臨床経験

頸部リンパ節郭清術後の長年にわたる頸肩腕痛に対し 桂枝加朮附湯が有効であった 1 症例

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要旨: 桂枝加朮附湯は、冷え症で比較的体力の低下した人の四肢関節の痛みに用いられる. 今回、頸部リンパ節郭清術後 50 年以上持続していた冷えにより増強する頸肩腕痛に対して、桂枝加朮附湯が有効であった症例を経験した. 症例は 68 歳、男性. 10 歳から 15 歳の間にリンパ腫に対して数回の頸部リンパ節郭清術を受けた. 手術後より右頸肩腕部に痛みとしびれとつっぱり感があった. 市販の鎮痛薬を内服してある程度の効果はあったが、痛みのため不眠があった. また、便通異常、体のだるさと疲れやすさがあった. 痛みは冷えにより増強した. アミトリプチリンの内服は口渇感が強く困難であった. 桂枝加朮附湯の内服を開始し 28 日後には頸肩部の痛みとしびれが軽減し、不眠、体の冷え、冷えによる痛みの増強、便通異常、体の疲れやすさも改善した. 体の冷えが改善したこと、冷えによる痛みの増強が軽減したことから、桂枝加朮附湯の冷えを改善する効果が有効であったと考えられる.

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Successful treatment with keishikajutsubuto for shoulder-neck-arm pain after cervical lymph node dissection

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Abstract: Keishikajutsubuto is applied for the joint pain in the patient with sensitivity to cold and weak constitution. We report a successful treatment with keishikajutsubuto for the patient with right neck-shoulder-arm pain lasting for more 50 years after cervical lymph dissection. A 68-year-old male patient underwent surgery of cervical lymph dissection several times in his childhood, thereafter he suffered from pain and numbness of the right neck-shoulder-arm exacerbated by coldness. He sometimes purchased the over-the-counter drug, which improved his pain, but he suffered from the insomnia for the pain, constipation, tiredness and fatigue. His pain was exacerbated by coldness. Although he took amitriptyline, he could not continue to take it because of dry mouth. Therefore we administered keishikajutsubuto. Twenty-eight days later, the intensities of his pain and numbness decreased, and his insomnia, physical coldness, pain exacerbated by coldness, constipation, tiredness and fatigue were also improved. It seemed likely that keishikajutsubuto might have recovered physical coldness resulting in the improved symptoms.

Key words: Neck-shoulder-arm pain, coldness, keishikajutsubuto

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