症 例 報告

三叉神経痛・顔面痛に対する漢方治療

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要旨: 漢方治療が奏功した三叉神経痛・顔面痛8症例を報告した. 三叉神経痛に対する西洋医学的治療法は薬物療法,神経ブロック(ガンマ・ナイフ治療を含む),手術療法(微小血管減圧術,腫瘍摘出術など)が確立されているが,治療が奏功しない症例や西洋医学的治療が困難もしくは希望しない症例も存在する. また,非定型顔面痛は西洋医学的治療が難渋する疾患群である. 東洋医学的にみた三叉神経痛・非定型顔面痛の病態としては三叉神経局所の瘀血(血流障害),水毒(浮腫),気鬱・気滞が考えられ,さらに風寒阻絡などの外因による悪化因子も考慮された. 治療方剤としては柴胡加竜骨牡蛎湯を主とした柴胡剤と芍薬甘草湯との併用が多かった. また,寒冷因子による疼痛悪化に対しては,修治附子末の併用が有効であった. 三叉神経痛・非定型顔面痛に対する東洋医学的治療は有用であり,今後,漢方治療は侵襲的治療施行前のインフォームド・コンセントに含まれるべきである.

索引用語:三叉神経痛、非定型顔面痛、漢方治療

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Abstract: Four cases of trigeminal neuralgia and four cases of atypical facial pain, each treated satisfactorily with Kampo therapy, are reported. Modern western therapies for trigeminal neuralgia consist of three components: medical treatment with anticonvulsants, nerve block including gamma knife treatment, and surgery (microvascular decompression, tumor resection, etc.). However, modern western therapies are not perfect yet. And atypical facial pain is one of the difficult diseases to treat in modern western medicine. From a viewpoint of the traditional oriental therapy, the pathophysiology of trigeminal neuralgia could be considered as follows: stagnation of blood (circulatory disturbance), pathological accumulation of fluids (edema formation), and stagnation and/or depression of Qi. Furthermore, cold stimuli could deteriorate these pathological conditions. Among several prescriptions, Saiko-ka-ryukotsu-borei-to (TJ-12) and Shakuyaku-kanzo-to (TJ-68) are used frequently, and Shuchi-Bushi-Matsu N (heat-processed Aconiti Tuber powder: TJ-3022) is useful for patients whose neuralgia are already exacerbated by cold stimuli. We conclude that Kampo therapy is one of the effective therapies for trigeminal neuralgia and atypical faciat pain, and patients with these disorders should be informed of Kampo therapy before any invasive trestment is given.

Key words: Trigeminal neuralgia, Atypical facial pain, Kampo therapy