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Transbronchial cryobiopsy under real-time radial mini-probe

Criobiopsia transbronquial bajo minisonda radial en tiempo real

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A radial mini-probe is a tool used to confirm the location of the target before sampling. Although the radial mini-probe provides real-time imaging, the biopsy procedure itself is not performed in real time. This limitation introduces the risk of misalignment when retrieving the radial probe and performing the biopsy. Chen et al. reported other cases of biopsies with real-time visualization using a radial probe but they used a modified flexible bronchoscope equipped with an additional working channel.¹ Anagnostopoulos et al. described a case of transbronchial cryobiopsy with real-time visualization using a radial mini-probe but the procedure was performed under deep sedation with a rigid tracheoscope.² We show the first case of a patient who underwent transbronchial cryobiopsy with a radial mini-probe under real-time visualization for the assessment of a 7-mm nodule at the right middle lobe lateral segment (Fig. 1) (Video 1). The procedure was performed under conscious sedation with an ordinary single-use bronchoscope and a 1.1-mm cryoprobe. There were no complications. The pathological results confirmed the diagnóstico of a carcinoid tumor.

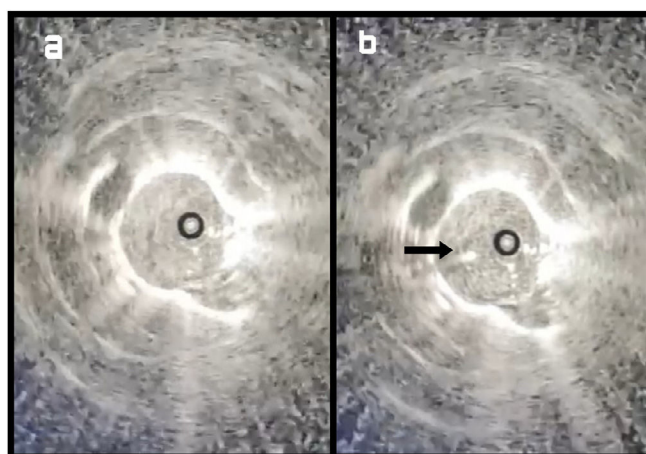


Fig. 1. Radial ultrasound imaging of the lesion (a). Radial ultrasound showing a hyperechoic image and posterior acoustic enhancement within the mass (arrow) (b).

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