牛車腎気丸の腰部神経根症に対する効果

―特に自覚症状と他覚的所見の変化について――

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要旨:腰部変形性脊椎症による神経根症 20 例に対して牛車腎気丸を投与し,その効果と他覚所見に及ぼす影響について検討した。牛車腎気丸(7.5 g/日)を 4 週間投与後, VAS と知覚障害の変化を調べた。VAS が 50%以下となれば有効とし,有効率を算出した。VAS は投与前 5.7±1.1 から投与後 3.1±1.5 に有意の改善を示し,有効率は 55%であった。一方知覚障害の改善は 30%に認められたが,正常化した例はなかった。牛車腎気丸の定期的投与による,持続的な末梢循環改善および利水作用が神経根の炎症・浮腫を軽減したと考えられるが,他覚所見を著明に改善するほどのものではなかった。

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Efficacy of Gosha-jinki-gan in lumbar radiculopathy with special reference to effects on subjective symptoms and objective findings

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Abstract: We studied the effects of Gosha-jinki-gan on subjective symptoms and objective findings in 20 subjects with radiculopathy due to lumbar spondylosis deformans. Changes in VAS and sensory impairment were studied after 4-week medication of $7.5\,\mathrm{g/day}$ of Gosha-jinki-gan. VAS of 50% or less was considered to be significant. VAS improved noticeably from a preadministration value of $5.7\pm1.1(\mathrm{mean\pm SD})$ to 3.1 ± 1.5 after administration, with an efficacy rate of 55%. Sensory impairment improved in 30% of subjects, but complete normalization was not seen.

Continued improvement in the peripheral circulation and hydragogue effects due to the administration of Gosha-jinki-gan thus appeared to decrease nerve root inflammation and edema. We did not, however, observe marked improvement in objective findings.

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