Pesticide Residues in Kampo Formulations, Crude Drug Formulations and Crude Drugs (2)
Self-imposed Limits on Pesticide Residues and Survey of Actual Implementation for Crude Drug Formulations

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Summary

As reported in our previous paper, the Japan Kampo Medicine Manufacturers Association (JKMA) set up self-imposed limits and a recommended detection method for pesticide residues in Kampo formulations (organochlorine, organophosphorus and pyrethroid), crude drug formulations (organochlorine) and 11 crude drugs (organochlorine) in June 2005.

In November 2005, JKMA inquired among member companies regarding the implementation of voluntary analyses of organophosphorus and pyrethroid insecticides in crude drug formulations. In February 2006, JKMA also surveyed actual implementation of the analyses of organochlorine insecticides in crude drug formulations by member companies. This report deals with the results of both surveys.

As shown in Tables 3 and 4, these insecticides were detected in a few samples, but the amounts were less than the self-imposed residue limits for Kampo formulations (see Table 2 of the previous paper). On the basis of these findings, additional self-imposed limits on organophosphorus and pyrethroid insecticides in crude drug formulations were set in June 2006.

Key words

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