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## Microsatellite instability is associated with early recurrence in resected pT1 and pT2 ampulla of Vater cancer

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**Introduction**: Ampulla of Vater cancer(AoVca) is one of the periampullary cancers with a better prognosis, but recurrence still occurs early in some patients. The aim of this study was to evaluate risk factors of early recurrence after curative resection of AoVca.

**Methods**: Between January 2005 and December 2012, 123 patients received radical resection for AoVca at Yonsei University Medical Center. 74 patients with T1 or 2 stage AoVca were reviewed and analyzed to assess risk factor of early recurrence.

**Results**: Among the 74 patients, nineteen patients (25.7%) experienced recurrent disease. Thirteen patients (17.5%) suffered recurrent disease within 12 months (early recurrence). The median follow-up for non-recurrence was 81.3 months, 17.6 months for early recurrence, and 34.4 months for late recurrence. After Multiivariate analysis, lymph node involvement(odds ratio 4.34, P=0.02), microsatellite instability (odds ratio; 8.01, P<0.01) were significant predictors for early recurrence.

**Conclusions**: Lymph node involvement and microsatellite instability were found to be predictors for early recurrence.

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