Pancreatic Heterotopia in the Gallbladder Associated with Chronic Cholecystitis: A Rare Combination

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ABSTRACT
Pancreatic heterotopia (PH) is a rare pathologic entity, previously reported in the stomach, duodenum and jejunum. Mostly it is asymptomatic and rarely gives rise to complications. Localization of pancreatic heterotopia in the gallbladder is extremely rare and can be associated with cholecystitis or cholecystolithiasis. Here we describe a case of 39-year-old man who, presented with biliary type pain with ultrasonographic evidence of gallbladder polyp. Laparoscopic cholecystectomy was performed with uneventful recovery. Pathological examination of the gallbladder detected a heterotopic focus of pancreatic tissue in its wall, associated with chronic cholecystitis with no gallstones.