

Primary lymphoma of the gastrointestinal tract

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Abstrak

We report three rare cases of mucosal-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma. Two cases are of gastric MALT lymphoma and one is a case of transverse colon MALT lymphoma. The two cases of gastric MALT lymphoma were diagnosed by endoscopy which demonstrated an ulcer in the cardia and another in the corpus. The first case is in a 62-year-old male. The patient's medical history revealed upper GI tract bleeding with melaena in 1993. At the time no diagnosis was made on endoscopy. In August 2000, melaena recurred and endoscopy showed an ulcer in the cardia. Histology showed high-grade gastric MALT lymphoma. Based on Ann Arbor classification, the patient was classified as stage IE gastrointestinal lymphoma. *H. pylori* was negative. The patient received chemotherapy. The second case is in a 53-year-old male. He suffered from gastric lymphoma for 3 years. He complained of annually recurring haematemesis before a definitive diagnosis was finally established. He suffered from stage IE low-grade well-differentiated lymphocytic MALT lymphoma. *H. pylori* was negative. Endoscopic procedure after *H. pylori* eradication showed ulcer regression though histology still showed low-grade MALT lymphoma and *H. pylori* as positive. The third case is in a 46-year-old male with a complaint of haematochezia. Colonoscopy showed intussusception due to tumor in the transverse colon. Histologic examination showed chronic colitis and granulomatosa. Invagination due to colon tumor was reported. Histologic examination of the biopsy specimen showed low-grade small cell lymphocyte-plasmacytoid lymphoma.