症例報告

熱証が残存した帯状疱疹後神経痛の漢方治療

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要旨: 帯状疱疹後神経痛は通常、寒証を呈し、入浴や温補によって痛みが軽減する場合が多い. しかし、発症数ヵ月を経てもなお熱証を呈し、漢方的に清熱しなければならない症例に遭遇することがある. 今回、熱証が残存していた帯状疱疹後神経痛の4症例を提示し、治療経過とその特徴を報告する. すべての症例で、神経ブロックが長期にわたって施行されていた. 黄連剤、石膏剤を用いて清熱することで、痛みは速やかに緩和された. 長期にわたる神経ブロック療法が痛みの病態になんらかの影響を及ぼした可能性がある.

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Kampo treatment of pain induced by postherpetic neuralgia with heat-syndrome Michihiko HIRATA*

Abstract: The pain of postherpetic neuralgia is often alleviated by warming. It is rare that the pain turns worse or does not change by warming. I reported four cases of postherpetic neuralgia with heat-syndrome which was not cured by warming. In all cases, the therapy by stellate ganglion block or cervical epidural block had been continued for a long period. Kampo medicines contained the heat-clearing crude drugs, Oren or Sekko, were effective for such pain. It was suggested that the nerve block treatment for a long period should have some effects on the conditions in patients with postherpatic neuralgia.

Key words: postherpetic neuralgia, heat-syndrome, heat-clearing crude drug, nerve block

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