RESULTS OF THE INTERIM ANALYSIS OF A PROSPECTIVE, MULTI-CENTER, OBSERVATIONAL STUDY OF SMALL SUBEPITHELIAL LESIONS IN THE STOMACH

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Interim analysis of a prospective 10-year follow-up study shows that approximately one in 13 patients with small gastric subepithelial lesions (≤20 mm) may require resection or further investigation for tumor growth within five years.

KEY POINTS

- 567 patients with 609 small gastric subepithelial lesions (≤20 mm) were prospectively registered between September 2014 and August 2016, with endoscopic follow-up of 4.60 ± 1.73 years and survival data for 5.28 ± 1.68 years.
- The estimated cumulative incidence of lesion size increase ≥5 mm or resection was 7.7% at 5 years, and the incidence of size increase ≥10 mm or resection was 4.3% at 5 years.
- After accounting for competing risk events (death and tumor resection), the estimated cumulative incidence of size increase ≥5 mm was 4.5%.
- The study was conducted as an Academic Committee Working Group of the Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society and is part of an ongoing 10-year prospective observational study.

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