

COMPARATIVE STUDY OF HISTOPATHOLOGICAL AND IMAGING FINDINGS IN HIGH-GRADE PANCREATIC INTRAEPITHELIAL NEOPLASIA (PANCREATIC CARCINOMA IN SITU)

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A retrospective Japanese study of 50 surgically resected high-grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia cases identified main pancreatic duct stenosis and focal parenchymal atrophy as key imaging indicators, though skip lesions complicate precise preoperative localization.

KEY POINTS

- High-grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia, considered carcinoma in situ of the pancreas, can lead to long-term survival when surgically resected even when undetectable on conventional CT or MRI imaging.
- Among 50 resected cases confirmed by central pathology review, 16 involved only the main pancreatic duct, 27 involved both main and branch ducts, and 7 were confined to branch ducts.
- Main pancreatic duct stenosis accompanied by focal parenchymal atrophy corresponding to the lesion was frequently observed in cases with longitudinal intraductal spread of 10 mm or more.
- Fourteen cases exhibited skip lesions with discontinuous HG-PanIN components that did not consistently correspond to areas of ductal stenosis, making precise preoperative localization by imaging difficult.
- In cases confined to branch ducts, round or oval-shaped cystic lesions near branch ducts with minimal parenchymal atrophy were frequently identified and may aid early detection.

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