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대한건선학회에서 주최하는 제7회 생물학적제제 심포지엄에 여러분을 초대합니다.

건선치료에 생물학적제제가 사용되기 시작한 후 건선치료의 패러다임에 커다란 변화가 생겼습니다. 기존 치료의 효과에 만족하지 못하던 환자나 의료진 모두에게 만족스러운 치료효과를 보이고 이전 치료방법에 비하여 장기적 치료가 가능한 장점도 있어 큰 기대를 받고 있습니다.

그러나 생물학적제제를 사용하는 건선치료에는 여러 가지 유념하고 주의해야 할 점들이 많습니다. 이러한 점들을 잘 이해하고 진료에 임하면 환자에게 더 큰 기쁨을 주는 보람이 있을 것이라 생각합니다.

이번 심포지엄은 선생님들께서 생물학적제제를 사용하실 때 사용 전, 사용 중, 그리고 사후에 필요할 가장 핵심적인 내용들의 최신지견을 망라하여 두 가지 세션으로 구성하였습니다.

첫 번째 세션에서는 현재 사용되고 있는 다양한 생물학적제제 중에서 환자에게 가장 적합할 제제를 선택하는 방법, 치료 적합성과 부작용을 줄이기 위하여 시행하는 스크리닝 방법, 각 생물학적제제들의 효과, 그리고 최근 대두되고 있는 특수 부위의 건선 치료에서 생물학적제제의 사용 등에 관한 내용을 다룰 것입니다.

두 번째 세션에서는 생물학적제제 치료 시 경험하실 수 있는 임상적인 문제들에 관하여 집중적으로 살펴보고 합니다. 생물학적제제의 paradoxical reaction, safety profile, 그리고 drug survival에 대한 좋은 강연이 준비되어 있습니다.

모쪼록, 이번 심포지엄이 선생님들께서 앞으로 환자들을 위하여 생물학적제제를 보다 안전하고 효과적으로 사용하시는 데 많은 도움이 되시기를 바랍니다.

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PROGRAM

13:00-13:50 Registration

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SONG Hae Jun (*President of KSP*)

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KIM Kwang-Joong (*Hallym University*)

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KIM Tae Yoon (*Catholic University*)

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Session 1:
**The Efficacy and Screening
Test for the Use of Biologics**

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The overview of psoriasis pathogenesis and its application to the selection of biologics

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Psoriasis has been known as a chronic dermatosis associated Th17 cell immune reaction since 2009. The first generation biologics for psoriasis block general immunologic reaction related with TNF- α or T cell itself. The inhibitor for p40 subunit of IL-12/IL-23 was firstly designed for Th17 cell blocking along with Th1 blocking. Recently, the Th17 cell pathogenesis has been elaborated. The role of IL-23 for regulatory T cell has been elucidated, and the importance of immune homeostasis was focused. Also, the role of IL-17 in the pathogenesis of psoriasis was discovered. IL-17 also has important role in the maintenance of intestinal integrity and the protection of fungal infection to skin. In addition, the concept of “upstream” regulator and “downstream” regulator was introduced in the pathogenesis of psoriasis. It is very helpful concept for understanding the role of these cytokines and the effect of blocking them.

Finally, I'll suggest my personal opinion about the selection of the biologics according to the pathomechanism of psoriasis.

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Screening test for the use of biologics

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Biologics for psoriasis approved in Korea are TNF- α inhibitor (etanercept, infliximab, adalimumab), IL-12/23 P40 inhibitor (ustekinumab), IL-23 P19 inhibitor (guselkumab) and IL-17 inhibitor (secukinumab, ixekizumab). These immunosuppressive therapies, while highly efficacious in the treatment of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, may be associated with an increased rate of adverse events (reactivation of chronic infection) in patients receiving some of these therapies. So, screening tests before commencement of treatment is of utmost importance when beginning treatment with the biologics.

But to date, no uniform evidence-based guidelines exist regarding screening and monitoring patients who are undergoing biologic therapy. Despite the lack of evidence to support routine testing, current guidelines by professional organizations (AAD, JDA, EADV, and BAD) recommend routine testing. This lecture is intended to provide a review of the literatures on screening tests for biologic agents in patients with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis

Recommended screening tests for biologics in psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis

Screening tests

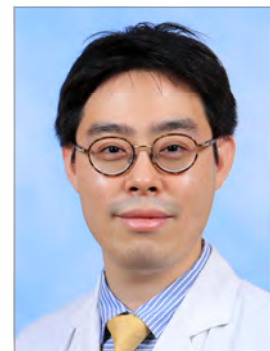
CBC with differential, LFTs, Lipid profile*
TST, IGRA, Chest x-ray
Hepatitis B triple serology, Hepatitis C serology
Serum pregnancy test †
Echocardiogram ‡

CBC, complete blood cell count; LFTs, liver function tests; TST, tuberculous skin test; IGRA, interferon-gamma releasing assay; Hepatitis B triple serology, HBsAg, HBsAb, HBcAb; Hepatitis C serology, HCV RNA, HCV Ab. *Applies to anti-TNF agents (etanercept, adalimumab, and infliximab) and especially patients with dyslipidemia. †Applies to female patients with psoriasis. ‡Applies to patients with New York heart Association Class I or II, anti-TNF agents(etanercept, adalimumab, and infliximab)

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The efficacy of biologics

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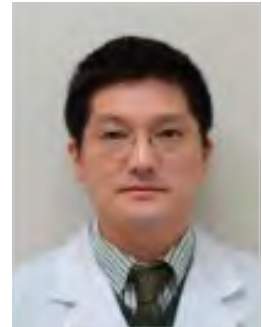
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Psoriasis is a chronic inflammatory skin disorder specifically mediated by IL-23/IL-17 cytokine axis. Emerging clinical evidence have demonstrated that antibody-based biological agents which precisely block each pathogenic cytokines or receptors involved in psoriasis pathogenesis lead to a remarkable therapeutic efficacy in psoriatic patients. The major categories of biologics currently utilized in psoriasis treatment include (1) anti-TNF- α , (2) anti-IL-12/23, (3) anti-IL-23, and (4) anti-IL-17 agents. In the wave of biologic era, the efficacy of psoriasis treatment is primarily assessed by achievement of 'clear' or 'almost clear' of the clinical burden of psoriasis severity defined by meaningful reduction of Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI75 or PASI90 responses) and Physician Global Assessment score (PGA0 or PGA1). Biologic agents in psoriasis treatment have shown significantly higher therapeutic efficacy compared to placebo and conventional systemic agents. One can generally expect about 50~80% chance for achieving PASI75 response within 12~16 weeks after starting biologic treatment in patients with chronic plaque psoriasis. It seems that biologics are generally efficacious for a long-term period of treatment, although drug survivor and potential side effect of each biologic agent should be carefully considered. In this presentation, the clinical efficacy of biologic agents currently available in Korea will be discussed.

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Site specific psoriasis and biologics

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1. Scalp psoriasis

The scalp is affected in up to 80% of patients with psoriasis and is the first site of involvement in approximately 25% of cases. Management of scalp psoriasis remains a challenge in regard to both clinical response and patient satisfaction. This is in part attributed to the relative inaccessibility of the scalp to topical treatments, and the inability of patients to reduce scratching and harsh shampooing. Adherence to treatment is another obstacle, as many patients are dissatisfied with the cosmetic properties, treatment regimen, side-effect profile, and inadequate clinical efficacy.

2. Nail psoriasis

Nail psoriasis is a clinical diagnosis made in the context of existing psoriatic skin lesions. It is commonly seen in patients with psoriatic arthritis involving the distal interphalangeal joints. Treatment of nail psoriasis is challenging. First, the anatomical properties of the nail unit pose a barrier to active drug delivery. Next, the naturally slow growth rate of the nail plate often delays noticeable clinical responses by months. Moreover, no standard treatment guidelines exist. All of these issues invariably contribute to poor patient satisfaction and treatment compliance.

3. Palmoplantar psoriasis

Palmoplantar psoriasis (PPP) is a variant of psoriasis vulgaris and can be subdivided into two categories:

- 1) hyperkeratotic palmoplantar psoriasis (hPPP) : characterized by erythema and keratotic plaques, with or without fissures, affecting the palms and soles with extension to the wrists and margins of the plantar surfaces.
- 2) palmoplantar pustular psoriasis (PPPP) : known as palmoplantar pustulosis, characterized by the presence of sub-corneal pustules localized to the palms and soles frequently in association with erythema and scale.

4. Inverse/intertriginous and genital psoriasis

Inverse psoriasis involves the axillae, retroauricular region, abdominal, inguinal, gluteal, and inframammary folds, perineum, and perianal area. Given the moist environment of these regions, lesions tend to exhibit less induration and scale.

**Session 2:
Safety and Switching
Biologics**

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Paradoxical reactions of biologics

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Paradoxical adverse reaction to biologics is a de novo or worsening immune-mediated underlying disease that would normally respond to the biologic agent that causes them. Although the overall safety profile of biologics is acceptable, some patients develop adverse reactions. Most paradoxical reactions have been reported in association with anti-TNF- α therapy. However, cases associated with more recently introduced biologic agents are increasing.

The pathogenesis of TNF antagonist induced psoriasiform lesions involves a disruption in cytokine balance by TNF blockade, allowing unopposed interferon- α (INF- α) production by plasmacytoid dendritic cells (PDCs) in genetically predisposed individuals. Psoriatic skin lesions develop when skin PDCs produce INF- α , stimulating the activation and amplification of pathogenic T-cells, which then generate TNF- α . Also, anti-TNF- α agents could favor granulomatous reactions through imbalance between Th17 and Treg cells.

It is likely that paradoxical flare of psoriasis occurs in patients with an underlying genetic predisposition. The polymorphisms in the genes implicated in cytokine production, such as IL-23R, and CTLA-4 or FBXL19 are detected.

Other paradoxical reactions such as paradoxical joint inflammation, inflammatory bowel disease and hidradenitis suppurativa are also reported.

Paradoxical reactions often resolve on discontinuation of the drug or switching to another biologic agent, but occasionally additional therapies are required.

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Safety of biologics

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최근 류마티스관절염, 건선, 크론병 등 면역매개 염증성 질환 치료에 생물학적제제가 우수한 효과를 보이고 있다. 생물학적제제마다 각각의 작용기전, 임상효과, 부작용 등이 있으며, 환상건선 치료 목적으로 국내에서 허가된 생물학적제제는 아래와 같다(FDA 허가연도).

- 1) TNF-alpha 억제제: etanercept (2004), infliximab (2006), adalimumab (2008)
- 2) IL-12/IL-23p40 단클론항체: ustekinumab (2009)
- 3) IL-17 단클론항체: secukinumab (2015), ixekizumab (2016)
- 4) IL-23p19 단클론항체: guselkumab (2017)

기존의 건선 치료는 사용 기간에 비례해서 나타나는 부작용 문제로 한 가지 치료법을 일정 기간 사용 후 부작용이 나타나기 전에 다른 치료법으로 주기적으로 바꾸는 순환치료법을 사용해야 했다. 하지만 기존 치료에 반응하지 않거나 부작용으로 인해 기존 치료를 할 수 없는 중증 건선 환자에서 생물학적제제는 뛰어난 효과와 함께 비교적 높은 안전성을 보여 장기간 사용하는 경우가 많다. 하지만 부작용들이 단기간 또는 1-2년 미만의 임상 자료로 분석되기 때문에 장기간 사용에 대한 안전성에 대해서는 아직 많이 알려져 있지 않다.

Methotrexate와 cyclosporine 처방 시 간기능, 신기능, 혈압상승 등 부작용 발생에 대해 환자에게 설명하고 정기적인 검사를 하는 것에 반해, 생물학적제제는 감염, 특히 잠복결핵, B형간염, 악성종양 등의 부작용에 대한 감시와 치료법에 대한 가이드라인이 아직 부족한 상황이다. 현재 PASI 75 반응이 유지되면 생물학적제제를 장기간 사용을 할 수 있기 때문에 발생 가능한 부작용에 대해 충분히 이해하고 적절하게 대처해야 할 필요성이 높아지고 있다.

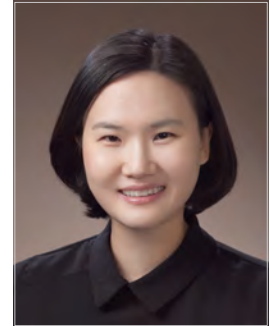
모든 생물학적제제 공통으로 나타나거나 일부 생물학적제제에서 특이하게 나타나는 부작용에 대해 최근 논문을 중심으로 요약하였다.

- 1) 중증 감염 (폐렴, 대상포진 등)
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Drug survival of biologics

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Moderate-to-severe psoriasis frequently requires long-term systemic therapy. Drug survival, also known as ‘drug retention’ or ‘drug persistence’, is the rate and duration of adherence to systemic agents, which represent the long-term effectiveness, safety and treatment satisfaction in the real world.

In general, maintenance rates are higher for biologics than for traditional systemic agents. Among biologic agents, the probability of survival was highest for ustekinumab, followed by adalimumab, etanercept, and infliximab. Ustekinumab was associated with the highest drug survival in all and biologic-naïve subjects. The highest value of ustekinumab may be due to the great short-term effectiveness, lower levels of immunogenicity, a lower adverse event rate, and a more patient-friendly administration procedure. Etanercept was most commonly discontinued for loss of efficacy and infliximab was most frequently associated with discontinuation for adverse effects. Switching from one biologic to another is associated with an impairment of drug survival. In one study, higher body mass index (BMI) was a predictor for discontinuation due to ineffectiveness for etanercept and ustekinumab and that female sex was a predictor for discontinuation due to side effects for adalimumab, etanercept and ustekinumab. Because secukinumab and ixekizumab were recently introduced on the market, not enough real-life data for drug survival are available.

Drug survival can be used as a useful reference for choosing a biologic for treating psoriasis in practice. In addition, several courses of different biologics would be required for the long-term disease control because drug survival rates decrease over time.

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Switching biologic agents in the treatment of psoriasis

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- There is limited information on biological treatment optimization and transitioning in routine clinical practice.
- **Treatment failure**
 - 1) Primary failure: not achieved at least a PASI 75
 - 2) Secondary failure: after obtaining a PASI 75 has lost efficacy
- **Washout period**
 - 1) If the reason for switching biologics is for lack of efficacy, it would be appropriate to administer the next dose of the new biologics at the next dosing interval.
 - 2) On the other hand, if a biologic agent discontinued because of safety reasons (adverse event), the theoretical washout would be prudent.
 - 3) ex) washout period of ustekinumab
: 2-4 weeks (treatment failure), 8-12 weeks (theoretical washout)
- **Control of flaring patient**
 - 1) With more efficacious biologics available (i.e. secukinumab and ixekizumab): revealing 40% of patients obtaining PASI 100 at week 12
 - 2) The high loading doses with these two agents assists in the rapid onset of efficacy which would be helpful in the control of a flaring patient.
- **Switching biologic agents in the treatment of psoriasis**
 - 1) For a primary nonresponse, the recommendation is to switch to a different class.
 - 2) For a secondary nonresponse, switching can occur within the same class or to a different mechanism of actions.
 - 3) ustekinumab → secukinumab, secukinumab → ixekizumab, ustekinumab → guselkumab
: reported to be an effective and safe therapeutic options.

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