

## 補中益氣湯이 알레르기 鼻炎 유발 마우스에 미치는 效果

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## The Effect of the Bojungikgi-tang in a Mouse Model of Allergic Rhinitis

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**Objectives:** Major symptoms of allergic rhinitis are nasal obstructions, sneezing and watery rhinorrhea. When exposed to certain allergens, the IgE covered mast cells degranulate and release inflammatory mediators and cytokines which result in a local inflammatory reaction. In many recent studies, molecular biological methods have been used to investigate the role of cytokines in pathogenesis and new therapeutic targets of allergic rhinitis. This experimental study was done to reveal the effects of the Bojungikgi-tang on the allergic rhinitis. We have studied effect of mice on OVA-induced production of IL-4, IL-5, INF- $\gamma$  by murine splenocytes and effect of OVA-induced Total IgE and OVA-specific IgE.

**Material and Methods:** 21 BALB/c rats were divided into three groups: normal group, control group, experimental group. To induce the allergic rhinitis in control group and experimental group, rats were sensitized intraperitoneally with 0.1% ovalbumin solution 3 times at intervals of 2 weeks. Then intranasal sensitization was performed by diffusing 0.1% ovalbumin solution 3 times at intervals of 2 days for a week. After that time, rats in experimental group were oral administration treated by the Bojungikgi-tang for 28 days.

We observed changes of IL-4, IL-5, INF- $\gamma$ , Total IgE and OVA-specific IgE. We used independent t-test statistically.

### Results:

1. In IL-4 study, Bojungikgi-tang treated group didn't show significant differences.
2. In IL-5 study, Bojungikgi-tang treated group shows significant differences.
3. In INF- $\gamma$  study, Bojungikgi-tang treated group shows significant differences.
4. In Total IgE, Bojungikgi-tang treated group shows significant differences.
5. In OVA-specific IgE, Bojungikgi-tang treated group didn't show significant differences.

According to this result, Bojungikgi-tang was concluded to be effective on lowering the total IgE. Through this, Bojungikgi tang seems to reduce the symptoms of allergic rhinitis. More studies are required to know exact mechanism of Bojungikgi tang to show the anti allergenic effect.

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