

# A Case Report of Migraine with Typical Aura on Korean Medical Treatments

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Symptomatic pattern, Yeoldahanso-tang (熱多寒少湯).

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Received: November 7, 2018 Revised: November 30, 2018 Accepted: December 17, 2018 **Objectives:** The objective of this case report was to investigate the effect of Korean medicine therapy on migraine patients with typical aura.

**Methods:** Acupuncture and chuna manual therapy were applied to outpatients once in 1 to 2 weeks, a total of 9 times, for about 11 weeks. A patient was diagnosed with ganyang-toutong and taeeumin dry-heat symptomatic pattern. Herbal medicine (Chongsanggeontong-tang Gagambang (清上蠲痛 湯加減方)) was prescribed for 15 days up to the 3rd visit, then another herbal medicine (Yeoldahanso-tang (熱多寒少湯)) prescribed for 15 days up to the 6th visit. MSQol and MIDAS were used as a tool at the start and after 9th treatment. The intensity and frequency of headache, frequency of aura and neck pain were examined on every visit.

**Results:** According to the results, Korean traditional medicine described above had effect on the intensity and frequency of headache, frequency of aura and neck pain as well as an increase in the figure of MSQoL from 62 to 81 and decrease of MIDAS Disability from 18 to 7, Duration from 60 to 30, Pain score from 8 to 2.

**Conclusions:** Migraine with typical aura classified as ganyang-toutong and taeeumin dry-heat symptomatic pattern can be alleviated by Korean traditional medicine.

Key Words: Ganyang-TouTong, Chongsanggeontong-tang (清上蠲痛湯), Taeeumin, Dry-Heat

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Migraine is the third most common disease in the world and the sixth most common disease caused by diverse disorders<sup>1)</sup>. The highest prevalence is shown at the age between 20 and 50 years who are exposed to high social and productive activities. Migraine not only limits or decreases work force, but also affects individuals and social economy due to increase in rate of absence at work<sup>2,3)</sup>.

Migraine with typical aura occurs in approximately one third of migraineurs<sup>4)</sup>. The International Headache Society (IHS), categorizes the aura symptoms of migraine with aura in ICHD-3 as reversible visual, sensory, and linguistic symptoms<sup>5)</sup>. According to Michele Viana, migraine accompanies 98% of visual, 36% of sensory and 10% of linguistic aura symptoms while the percentage of only one of them to be observed is 62%, two is 31% and all three to appear simultaneously is just 6%<sup>6)</sup>.

About 140 thousand migraine patients received Korean medicine treatments in 2017<sup>7)</sup>. Compared to Korean clinical medicine treatments that are actively taking in place with the total of 12.7 billion won of medical care benefit cost<sup>7)</sup>, researches on migraine have limitations<sup>8)</sup>. There are no any randomized control studies and only 1 to 2 case studies in Korea<sup>8)</sup>. Under the category of migraine with aura, there is a case study on visual symptom by Sun<sup>9)</sup> and Jeon<sup>10)</sup>.

There were no reports of migraine with aura accompanying visual and sensory symptoms using Korean medical treatments. This study uses Korean medical treatments for migraine with aura accompanying visual and sensory symptoms and intends to report them because they have obtained valid effects.

## II. CASE

#### 1. Patient

201 O. O. - 201 O. O. (total of 9 visits in 78 days) Outpatient Choi OO (F/37) in department of oriental neuropsychiatry, Bucheon Jaseng hospital of Korean medicine.

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## 2. Chief Complaint

## 1) Migraine

Patterns of pulsatile or throbbing pain are shown in left, right or both sides of the head.

- Occurring 5 times a day lasting for  $5 \sim 10$  minutes is low intensity migraine (VAS 1 or more and under 4, mild)
- Occurring  $1\sim2$  times a day lasting for 30 minutes is moderate intensity migraine (VAS 4 or more and under 7, moderate)
- Occurring once a week (usually on weekends) lasting over 3 hours is strong intensity migraine (VAS 7 or more, severe)

Migraine occurs without any particular cause, but stress could sometimes be a motivating factor.

#### 2) Neck Pain

Stiff pain pattern in post neck and both upper trapezius muscle all day long (VAS 4).

#### 3) Aura

## (1) Visual symptoms (V)

It usually appears before any head attack taking in place, but a glittering light, silver-colored or a black spot could be seen on one side during or without attack.

## (2) Sensory symptoms (S)

It usually appears before any head attack taking in place, but numbness or tingling pain could occur on one side during attack.

## 3. Onset Date and Motivation of the Onset

Occurred on February 2017, during daily life.

## 4. Past Illness, Family History

None

#### Present Illness

The patient was hospitalized in the department of neurology at general hospital in Bucheon for 2 days via ER in February 2017, diagnosed as no abnormality after image and neural examination of Brain CT, Brain MRI and EEG and diagnosed as migraine with aura. The patient took the medication after being discharged, but the symptom continued. Then the patient desired Korean medical treatment after receiving treatments in ER at general hospital in Bucheon when severe intensity of migraine (VAS 9) occurred intermittently.

## 6. Social History

- 1) Smoke (+, half a pack/day), drink (+,  $1\sim2$  times/week, soju  $1\sim2$  bottles/time)
- 2) Occupation: Designer (night overtime  $3\sim4$  days/week), high usage of computers, overseas business trip  $2\sim3$  times/year
  - 3) Single, solitude

#### 7. Medication

Mypol Cap. 1 Cap., Zomig Tab. 2.5 mg 1 T. Tridol Cap. 1 Cap., Imigran Tab. 50 mg 1 T.

Taking the medication only when severe migraine occurred.

# 8. 4 Examinations and Opinion on the Examine

## 1) Inspection

Yellow skin color, shining eyes, thin hair, 162 cm in height, weighing 63 kg with plump body type.

## 2) Listening Examination

Thoughts and words come out simultaneously, talkative, but not loud

## 3) Questioning Examination

Likes iced coffee, sensitive personality, irritable mood, usually having a dry mouth

## 4) Touch and Pulse Examination

String pulse, red tongue, thin coating

### 5) Digestion and Appetite

2 times (1 bowl)/day, no appetite with satisfactory digestive power

#### 6) Stool

1 time/1~2 day, slight aspect of constipation

#### 7) Urine

5~6 times/day

#### 8) Sleep

 $5\sim6$  hours/day, taking about 1 hour to fall in sleep, but a can of beer could help to shorten the time, feeling fatigue in the morning

#### 9) Perspiration

Tends to sweat all over the body

#### 10) Menstruation

Irregular cycle, small amount of bleeding, mild men-

strual pain, frequent occurrence of vaginitis

## 9. Diagnosis

## 1) Oriental medical diagnosis

Ganyang tou tong (肝陽頭痛), Taeeumin, Dry-Heat Symptomatic Pattern (燥熱症).

## 2) Diagnosis

Categorized as migraine with aura in accordance with the classification system of ICHD-3 enacted at International Headache Society, HIS.

#### 10. Assessment Method

# MSQoL (Migraine-Specific Quality of Life), MIDAS (Migraine Disability Assessment)

# 2) Frequency of Migraine Depending on the Intensity

VAS of migraine was checked on every visit as the figures under 4 being 'mild', 4 to 7 as 'moderate' and 7 or more as 'severe'. According to each category, how many migraine a week had occurrd.

## 3) Frequency of aura

Frequency of visual and sensory symptoms before, during or without an attack in a week was recorded on every visit before the treatment.

## 4) Intensity of Neck Pain (VAS)

The intensity of neck pain was recorded on every visit before the treatment with VAS ruler.

#### 11. Treatment

#### 1) Acupuncture treatment

Acupuncture was performed by a licensed Oriental medical doctor with 3 years of clinical experience ob-

tained after a 6-year Oriental medical college course. Disposable stainless-steel acupuncture needles (0.25×30 mm; Dongbang Acupuncture, Korea) were used. No specific needle stimulation technique were used and no specific response was obtained, such as de gi. In order to minimize pain, needles were inserted at a vertical or oblique angle to a depth of 3±2 mm at each acupuncture point. The following 7 classical acupuncture points were treated: LI1 (Shangyang), GB44 (Zuqiaoyin), GB38 (Yangfu), SI5 (Yanggu), GB21 (Jianjing), GB20 (Fengchi), GB8 (Shuaigu). Reinforcement method (補法) at LI1 (Shangyang), GB44 (Zuqiaoyin) and reduction method (瀉法) at GB38 (Yangfu), SI5 (Yanggu) of directional supplementation and draining treatment under Sa-am acupuncture treatment was performed in the opposite direction in which migraine attack were most severe before the visit. Acupuncture treatment bilaterally at GB21 (Jianjing), GB20 (Fengchi), GB8 (Shuaigu) as retained for 15 minutes. These points were selected based on textbook of acupuncture and moxibustion (Jibmundang).

#### 2) Herbal Medicine Treatment

#### (1) On the third visit

Chungsanggyuntong-tang Gagambang (清上蠲痛湯加減方; Table 1) 〈〈Jaseng Hospital Prescription〉〉)It was prescribed to take a pack twice a day for 15 days. One pack is two-dose divided into three-portions.

### (2) On the 6th visit

Yeoldahanso-tang (熱多寒少湯; Table 2) 〈〈Dongeuisuse-bowon (東醫壽世保元)〉〉 It was prescribed to take a pack twice a day for 15 days. One pack is two-dose divided into three-portions.

#### 3) Chuna Manual Therapy

Simple 1 region- joint operation and epifascial (cephalus) simultaneously, cervical spine distraction technique on supination posture- JS1, 2, 3 techniques, muscle energy techniques (MET) of both upper tra-

Table 1. The Composition of Chungsanggyuntong-tang Gagambang (清上蠲痛湯加減方)

Herbal name	Per one dose
Notopterygii Rhizoma (羌活)	5.62 g
Saposhnikovia Radix (防風)	5.62 g
Scutellariae Radix (黃芩)	5.62 g
Ligustici Sinense Radix (藁本)	3.75 g
Lycii Fructus (枸杞子)	3.75 g
Angelicae Gigantis Radix (當歸)	3.75 g
Angelicae Pubescentis Radix (獨活)	3.75 g
Liriopes Radix (麥門冬)	3.75 g
Thujae Resina (白芷)	3.75 g
Atractylodis Rhizoma (蒼朮)	3.75 g
Cnidii Rhizoma (川芎)	3.75 g
Chrysanthemi Flos (甘菊)	1.875 g
Viticis Fructus (蔓荊子)	1.875 g
Schizonepetae Spica (荊芥)	1.875 g
Glycyrrhizae Radix (甘草)	1.12 g
Menthae Herba (薄荷)	1.12 g
Asari Herba Cum Radix (細辛)	1.12 g
Puerariae Radix (葛根)	5.62 g
Raphani Semen (萊菔子)	3.75 g
Gastrodiae Rhizoma (天麻)	1.875 g

peziuses was used.

## (1) JS1, 2, 3 techniques

The patient lies on supine position and the doctor sits above the patient's head. It supports the patient's temporal lobe with the palm of the hand and pushes the patient's articulation face to the left and right with the middle fingers of the doctor. Then, the palm comes into contact with the temporal lobe, and the surgeon uses the second finger to return the patient's articulation plane to the left and right. Finally, using the doctor's second finger, lift the back of the patient's articulation from the second to sixth cervical vertebrae and tow them with a light pull on both sides at the same time. Perform the three actions one after the other from the second to the sixth and repeat them two to three times.

#### (2) Muscle energy techniques for upper trapezius

The patient lies on supine position and laterally bend the neck to the opposite side of the upper trapezius muscle. Doctors sit on top of the patient's head, fix the patient's shoulders with one hand, holds the

Table 2. The Composition of Yeoldahanso-tang (熱多寒少湯)

Herbal name	Per one dose
Puerariae Radix (葛根)	15 g
Scutellariae Radix (黄芩)	7.5 g
Ligustici Sinense Radix (藁本)	7.5 g
Raphani Semen (萊菔子)	3.75 g
Platycodi Radix (桔梗)	3.75 g
Cimicifugae Rhizoma (升麻)	3.75 g
Thujae Resina (白芷)	3.75 g

mastoid process in the direction of treatment on the other hand, and extends it to the restrictive barrier of the cervical spine. The patient tries to move the shoulder toward the ear, causing an isometric contraction. With 7~10 seconds of contraction and a full force loss, the doctor extends the muscle by laterally bending the cervical spine in the opposite direction to the new restrctive barrier. Repeat the above procedure three times.

## 12. Clinical progress

## 1) Progress on 1st visit (V1)~3rd visit (V3) Before Treatment

# (1) Frequency of Head attack Depending on the Intensity

There was minimal alleviation of pain after the 1st treatment, but the pain increased to the same level as the first visit on the third visit (Table 3). It is worth the reference that the patient took oral analgesic western medicine on STAT after the 2nd treatment when VAS of migraine elevated up to 9.

## (2) Frequency of Aura

Head attack was mostly followed after visual symptoms such as shining light and silver-colored or black spot in some cases. The symptom appeared neither on the left nor right, but they were focused on one side and usually outside or below the visual field. Visual symptoms appeared 50 times a week on the 1st visit with a slight decrease in the 2nd visit, but it was the

Table 3. Frequency of Head Attack Depending on the Intensity

			Date of Visit								
		V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	
		Base line	After 7 days	After 14 days	After 21 days	After 42 days	After 52 days	After 55 days	After 63 days	After 77 days	After 9 month
Frequency	Mild	35	0	35	10	5	10	6	4	2	14
	Moderate	10	7	10	5	2	5	3	0	0	4
	Severe	1		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 4. Frequency of Aura

	Date of Visit									
	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	
	Base line	After 7 days	After 14 days	After 21 days	After 42 days	After 52 days	After 55 days	After 63 days	After 77 days	After 9 month
Visual	50	45	50	20	10	20	10	5	5	20
Sensory	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 5. Intensity of Post Neck Pain

					Date	of Visit				
	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	
	Base line	After 7 days	After 14 days	After 21 days	After 42 days	After 52 days	After 55 days	After 63 days	After 77 days	After 9 month
VAS	4	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	2	3

same as 1st visit on the 3rd visit (Table 4). Visual symptoms were also seen in the absence of head attack and it was found to be proportional to the frequency of migraine. Sensory symptoms as hand tingling and numbness were seen only on one side and they were usually followed by visual symptoms. There were no significant change from the 1st to 3rd visit (Table 4). When sensory symptoms co-existed, the intensity of migraine was moderate or higher.

#### (3) Intensity of Post Neck Pain

Small decrease in pain intensity as seen as VAS 4 on 1st, VAS 3.5 on 2nd visit, and VAS 3.5 on 3rd visit (Table 5).

## 2) Progress on 4th (V4)~5th (V5) visit

# (1) Frequency of Head attack Depending on the Intensity

There were no severe intensity attacks between 3rd

and 5th visit while moderate intensity attack occurred 5 times/week on the 4th visit and the frequency decreased to 2 times/week on the 5th visit. Mild intensity attack decreased drastically from 10 times/week on the 4th visit to 5 times/week on the 5th visit (Table 3).

#### (2) Frequency of Aura

While frequency of visual symptom decreased from 50 times/week on visit 3, 20 times/week on visit 4 to 10 times/week on visit 5, sensory symptom did not occur (Table 4).

#### (3) Intensity of Post Neck Pain

VAS decreased from 2.5 on visit 4 to 2 on visit 5 (Table 5).

## 3) Progress on 6th Visit (V6)

# (1) Frequency of Head attack Depending on the Intensity

There were no severe intensity attacks, but moder-

ate and mild intensity attacks increased to 5 times/ week and 10 times/week (Table 3). After the 5th treatment, the patient went on a business trip to Japan for 5 days and it caused more stress than usual.

## (2) Frequency of Aura

There were no senso ry symptoms, but the frequency of visual symptom increased to 20 times/week (Table 4).

(3) Intensity of Post Neck Pain VAS was similar to before as 2.5.

## 4) Progress on 7th~9th Visit (V6)

## (1) Frequency of Head attack Depending on the Intensity

The frequency of moderate and mild intensity attacks decreased on each visit and from the 8th visit, mild intensity attack did not appear anymore (Table 3).

## (2) Frequency of Aura

There were only visual symptoms and the frequency decreased from 10 times/week on 7 th visit to 5 times/week on 8 th and 9 th visit (Table 4).

## (3) Intensity of Post Neck Pain

It was similar or decreased in a small value, and VAS on the 9th visit was half the value of the first visit (VAS  $4\rightarrow 2$  Table 5).

#### 5) MSQol and MIDAS grades after visit 9 (V9)

The quality of life of patients with migraine was evaluated by filling out the survey of MSQol and MIDAS before and at the end stage of the treatment. The quality of life evaluated by MSQol increased from 62 to 81. The scores increased drastically especially in the area of the limitations of everyday life. The scores in the area of activity evaluated by MIDAS increased from 18 by 7 points. Since the questionnaire asks the number of days of migraine for past 3 months, it could suggest that there are a lot of improvements considering the period of treatments. The scores on pain decreased from 8 to 2 as well (Table 6).

Table 6. Change of MSQoL, MIDAS Questionnaire Scores

Questionnaires	Base line V1	End point V9		
MSQoL	62	81		
MIDAS				
Disability	18	7		
Duration	60	30		
Pain score	8	2		

# 6) Tracking Investigation 6 Months After the Last Visit

It was checked by telephoning the patient directly.

# (1) Frequency of Migraine Depending on the Intensity

The patient did not take any analgesic western medicine due to no sign of severe intensity migraine, but moderate and mild intensity migraine increased to 4 times/week and 14 times/week.

#### (2) Frequency of Aura

The state of no sensory symptom was maintained, but the frequency of visual symptoms increased to 20 times/week.

(3) Intensity of Post Neck Pain It increased to VAS 3.

## III. DISCUSSION

The patient on this case study visited after going through the process of excluding organic disease after various examinations and diagnosed as migraine with aura at general hospital. Mild or severe intensity of pulsatile attack usually occurs on one side of the head, but severe intensity attack could occur all over the head. Visual symptoms such as glittering light, silver-colored or a dim spot could be seen as foreboding symptoms as well as numbness or tingling pain on one side of the hand usually occurring before, but sometimes simultaneously with the attack. The frequency of sensory symptom was less than visual symptom, but when sensory symptoms occurred, the intensity was moderate or higher. The duration of migraine was proportional to the intensity of migraine and the clinical features were reported to vary by individuals<sup>11)</sup>.

On the first visit, the patient was examined and found to have a dry mouth, like cold drinks and have sensitive personality and shining eyes with string pulse and red tongue. Therefore, the patient was diagnosed with Ganyang-tou-tong<sup>12)</sup>. Acupuncture treatment with chuna manual therapy was planned for once a week and the progress was observed. As the region of migraine and post neck pain is on the meridian flow of Gallbladder, Soyang-meridian is the place where energy opposite of liver ascends, and as mentioned in Si-sheng-xin-yuan pathologic sanghwa is related to the qi of gallbladder, acupuncture treatment was processed on gallbladder Seunggyeok under Sa-am acupuncture treatment<sup>13)</sup>. Also, acupuncture point on the gallbladder meridian GB21 (Jianjing), GB20 (Fengchi), GB8 (Shuaigu) was used to treat sore points. GB21 (Jianijng) reflects on mental and physical stress as being the exchange point of Jok-So-yang meridian and Su-So-yang meridian<sup>14)</sup>. Depending on the severity of migraine, gallbladder Seunggveok and acupuncture points on gallbladder meridian acupunctured on the opposite side. Joint operation and epifascial (cephalus) chuna manual therapy were proceeded simultaneously with cervical spine distraction technique on supination posture- JS1, 2, 3 technique and MET of both trapeziuses<sup>15)</sup>. There was a slight improvement on the 2nd visit, but as it was the same as 1st visit on the 3rd visit, decision of herbal medicine treatment was made. Chungsanggyuntong-tang (清上蠲痛湯) was used as herbal medicine because as first mentioned in Dongeuisusebowon of Gong<sup>16)</sup>, Chungsanggyuntong-tang (清上蠲痛湯) is the main prescription of all kinds of headache and restores not only the circulation of gagged energy and blood in the head, but also removes the heat<sup>17)</sup>. The prescription on Jaseng Hospital increases in quantity of Notopterygii Rhizoma (羌活) and Saposhnikovia Radix (防風) to 5.62 g and 3.75 g of

Ligustici Sinense Radix (藁本), Lycii Fructus (枸杞子), 1.875 g of Schizonepetae Spica (荊芥) 1.12 g of Menthae Herba (薄荷) was added and excluded 3 pieces of Zingiber officinale (生薑) from original composition of prescription. Increase in quantity of Notopterygii Rhizoma and Saposhnikovia Radix and Ligustici Sinense Radix, Schizonepetae Spica, Menthae Herba removes wind-damp sources around head and face while increase in Lycii Fructus lowers the liver-heat eventually helping out migraine as well as dry-mouth. Removing Zingiber officinale allows to reduce the effect of middle-jiao (溫中) which encourages heat of liver-heat. In addition to this prescription, 5.62 g of Puerariae Radix (葛根), 3.75 g Raphani Semen (萊菔子) and 1.875 g of Gastrodiae Rhizoma (天麻) was added as Puerariae Radix releases sa-gi and removes heat in the outer layer, engenders fluid to treat pain in post neck and back and dry mouth, Raphani Semen helps digestion and lower the gi, Gastrodiae Rhizoma has an effect of anticonvulsive, sedation eventually lowering liver-heat. The frequency and intensity of migraine and the frequency of aura decreased significantly on the 4th visit. After taking the all the medicine by the 5th visit, the pain decreased continuously, therefore only acupuncture treatment and chuna manual therapy were applied without any herbal medicine. There was a slight increase in pain on the 6th visit, leading to change in herbal medicine to Yeoldahansotang (熱多寒 少湯). Even though Chungsanggyuntong-tang Gagambang (清上蠲痛湯加減方) was noted by its effect, the composition of the medicine was mainly on releasing outer layer and lowering heat. Consequently the damages on body fluid had to be taken into consideration and as mentioned in Bangvakhappyeon, Chungsanggyuntongtang (清上蠲痛湯) is restricted on the weak, the elderly and people without real energy thus burdening additional prescription. Therefore, the prescription was changed after reassessment. The patient was 162cm in height, weighing 63kg, with plump body type, round

yellow face, talkative and sensitive personality. The patient was concluded as taeeumin after diagnosing the patient by the outer form and the chief complaints. The liver-heat symptoms such as slight aspect of constipation, delayed sleep at night and a dry mouth were noticeable to conclude as dry-heat symptomatic pattern. Dry-heat symptomatic pattern is pathology where liver-heat and a dry lung are mainly shown and treated with Yeoldahanso-tang (熱多寒少湯) and Cheongsimveonia-tang (清心蓮子湯)<sup>18)</sup>. Due to the fact that the patient showed more symptoms of liver-heat than a dry lung, Yeoldahanso-tang was prescribed and the patient showed improvement in migraine from the 7th visit to the end and there was no moderate intensity migraine on the 8th visit. Inconveniences and daily living disability due to migraine were minimal therefore the treatment was terminated. The state of the patient was checked by track investigation on phone after 6 months. The intensity and the frequency of migraine frequency of aura increased a little, but it was half the amount compared to state before the treatment and the western analgesic medicine was not in use as severe intensity migraine did not appear anymore.

A similar case study by Sun<sup>9)</sup> on migraine with aura prescribed with Zhuapiandutongbang (左偏頭痛方) was reported to have a significant effect. However, on Seon's study, migraine only occurred on the left side while migraines on this study occurred alternatively. Also, there was a difference in the aura where only visual symptoms such as twinkling star sights appeared in Seon's while numbness or tingling pain were accompanied as well on this study. In addition, prior researches only focused on migraine on the left side without any idenfication of symptomes which makes this case report unique. The case study reported on Migraine with aura by Jeon 100 showed a significant effect with acupuncture treatment and guibitanggamibang (歸脾湯加味方). The patient had migraine on both

sides with darkness in sight as visual symptom and categorized as nosangsimbi (excess thoughts hurts bi-gi energy) because symptoms such as chest discomfort, palpation and light-sleep after having concerns were observed. The difference to this study was that the patient accompanied with both visual and sensory symptoms and was categorized as Ganyangtoutong, taeeumin and dry-heat symptomatic pattern due to the pathology liver-heat. Therefore, there was a difference in prescription according to identification of symptoms.

Acupuncture, Chuna treatment and herbal medicine was used on this reasearch. According to Korean medicine theory, acupuncture treatment and herbal medicine alleviates migraine due to liver-heat and Chuna therapy, one of hand therapy, is thought to have an effect on relaxing local muscle around post neck and improves flow of blood around head and facial parts. Among these multiple treatment methods, the intensity and frequency of migraine and the incidence of aura decreased significantly after taking herbal medicine, so it can be considered that the herbal medicines were effective in improving the symptoms of the patients.

This case reports Korean medical treatment is effective on migraine with visual and sensory symptoms, but as it only deals with one case, it is difficult to generalize. Also, because multiple treatment methods were used, it is difficult to determine the precise mechanism of treatment. Likewise, because of the nature of the outpatient clinic, I could not check the symptoms every day and had to ask the patient every 1~2 weeks which could lead to memory bias. Therefore, further studies with such cases are required.

Korea medicine treatment such as acupuncture, herbal medicine and chuna manual therapy could be effective and showed significant improvement in migraine patients with aura accompanying visual and sensory symptoms.

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