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Abstract

Finasteride is a standard medical treatment for androgenetic alopecia; however, no long-term study of up to 10 years has been performed in Japan. Therefore, we evaluated the efficacy and safety of 1 mg/day finasteride in 532 Japanese men who were treated for androgenetic alopecia for 10 years. We performed subjective evaluations, using questionnaires administered to patients, in addition to the objective evaluation by doctors. The efficacy was assessed using the Norwood-Hamilton scale and modified global photographic assessment score, the standardized 7-point rating score using scalp photographs. For the Norwood-Hamilton classifications, stages IIa and IIv were combined as II, IIIa and IIIv were combined as III, IVa was combined as IV, and Va

Norwood-Hamilton classification grading improved by approximately 1 grade from 3.35 ± 1.11 to 2.55 ± 1.30 after the 10-year treatment. The groups that showed Norwood-Hamilton: I/II/III and IV/V/VI/VII at the first visit showed statistically significant differences in the modified global photographic assessment score at the 10-year treatment subjective evaluation (6.27 ± 0.62 vs 5.52 ± 0.78 , $P < 0.001$). Furthermore, the quantitative analysis of the objective evaluation using the questionnaire was also significantly different ($P < 0.001$). During the study period, no serious adverse reaction was recognized. Long-term (10-year) treatment with 1 mg/day finasteride in Japanese men with androgenetic alopecia showed high efficacy in subjective and objective evaluations.

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