疎経活血湯が著効した腰下肢痛の1症例

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要旨: 3年以上続く慢性腰下肢痛症で、種々の治療に反応しなかったが、疎経活血湯投与により、数日後に効果出現し、約半年間ほぼ完治していた症例を経験した.

患者は31歳、女性、イラストレーターで、右側腰痛と右下肢痛(VAS $50 \sim 85/100$)のため30分以上座っていられないことを主訴に平成12年5月に当科初診となった.初診より3年前に右腰痛が出現し、近医(整形外科)受診した.椎間板ヘルニアと診断され、鎮痛剤、ビタミン剤を処方されたが、まったく無効であった.その後、いくつかの整形外科と心療内科を受診し治療を受けたが効果なく、来院した.

初診時自覚症状は右腰臀部痛(起床時動かし始めが特に痛い),右足底部痛,浮腫(排卵と生理の前後に体重とウェスト増加および心下痞,生理が終わる頃大量の尿が出て治る),脱肛,便秘,月経過少(平成12年9月,婦人科にて内診,腹部エコー異常なし,薄い帯下),集中力低下と多愁訴であった.現症は159 cm, 56 kg, 血圧 108/64 mmHg, 脈拍 72/分,体温 35.8℃. 眼瞼結膜貧血なし,眼球結膜黄疸なし.右上殿神経分岐部に軽度圧痛を認めた以外には,神経根刺激症状などは見られず,胸腹部にも異常所見は認めなかった.漢方医学的所見としては,以下のようであった.望診:色黒,舌診:胖大,歯痕舌(+++),軽度白舌苔,脈診:沈弦脈,腹診:心下痞鞭,少腹拘急,胃内停水であった.まとめると「裏-寒-瘀血-湿-下肢痛」ということであった.

治療は自立神経症状に対して星状神経節ブロックを週1回施行し、腰下肢痛に対して疎経活血湯3P3Xを処方したところどちらも著効した。疎経活血湯を3カ月投与したところで、たまたま疎経活血湯が切れて中止したが腰下肢痛は再発せず、そのまま現在に至っている。

本症例のように多くの愁訴を抱えた慢性疼痛患者の場合,神経ブロックと漢方薬の併用療法は有効であると考える.

索引用語:慢性腰痛症,心理的因子,星状神経節ブロック,疎経活血湯,黄連解毒湯

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Abstract: A 31-year-old female illustrator, suffering from chronic low back pain all the time since January, 1998. She had various kinds of medical treatment by orthopedists and a psychotherapist, but didn't get better. She visited our hospital for the first time on May 15, 2000. In addition to her low back pain, she had many complaints; general malaise, prolaps of her anus, constipation, little menstruation, loss of appetite, loss of concentration and abdominal wall edema. We carried out stellate ganglion block (SGB) for various symptoms of her autonomic nerve system, and lumbar epidural block was done for her chronic low back pain. We found that SGB was effective. She felt back pain during epidural administration of 0.5 % mepivacaine 9 ml and dexamethasone 2 mg, and the effect of epidural block was transitory. Then we continued SGB once a week but we ceased any other epidural block for her. According to diagnosis by Kampo medicine, she was of intermediate-SHO, moisture and blood stasis. We started medication of Sokei-kakketsu-tou to her on July 5, 2000. Within a week from starting Kampo, her low back pain got slightly better. After a month later, the Kampo suddenly made her free from her low back pain. She took Sokei-kakketsutou for just three months. Because she could not come to our hospital on the appointed day, she could not take Sokei-kakketsu-to (TJ-53) for two weeks. But her low back pain did not reappear. So, she ceased taking the Kampo at that time but she has never had any attack of low back pain so far.

> **Key words**: chronic low back pain, psychological factor, stellate ganglion block, Sokei-kakketsu-to

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