症例報告

開胸術後痛にプレガバリンと当帰湯の併用が奏効した 1 症例

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要旨:開胸術後痛にプレガバリンと当帰湯の併用が奏効した1症例を経験した.症例は71歳の女性で,左胸部痛を主訴として当科を受診した.左開胸創周囲や胸椎傍脊柱部に圧痛が認められ,発症経過と合わせて続発性肋間神経痛と診断した.抗血小板薬内服中であった為,侵襲的治療はためらわれた.薬物療法の適応と判断しプレガバリンを漸増投与し200 mg/日まで増量したが疼痛軽減は得られず,ふらつきも認められた為,漢方薬の併用を検討した.入浴すると痛みが楽になる,という問診を参考に当帰湯エキス剤を追加投与したところ,投与後1週間で冷え症状の改善とともに痛みの改善が得られた.当帰湯は裏の冷えを改善することにより,気血水の巡行を改善し,冷えによる交感神経の興奮を抑制する事で疼痛の増悪を抑制し、プレガバリンの鎮痛作用を補助したと思われた.

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Successful treatment with tokito and pregabalin in a patient suffering from postthoracotomy pain

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Abstract: Patient was a 71-year-old female suffering from postthoracotomy pain. Although the patient medicated with pregabalin up to 200mg per day, a pain did not reduce but she became to cause giddiness conversely. When tokito was added to pregabalin, the cold constitution was improved. About one week after the combined treatment with tokito and pregabalin, the pain was gradually disappeared. Tokito was considered to improve the circulation of both vital energy ("ki") and blood ("ketsu") in Kampo theory, and to improve the cold constitution. It was suggested that tokito should assist the analgesic action of pregabalin by control the function of sympathetic nerve.

Key words: postthoracotomy pain, tokito, pregabalin

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