0.01 —	19 (1.6%)	215 (2.4%)

40 yrs, Male, Sigmoid colon, IIc, 6mm.



NBI colonoscopy pointed out this depressed lesion (Type IIc).

47yrs, Male, Transverse colon, IIc, 5mm



This depressed lesion (Type IIc) was detected by colonoscopy with NBI system.

Fisher's exact test

