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Pforzheim, Germany) Emeryville, CA, U.S.A.)

2cm, 20mm 22mm가 0.1mm (Spectra; Allied Signal, Morristown, NJ,

, 12% (Biospan; Polymer Technology Group, U.S.A.)

Table 1. The Diameters of the Bronchus Intermedius and Stent

	Body weight(kg)	Diameter of trachea(mm)	Diameter of bronchus intermedius(mm)	Diameter of stent(mm)	Diameter of bronchus intermedius after stent placement(mm)	SBR	
1	32	14.7	10.1	22	14.7	2.18	
2	23	11.0	8.6	20	15.0	2.33	
3	24	13.4	10.2	20	13.4	1.96	
4	24	13.8	10.0	20	13.5	2.00	
5	25	17.3	14.8	20	14.4	1.35	
6	32	17.4	14.8	22	13.3	1.49	
7	21	10.5	6.3	20	16.2	3.17	
8	22	17.2	14.9	20	15.8	1.34	
9	20	15.2	12.5	20	18.9	1.60	
10	23	17.3	13.6	22	14.1	1.62	
Total	246	147.8	115.8	206	149.3	1.78	
Mean	24.6	14.8	11.6	20.6	14.9	1.78	

SBR: stent-bronchus ratio

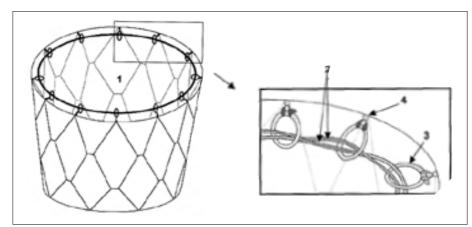


Fig. 1. Diagrams of a stent with two drawstrings.

1= central lumen, 2= drawstrings,

3= nylon loop, 4= upper margin of the wire.

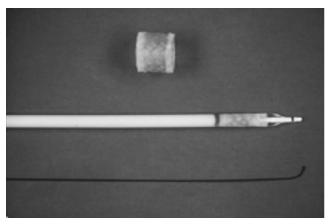


Fig. 2. A stent and a stent delivery set From top to bottom, a covered retrievable nitinol stent (top), a stent-delivery set (balloon catheter, compressed stent, sheath, and pusher), and a guide wire.

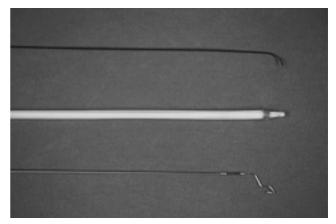


Fig. 3. A stent retrieval set From top to bottom, a guide wire (top), an introducer sheath, and a hook wire.

(Fig. 4A-D) (drawstring) 5F vascular (stent delivery set) catheter(Cobra or Headhunter, COOK, Bloomington, IN, 24 U.S.A.), 8mm (introducer) ketamine( 6.75mm (pusher), 10mm (balloon: PEMT, 20mg Medi-Tech, Watertown, MA, USA or Olbert, Boston Scientific, ) 0.5mg atropine( Boston, MA, U.S.A.) (stent retrieval set) 1kg thiopental sodium( ) 500mg 500cc (dilator), 5mm (hook wire) thiopental sodium 15mg 1kg

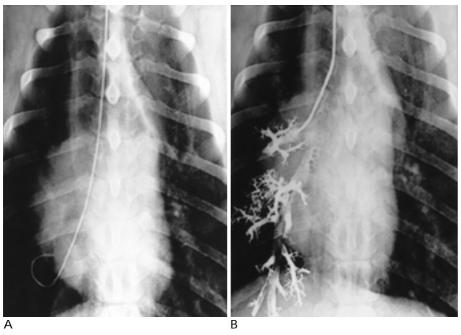
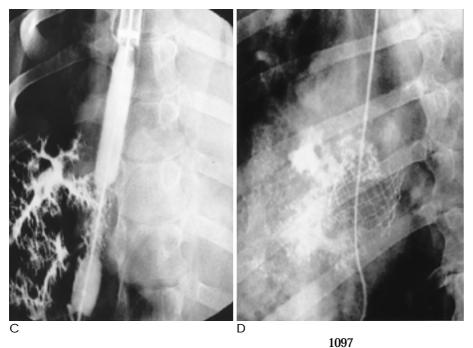


Fig. 4. A-D Stent placement. A. The guide wire is inserted into the right main bronchus.

- B. A small amount of contrast media is injected through a vascular catheter to identify the bronchus intermedius.
- C. The stent delivery set with a compressed stent is inserted into the bronchus intermedius.
- D. The stent is expanded in the bronchus intermedius.



가 (pusher) 0.035 (guide wire, 가 가 Terumo, Tokyo, Japan) 가 1 cm (measure catheter, COOK, Bloomington, IN, U.S.A.) 2 가 가 Stiff guide wire(COOK, Bloomington, IN, U.S.A.)

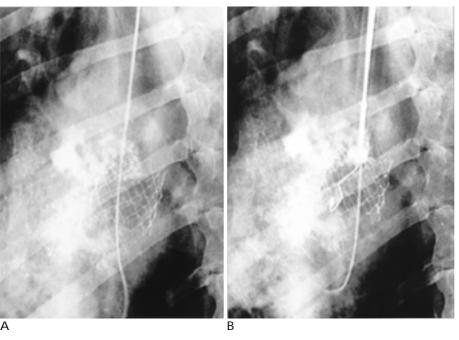
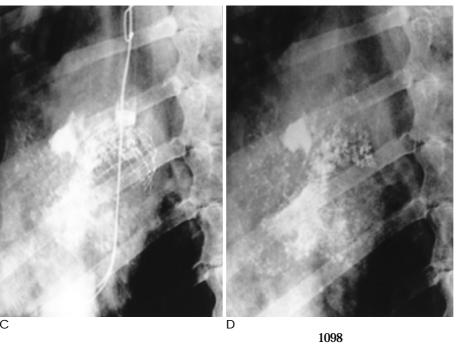


Fig. 5. A-D Stent removal A. The guide wire is inserted into the right main bronchus. B. The stent retrieval set is inserted.  $\mathsf{C}_{\,\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$  The hook wire is used to grasp the drawstring so that the proximal part of the stent could be contracted. D. The stent was removed.

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Table 2. Pathology of Bronchial Lumen and lung after Stent Removal.

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	Follow-up period(months)	1 Complication		Gross morphology of bronchial lumen(granulation tissue)	Histologic finding (change of the lung)	
1	1	Yes		Mild		
2	1	Yes		Severe,	Pneumonia in LUL, RUL	
				Destructed bronchial cartilage	RML	
3	1	Yes		Severe	Pneumonia in RML	
4	1	No	migration	Mild	Pneumonia in RML	
5	1	No	dead			
6	2	No	initial migration (20mm)	Mild		
7	2	Yes	G	Severe	Obstruction of RLL bronchus	
8	2	Yes		Severe		
9	2	No	migration	Mild		
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LUL: left upper lobe, RUL: right upper lobe, RML: right middle lobe

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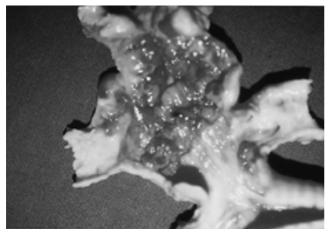


Fig. 6. Gross pathology of the stented bronchus. There are red-colored granulation tissues in the stented bronchus intermedius as well as the areas above and below the stent placed.

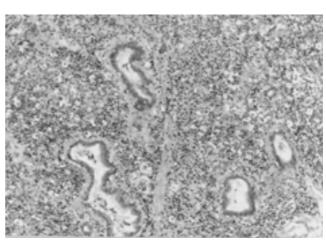


Fig. 8. Histopathologic findings of the lung with pneumonia. Decreased alveolar spaces and infiltrations of inflammatory cells are noted (hematoxylin and eosin stain,  $\times$  40)

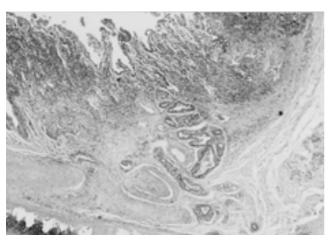


Fig. 7. Histopathologic findings of the stented bronchus intermedius. There are severe hyperplasia of the bronchial epithelium and infiltration of inflammatory cells in the submucosal areas (hematoxylin and eosin stain,  $\times$  40)

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## A Retrievable Nitinol Endobronchial Stent: An Experimental Study in Dog<sup>1</sup>

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**Purpose**: The purpose of this study was to evaluate the safety and the retrievability of a new covered retrievable nitinol tracheobronchial stent.

Materials and Methods: Stents were knitted from 0.2mm nitinol wire, covered with polyurethane, and were 20 -22mm in diameter and 2cm in length. Under fluoroscopic guidance, a stent was placed in the normal right bronchus intermedius of ten dogs. Using a retrieval hook, stent retrieval was attempted after 1 month(N=5) or 2 months(N=5). After removal, the dogs were sacrificed and their tracheobronchial trees were examined grossly and histologically.

Results: Eleven stents were successfully placed in ten dogs. Migration and expectoration occurred in four of ten stents in nine dogs(40%). Five stents were successfully removed from six dogs(83%). Without significant difference between the two groups, mild to moderate mucosal hyperplasia was noted at the sites of stents as well as above and below them. On microscopy, three of five dogs showed pneumonia in the right middle lobes, but none of the stents was covered with epithelium.

**Conclusion:** Temporary placement of a covered expandable nitinol stent in the tracheobronchial tree is feasible, but to establish its efficacy, further experimental studies are needed.

Index words: Bronchi, stents and prosthesis
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Bronchi, stenosis or obstruction

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