ヘバーデン結節による手指の腫脹・痛みに対する 漢方薬の使用経験

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要旨:へバーデン結節は主に中高年女性の遠位指節間関節(以下 DIP 関節)に生じる変形性関節症である.加齢に伴う関節症として取り扱われ、積極的な加療の対象とはなっていないのが現状である.しかし、DIP 関節の腫脹、痛みが持続する症例は少なからず存在し、粘液嚢腫(mucous cyst)が生じ、日常生活に支障をきたす症例も認める.駆瘀血、利水、清熱、排膿の薬効がある桂枝茯苓丸加薏苡仁をヘバーデン結節に対して投与し、その効果を調査検討した.症例は18例、男性1例、女性17例であった.平均年齢は57.2歳で、罹病期間は平均21.1ヵ月であった.桂枝茯苓丸加薏苡仁7.5g分3/日を2週間から4週間投与後、再診時に腫脹・痛みの改善を評価した.指尖部の冷えが著明な5例では桂枝加朮附湯または当帰四逆加呉茱萸生姜湯との併用とした.

18 例中 10 例(55%)で有効であった.桂枝茯苓丸加薏苡仁はヘバーデン結節による腫脹や痛みに対して効果が期待できる.

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Clinical Results of Kampo Medicine for Painful Heberden Nodes Manabu KUSHIDA*

Abstract: Heberden nodes are a common hand condition in elderly women, caused by degeneration of articular cartilage of distal interphalangeal joint (DIP joint). There are many patients with pain and swelling at their DIP joints. The conservative treatments of painful Heberden nodes include oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and splintage. Treatment with oral NSAIDs is often ineffective. It is said that keishibukuryogankayokuinin has the effect of normalizing stagnant blood and water, pushing out the pus, and cooling the heat in the body. I report clinical results of treatment with keishibukuryogankayokuinin for painful Heberden nodes. Eighteen patients (one male and 17 female) complained of pain and swelling at their DIP joints. The age ranged from 40 to 70 years (mean 57.2 years) and duration of symptoms was mean 21.1 months. keishibukuryogankayokuinin (TJ-125) was prescribed 5.0~7.5g/day for 2~4 weeks. Improvement of pain and swelling at the time of second examination was evaluated by comparison with those of the initial examination. Ten of 18 cases (55%) were effective. Keishibukuryogankayokuinin can be expected to be effective against swelling and pain caused by the Heberden nodes.

Key words: Heberden nodes, Keishibukuryogankayokuinin

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