

C 肝合併 B 肝療法研究登國際期刊, 健亞利甘平合併 C 肝口服藥顯優勢

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【財訊快報/記者何美如報導】由肝病權威陳培哲院士指導,集全台7家教學醫院參與抗B肝與C肝的口服藥物的臨床試驗,由健亞生技(4130)提供抗B肝病毒藥物利甘平(Livepro),實驗結果,無搭配服用抗B肝藥物有50%B肝復發(HBV virologic reactivation),搭配服用則為0,結果發表於CGH期刊(Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology)。 肝病號稱是我國的「國病」,慢性肝病與肝硬化及肝癌是國人健康大敵,盤據國人十大死因數十年,B、C肝炎的高罹患率更是背後的隱形推手。在台灣,大多數的人是先得到B型肝炎之後再感染C型肝炎,C型肝炎病毒活性較強,常常需要先治療C型肝炎,但是C肝口服藥治療對B肝病毒的消滅控制沒有幫助,反而有B肝再活化的風險,根據台大內科部劉俊人教授於2018年發表的臨床試驗研究報告顯示,約有8%病人治療C肝時,因ALT指數升高到超過正常值兩倍,而需治療B肝;因此,對於合併B肝與C肝的治療最適策略,一直是待解決的問題。

一項由肝病權威陳培哲院士指導,臺大內科部暨肝炎研究中心主任劉俊人醫師與成大消化系內科鄭斌男醫師共同主持;在衛福部支持的台灣肝臟疾病臨床試驗合作聯盟下執行,集全台7家教學醫院參與,對合併B肝、C肝病人的治療新策略,同時給予抗B肝與C肝的口服藥物,完成的臨床試驗,其結果剛發表於CGH期刊(Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology)。該試驗總共收治56名合併B肝與C肝的患者,隨機分為3組,在給予C肝口服藥12周的同時,第一組沒有搭配服用抗B肝藥物,第二組及第三組搭配服用12周或24周的抗B肝病毒藥物(利甘平,Livepro;由健亞生技提供),試驗全程為72周。

試驗結果在 C 肝口服藥期間,第一組有 50% B 肝復發(HBV virologic reactivation),而第二組與第三組為 0。第二、三組則在抗 B 肝藥物停藥 12

周後,可能發生 B 肝復發。該試驗報告結論建議,對於合併 B 型與 C 型 肝炎患者,使用 C 肝口服藥時,應搭配抗 B 肝藥物(如利甘平)使用 12 周,可以有效預防 C 肝口服藥治療期間的 B 肝復發,但用藥結束後仍應追蹤注意後續 B 肝復發的風險。此結論亦呼應並證實歐洲肝臟醫學會(EASL)對 B、C 肝合併感染者之治療指引,在治療 C 肝時,要同時服用抗 B 肝藥物預防復發。

陳培哲院士表示,台灣在肝病的創新研究與對患者治療,早已享譽國際, 此次結合台灣產官學研資源所完成,針對合併 B 肝與 C 肝病人所設計的療 效試驗,再次登上國際期刊,希望在 2025 消除 C 肝的目標與健保署近日 取消開立 C 肝口服藥處方科別限制的當下,特別是針對由「國家消除 C 肝 辦公室」定義為高風險及中高風險的鄉鎮,如雲林縣、嘉義縣、台南市、 高雄市及屏東縣鄉鎮區的執業醫師們,能提供一項實證醫學證據,對 B、 C 肝合併感染者做為臨床治療指引。

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Entecavir prevents HBV reactivation during direct acting antivirals for HCV/HBV dual infection: a randomized trial

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Abstract

Background & aims: A strategy to prevent hepatitis B virus (HBV) virologic reactivation (HBVr) and clinical reactivation (CR) during direct acting antiviral (DAA) treatment of hepatitis C virus (HCV)/HBV dual infection remains an unresolved issue.

Methods: Non-cirrhotic patients with dual HCV/HBV infection were enrolled and randomly allocated to one of three groups as 12-week DAA alone (Group 1), 12-week DAA plus 12-week entecavir (Group 2) or 12-week DAA plus 24-week entecavir (Group 3). The entire study duration was 72 weeks. Primary endpoint was the occurrence of HBVr (defined by an increase of HBV DNA level > 10 folds with quantifiable HBV DNA at baseline or presence of HBV DNA with prior unquantifiable HBV DNA) and CR (defined by serum ALT > 2 folds upper limit of normal in addition to HBVr).

Results: Fifty-six patients were randomly allocated as 20 patients in Group 1, 16 patients in Group 2, and 20 patients in Group 3. In Group 1, HBV DNA levels rose significantly as early as 4 weeks after initiation of DAA and persisted until end of study. During DAA treatment, HBVr occurred in 50% of Group 1 vs. 0% of Group 2 and 0% of Group 3 (p<0.001), whereas the majority of HBVr in Group 2 and Group 3 occurred since 12 weeks following cessation of entecavir (cumulative incidence: 93.8% in Group 2 and 94.7% in Group 3). Three patients (5.4%; one in each group) exhibited CR at week 48 and did not receive entecavir treatment.

Conclusions: A 12-week entecavir is suggested to co-administer with DAA for HCV/HBV dually infected patients.