# Endoscopic Resection for Large, Non-Polypoid Neoplastic Lesions of the Colon: EMR vs. ESD



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## Background

In recent years, the use of Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) to resect non-polygoid lesions ≥ 20 mm in diameter has become widespread in Japan. However, ESD can be time consuming to perform, requires inpatient care, and is associated with higher complication rates and cost. Therefore it is critical to select the appropriate lesions for ESD. We wished to know if patients with Lateral Spreading Tumor (LST) > 20 mm can have a standardized treatment that is based on EMR in an outpatient clinic.

### Objective

We included 115 non-polypoid and sessile lesions ≥ 20mm that were identified at private clinic, the Takahiro Fujii Clinic (TFCL) between July 2003 and October 2015.

These patients had a standardized management plan: all patients with lesions between 20 to 30mm, except those with LST-NG, undergo EMR. Larger lesions that could be treated by EMR were also treated using the same technique. Other lesions were referred. The clinic has no inpatient beds, while the National Cancer Center Hospital (NCCH) is tertiary hospital.

#### Results

Of 115 non-polypoid lesions measuring > 20 mm, 98 were between 20-30 mm; 8 were between 31-40 mm, and 9 were > 41 mm. Of the 115 lesions, 93 were successfully treated at TFCL (En bloc EMR = 26; and piecemeal EMR [P-EMR] = 67) and 22 were treated at NCCH (P-EMR = 6; ESD = 16). Of all lesions treated at TFCL, 91.8% (90/98) were 20-30 mm, 37.5% (3/8) were 31-40 mm, and 0% (0/9) were ≥ 41 mm (Figure 1).

Of note, the 90 lesions 20-30 mm treated at TFCL were classified in terms of their morphological/histological diagnosis, as serrated lesions (n = 27: SSA/P, 22: TSA, 2: and LHP, 3), Is/Ita lesions (n = 8: adenomas, 4: intramucosal cancers [M], 4), LST-G lesions (n = 23: adenomas, 8; M, 14; and submucosal cancers [SM], 1), and 32 LST-NG lesions [ (Flat elevated (FE) type 20; adenoma, 11, M,7; SM, 2) (Pseudodepressed (PD) type 12; adenoma,3; M,5; SM, 4) ] (Figures 2 and 3).

Of these 90 lesions, 56 lesions/patients were followed up post-procedurally with colonoscopy performed for a mean of 2.7 times during the mean follow-up of 27.9 months, with residual tumors found in 3 patients successfully removed with hot biopsy forceps. Of the 32 LST-NG lesions, 2 lesions/patients required open surgery, which were histologically shown to be an SM with slight invasion with poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma and an SM with massive invasion, respectively (Figure 4).

Of the complications, immediate post-procedural arterial bleeding and delayed bleeding were noted in 4 and 2 of the 90 lesions, respectively, which were all manageable with endoscopic hemostasis (Figure 4). Seven lesions 20-30 mm treated with ESD were diagnosed as LST-G lesions (n = 2; M, 2) and LST-NG lesions (n = 5; adenoma, 1; M, 1; and SM, 3), with additional open surgery required for 1 LST-NG lesion (SM with massive invasion) (Figures 3 and 4).

There was no difference in the distribution of non-polypoid neoplastic lesions between those treated with EMR at TFCL and those treated with ESD at NCCH (Figure 5).

Figure 1 Procedures used for endoscopic resection for large, non-polypoid neoplastic lesions

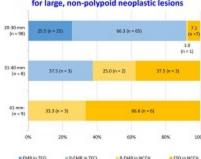


Figure 2 Morphological type <Non-polypoid neoplastic lesions 20-30 mm>

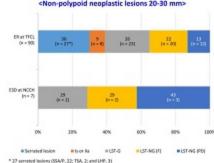


Figure 3 Morphological/Histological type <Non-polypoid neoplastic lesions 20-30 mm>

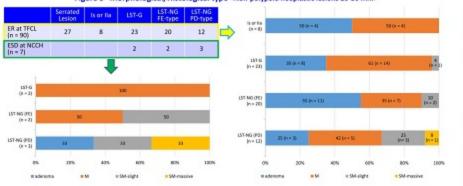


Figure 4 Post-procedural complications and follow-up < Non-polypoid neoplastic lesions 20-30 mm at TFCL>

	Serrated Lesion	Is or IIa	LST-G	LST-NG (FE)	LST-NG (PD)
Arterial bleeding			4		
Delayed bleeding	1		1		
Residual tumor			1		2
Additional Open Surgery				1*	1**

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Open surgery was required in 2 lesions/patients, which were histologically shown to be an SM with slight invasion with poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma\* and an SM with massive invasion\*\*, respectively. Surgical samples showed no metastasis in these two lesions.

Figure 5 Distribution <non-polypoid neoplastic lesions 20-30 mm>

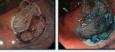


Figure 6 Decision tree in Endoscopic treatment <non-polypoid neoplastic lesions 20-30 mm>



Case 1: 40yrs. Male Rectum 40 mm LST-G P-EMR at TFCL

Histology; Intramucosal cancer





Injection of a solution into submucosal space

Case 3: 57yrs. Male T/C LST-NG (Flat elevated type) 25 mm EMR at TFCL

Histology; Intramucosal cancer







Case 4: 72vrs Female

# Cecum 30 mm SSA/P EMR at TFCL

Case 2: 59vrs. Female

# Histology; SSA/P





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T/C LST-NG (pseudodepressed type) 25 mm P-EMR at TFCL











submuposal space

8-ring and endodips

#### Conclusions

Ninety lesions measuring between 20 mm and 30 mm were successfully treated with EMR and P-EMR in outpatient settings. En bloc resection with ESD may be indicated for LST-NG lesions measuring 20 mm or greater, while EMR or P-EMR in an outpatient setting may be indicated for all lesions of 30 mm or smaller, except LST-NG (PD type) lesions greater than 20 mm.

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