CLINICAL EFFICACY OF SAIREI-TO FOR PREVENTION OF URETHRAL STENOSIS AFTER TRANSURETHRAL RESECTION OF THE PROSTATE

Hypothesis / aims of study

I examined postoperative prevention effect of Sairei-to for urethral stenosis (US) after transurethral resection of the prostate (TUR-P).

Study design, materials and methods

I intended for 142 benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) patients without overactive bladder. They were randomly divided into treated group (70 cases, Sairei-to; 3.0gr, three times per day before meal, three months administration) and non-administration group (72 cases) after TUR-P. It is not significant difference in background factors between two groups. All cases are the same surgeon, operation time was 25 to 50 min. (mean; 41.5 min.), and resection volume was 15.5-48.5 gr. (mean 22.0 gr.). I was confirmed that there is no US by cystoscopy prior to surgery for all patients. Occurrence of US after TUR-P was diagnosed by complaints of exacerbation of urine stream from the patient himself at least one month later after operation or objective poor urine flow by uroflowmetry, for these cases I performed direct vision urethrocystoscopy to confirm existence of US. I determined final assessment of US at the time of nine months after TUR-P retrospectively.

Results

Occurrence rate of US was significantly lower in Sairei-to administration group than that of non-administration group (p=0.043, Chi-square test, Odds ratio; 0.12 [95%Cl; 0.01-0.95]).

US found in one case of Sairei-to administration group was very mild pendulum US. Eight cases of US observed in nonadministration group were moderate to severe pendulum or membranous US.

In addition, improvement of the US was observed in five cases for newly occurred US in non-administration group.

Interpretation of results

Sairei-to has been reported to inhibit inflammation, granulation and fibroblast proliferation. It was revealed that postoperative administration of Sairei-to prevent US after TUR-P. In addition, Sairei-to is also effective for the clinically stable US.

Concluding message

These results suggest Sairei-to has the possibility to improve treatment outcome of other US operation modalities, such as urethrotomy or balloon dilation.

Efficacy of Sairei-to for clinically stable US

Case 1 (membranous US)



2M after TUR-P

Case 2 (proximal pendulum urethra)



2M after TUR-P



3M after Sairei-to treatment



3M after Sairei-to treatment

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